**Introduction for**

**New Youth Chinese Test (YCT)**

**What is YCT?**

YCT is the short form for the Youth Chinese Test (中小学生汉语考试), which is a standardized international Chinese proficiency test, directed at examining non-native primary and secondary school students’ capability in applying Chinese language in their studies, personal lives and work.

**What levels in the New YCT can be challenged?**

In order to encourage non-native speaking Chinese learners to learn Chinese and improve their Chinese level, Hanban has applied the latest research methodology in foreign-language testing to develop the **New YCT** test. The New YCT test requires:

**New YCT Range of Characters**

YCT- Level 4 600+

YCT- Level 3 300+

YCT- Level 2 150+

YCT- Level 1 80+

**YCT- Level 1** - Examinees who pass YCT-Level 1 can understand and use some most frequently used Chinese words and sentences, and prepare themselves for continuing their Chinese studies. The exam includes a listening section and a reading section and is 30 minutes in length.

**YCT - Level 2** - Examinees who pass YCT-Level 2 can understand and use some simple Chinese words and sentences to communicate. The exam includes a listening section and a reading section and is 45 minutes in length.

**YCT-Level 3** - Examinees who pass YCT-Level 3 can use Chinese in a simple and direct way, applying it in a basic topic in their daily lives. The exam includes a listening section and a reading section and is 55 minutes in length.

**YCT-Level 4** - Examinees who pass YCT-Level 4 can use Chinese to serve their demands in their personal lives and studies, and are able to complete most of the communicative tasks they experience during a visit to China. The exam includes a listening section, a reading section and a writing section and is 80 minutes in length.

**What are YCT test scores used for?**

* Offers a reference for Chinese learners to understand and improve their ability to apply Chinese;
* Offers a reference for schools to evaluate their teaching standards;
* Offers a reference for related Chinese teaching institutions or training organizations to evaluate teaching standards and the effectiveness of different training;
* Offers opportunity to apply for Hanban Summer Camp in China or scholarship program;
* Offers a reference for a business opportunity in China.

**2025 YCT Test Dates**

The Test Center at Confucius Institute at the Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine will conduct the YCT test in person at the following date in 2025: **May 24.**

**YCT Test Fees**

YCT 1 - $20 per student

YCT 2 - $30 per student

YCT 3 - $40 per student

YCT 4 - $50 per student

**YCT Test Registration Form**

(Registration deadlines are **one month early than test dates.** You can also register it online: <https://forms.gle/YScAEECUeZs4x8NC8>)

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**HSK Test (Chinese Proficiency Test) Introduction**

The new HSK test was launched by Hanban in an effort to better serve Chinese language learners. The test is the result of coordinated efforts by the experts from different disciplines including Chinese language teaching, linguistics, psychology and educational measurement. The new exam combines the advantages of the original HSK while taking into consideration the recent trends in Chinese language training by conducting surveys and making use of the latest findings in international language testing.

1. The HSK (Level I) is intended for students who have studied Chinese for a semester (half an academic year), with 2-3 class hours in each week. These students have mastered 150 commonly used words and basic grammar patterns. The level I test is made up of listening comprehension and reading comprehension sections and contains a total of 40 questions. The test will last for 40 minutes.
2. The HSK (Level II) is intended for students who have studied Chinese for two semesters, with 2-3 class hours in each week. These students have mastered 300 commonly used words and related grammar patterns. The HSK (Level II) test is made up of listening comprehension and reading comprehension sections and contains a total of 60 questions. The test will last for 55 minutes.
3. The HSK (Level III) is intended for students who have studied Chinese for three semesters, with 2-3 class hours in each week. These students have mastered 600 commonly used words and related grammar patterns. The HSK (Level III) test is made up of listening comprehension, reading comprehension and writing sections and contains a total of 80 questions. The test will last for 90 minutes.
4. The HSK (Level IV) is intended for students who have studied Chinese2-4 class hours per week for four semesters. These students have mastered 1,200 commonly used words and related grammar patterns. The HSK (Level IV) test is made up of listening comprehension, reading comprehension and writing and contains a total of 100 test questions. The test will last for 105 minutes.
5. The HSK (Level V) is intended for students who have studied Chinese 2-4 class hours per week for more than two academic years. These students have mastered 2,500 commonly used words and related grammar patterns. The HSK (Level V) test is made up of listening comprehension, reading comprehension and writing sections and contains a total of 100 questions. The test will last for 120 minutes.
6. HSK (Level VI) is intended for students who have mastered 5,000 or more commonly used words.

**2025 HSK Test Dates**

The Test Center at Bangor Chinese School and Confucius Classroom at the Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine will conduct HSK test at the following date in 2025:

**May 24 and December 7**

**HSK Test Fees**



HSK 1 - $50 per person HSK 4 - $110 per person

HSK 2 - $70 per person HSK 5 - $130 per person

HSK 3 - $90 per person HSK 6 - $150 per person

**HSK Registration Form**

(Registration deadlines April 15 and November 5, 2025, respectively. You can also register it online: <https://forms.gle/YScAEECUeZs4x8NC8> or scan the QR code)

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