

N2 Purposes of test items

Test section (test time)		Composition of test items		
		Type of test items	Purpose	
Language Knowledge Reading (105min.)	Vocabulary	1	<i>Kanji</i> reading	Test reading of words written in <i>kanji</i>
		2	Orthography	Test <i>kanji</i> for words written in <i>hiragana</i>
		3	Word formation	Test knowledge of derivative and compound words
		4	Contextually-defined expressions	Test words whose meaning is defined by context
		5	Paraphrases	Test words and expressions with similar meaning
		6	Usage	Test usage of words in sentences
	Grammar	7	Sentential grammar 1 (selecting grammar form)	Test judgment on grammar formats that suit sentences
		8	Sentential grammar 2 (sentence composition)	Test sentence composition that is syntactically accurate and makes sense
		9	Text grammar	Test judgment on suitability of sentences for text flow
	Reading	10	Comprehension (short passages)	Test understanding of content by reading text of approximately 200 characters, such as descriptions and directions regarding various topics including everyday life and work
		11	Comprehension (mid-size passages)	Test understanding of causal relations, reasons, outline or author's ideas by reading text of approximately 500 characters, such as relatively easy reviews, commentary and essays
		12	Integrated comprehension	Test understanding through comparison and integration by reading relatively easy multiple texts (approximately 600 characters in total)
		13	Thematic comprehension (long passages)	Test ability to grasp overall intended points and ideas by reading text of approximately 900 characters, such as reviews with relatively clear logical development
		14	Information retrieval	Test ability to retrieve necessary information from such materials as advertisements, brochures, magazines and business documents (approximately 700 characters)
Listening (50min.)	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	Comprehension of general outline	Test understanding of contents by listening to coherent text (test understanding of speaker's intention and ideas from overall text)	
	4	Quick response	Test ability to select appropriate responses by listening to short utterances such as questions	
	5	Integrated comprehension	Test understanding of contents through comparison and integration of multiple information sources by listening to relatively long text	