



## Youth Chinese Test (YCT)

### Introduction and Guidelines

The YCT test was launched by Hanban in an effort to encourage foreign young students to learn Chinese and improve their Chinese language proficiency. As part of this effort, since 2004 Hanban has organized experts from different disciplines such as Chinese language teaching, linguistics, psychology and educational measurement to work on the program, conducting surveys in order to understand the latest trends in overseas Chinese language teaching and learning.

#### 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 YCT ?

Writing Test	Range of Characters	Speaking Test	Range of Characters
YCT- Level 1 (30min) Listening and Reading	80	Beginner Level (17 min)	200
YCT- Level 2 (45min) Listening and Reading	150	Intermediate Level (19 min)	400
YCT- Level 3 (55min) Listening and Reading	300		
YCT- Level 4 (80min) Listening, Reading, Writing	600		

**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.

**YCT - Level 2** - Examinees who pass YCT-Level 2 can understand and use some simple Chinese words and sentences to communicate.

**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.

**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.

#### 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.

To view the YCT Syllabuses and Sample Exams, please visit Hanban website:  
<http://www.chinesetesting.cn/gosimexam.do>