

HSK (Level 5)

HSK (Level 5) is designed to test the candidates' ability to use Chinese.

HSK (Level 5) is equivalent to Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages Level Five and The Common European Framework Reference for Language (CEF) C1. Candidates passing HSK (Level 5) can read Chinese newspapers and magazines, watch Chinese films and Chinese programmes as well as make a presentation or speech in Chinese.

Candidates

HSK (Level 5) is open to students who have studied Chinese for more than 2 years (2-4 classes per week) who have a vocabulary of 2500 basic Chinese words and related grammar points.

Exam Content

HSK (Level 5) consists of 100 questions split over Listening, Reading and Writing

| Content | | Number of Questions | | Exam Time |
|--|------------|---------------------|----|--------------|
| Listening | Part One | 10 | 45 | 30min approx |
| | Part Two | 10 | | |
| | Part Three | 10 | | |
| Filling out the Answer Sheet (Mark your answers for listening comprehension on Answer Sheet) | | | | 5 |
| Reading | Part One | 10 | 40 | 40 |
| | Part Two | 10 | | |
| | Part Three | 10 | | |
| Writing | Part One | 5 | 15 | 25 |
| | Part Two | 5 | | |
| Total | / | 100 | | About 100 |

The test will last for 125 minutes in total (including 5 minutes in which the test takers fill in personal information).

1. Listening

Part 1/ 20 Questions. Each question will be played once. All the questions are in dialogues between 2 voices. Then the third voice will raise a question. There are 4 options in the exam paper. The candidate is required to select the correct answer according to the content heard.

Part 2/ 25 Questions. Each question will be played once. All the questions are in dialogues between 2 voices (4 - 5 sentences) or a passage. A question will be raised after

each dialogue or passage. There are 4 options in the exam paper. The candidate is required to select the correct answer according to the content heard.

2. Reading

Part 1/ 15 Questions. Several passages will be provided and there are several blanks in each of the passages. Fill the blanks with the correct words or phrases from the 4 options provided in the test paper.

Part 2/ 10 Questions. Each question will consist of a passage with 4 options. The candidate is required to choose the correct option according to the passage.

Part 3/ 20 Questions. Several little articles will be provided. Each article is followed by several questions. The candidate is required to choose the correct answer out of the 4 options provided.

3. Writing

Part 1/ 8 Questions. Each question will provide several words and the candidate is required to make a sentence according to the words.

Part 2/ 2 Questions. For the first question the exam paper will provide several words. The candidate is required to write a short piece of around 80 words including the words provided. The second question will provide a picture. The candidate is required to write a short piece of about 80 words according to the picture.

3. Exam report

HSK (Level 5) exam report provides marks for Listening, Reading and Writing. These are combined to give an Overall Mark. The pass mark for this level is an Overall Mark of 180.

| | Mark | Your Mark |
|--------------|------|-----------|
| Listening | 100 | |
| Reading | 100 | |
| Writing | 100 | |
| Overall Mark | 300 | |

The HSK mark awarded remains valid for 2 years from the date of the exam as a certificate for non-native Chinese speakers to study in Chinese Universities and Colleges