

HSK Levels 7-9 (Advanced)

Level description

The HSK Levels 7-9 exams assess your ability to use Chinese at an advanced and professional level, corresponding to Levels 7-9 in the "Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages" and Levels C2-C2+ in the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)".

Candidates description

HSK Levels 7-9 are intended for learners who have studied Chinese for four or more academic years or have accumulated approximately 4,000-6,000 learning hours, mastering 5,000-10,000 commonly used words and advanced grammar structures, significant experience using Chinese in professional/academic environments.

Test structure

HSK (Levels 7-9) has a total of 98 questions, divided into listening, reading, writing, translation, and speaking sections. The entire exam takes about 210 minutes. HSK (Levels 7-9) provides five scores, including listening, reading, writing, translation, and speaking, and provides level evaluation results.

Test structure	Test content	Number of questions(items)			Test duration(minutes)
		Objective questions	Subjective questions	Total	

Listening	Section 1	Includes news reports, business negotiations, debates, interviews, speeches/lectures, documentaries, conference speeches, etc.	10	--	40	About 30
	Section 2		9	3		
	Section 3		15	3		
Reading	Section 1	Involves news reports, scientific articles, survey reports, academic literatures, Chinese culture, and overview of China.	28	--	47	60
	Section 2		5	--		
	Section 3		--	14		
Writing	Section 1	Description and analysis of charts; express and defend opinions on given topics.	--	1	2	55
	Section 2		--	1		
Translation	Section 1	Translate explanatory, narrative, and argumentatives texts from foreign languages to Chinese, both in written and oral forms.	--	2	4	41
	Section 2		--	2		
Speaking	Section 1	Paraphrase or express one's perspectives on application documents, narrative	--	1	5	About 24
	Section 2		--	3		

	Section 3	texts, argumentative texts, etc.	--	1		
Total			67	31	98	About 210

Test Time	Test Section
13:00-16:10	Listening、 Reading、 Writing、 Translation, one break is set during the test
16:10-16:40	Take a break, then log back into the test system to wait for the next part of the test
16:40-17:10	Translation、 Speaking

HSK (Level 7-9) report provides five scores, including listening, reading, writing, translation and speaking, and provides the rating results. According to the Chinese Proficiency Grading Standards for International Chinese Language Education (GF0025-2021), the test takers are classified into four levels: "Below HSK (Level 7)", "HSK (Level 7)", "HSK (Level 8)" and "HSK (Level 9)", based on the ability values measured by the Item Response Theory (IRT) , as well as the content & difficulty of the test items.

The ability value for each skill of the test takers' Chinese proficiency is calculated by using the IRT model, based on the raw scores of the test takers. Besides, the measurement model is further used to obtain the report score of each skill range from 0 to 100.

Additional resources

Vocabulary lists, sample tests, and other resources can be found at the following sites:

-Official Chinese Test Website (HSK Level 7-9): <https://www.chinesetest.cn/HSK/7-9>

-HSK 7-9 Real Test Questions: <https://download.chinesetest.cn/newhsk-site/model/HSK7-9.pdf>