

N5 Purposes of test items

Test section (test time)		Composition of test items		
		Type of test items	Purpose	
Language Knowledge (20min.)	Vocabulary	1	<i>Kanji</i> reading	Test reading of words written in <i>kanji</i>
		2	Orthography	Test <i>kanji</i> and <i>katakana</i> for words written in <i>hiragana</i>
		3	Contextually-defined expressions	Test words whose meaning is defined by context
		4	Paraphrases	Test words and expressions with similar meaning
Language Knowledge Reading (40min.)	Grammar	1	Sentential grammar 1 (selecting grammar form)	Test judgment on grammar formats that suit sentences
		2	Sentential grammar 2 (sentence composition)	Test sentence composition that is syntactically accurate and makes sense
		3	Text grammar	Test judgment on suitability of sentences for text flow
	Reading	4	Comprehension (short passages)	Test understanding of contents by reading easy original text of approximately 80 characters regarding topics and situations involving study, everyday life and work
		5	Comprehension (mid-size passages)	Test understanding of contents by reading easy original text of approximately 250 characters regarding topics and situations in everyday life
		6	Information retrieval	Test ability to retrieve necessary information from original materials such as notices (approximately 250 characters)
Listening (30min.)	1	Task-based comprehension	Test understanding of contents by listening to coherent text (test ability to extract necessary information to resolve specific issues and understand appropriate action to take)	
	2	Comprehension of key points	Test understanding of contents by listening to coherent text (test ability to narrow down points based on necessary information presented in advance)	
	3	Verbal expressions	Test ability to select appropriate verbal expressions by listening to circumstances while looking at illustrations	
	4	Quick response	Test ability to select appropriate responses by listening to short utterances such as questions	