The YCT (Level IV) tests test takers' ability in daily use of Chinese. It is the counterpart of the Level III of the *Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages* and the B1 Level of the *Common European Framework of Reference (CEF)*. Test takers who are able to pass the YCT (Level IV) can communicate in Chinese at a basic level in their daily, academic and professional lives. When travelling in China, they can manage most forms of communication in Chinese.

### I. Test Target

The YCT (Level V) is intended for young students who have studied Chinese for more than two semesters, with 2-3 class hours per week. These students have mastered 600 commonly used words and related grammar patterns.

# **II.** Test Content

The YCT (Level IV) test is made up of listening comprehension, reading comprehension and writing sections and contains a total of 80 items.

Section		Number of Items		Duration (Min)
I. Listening	Part I	10	- 40	About 30
	Part II	10		
	Part III	10		
	Part IV	10		
Filling out the answe	5			
II. Reading	Part I	5	30	30
	Part II	10		
	Part III	10		
	Part IV	5		
III. Writing	Part I	5	10	15
	Part II	5		
Total	/	80		About 80

The test will last for a total of 85 minutes (including 5 minutes in which the test takers fill in personal information).

# 1. Listening Comprehension

There are 10 items in Part I. The recording of each item will be played twice. For each item, a dialogue and a picture will be provided. The test takers should make a true-or-false judgment based on what they hear.

There are 10 items in Part II. The recording of each item will be played twice. For each item, 3 sentences and 3 pictures will be provided. The test takers should choose the sentence that corresponds with the picture based on what they hear.

There are 10 items in Part III. The recording of each item will be played twice. Each item consists of a dialogue between two persons followed by a question. There will be three possible answers on the test paper. Test takers can choose best answer based on what they hear.

There are 10 items in Part IV. The recording of each item will be played twice. For each item, a short passage will be read out. A sentence will be displayed on the test paper (with pinyin). The test takers should make a true-or-false judgment based on what they hear.

#### 2. Reading Comprehension

There are 5 items in Part I. Each item consists of a picture and 3 sentences. The test taker needs to choose the sentence that corresponds with the picture.

There are 10 items in Part II. In this section, there are 20 sentences divided into 2 groups. The test taker should match them.

There are 10 items in Part III. Each item consists of a dialogue with a blank section. The test taker should choose one of the 3 suggested words to fill in the blank.

There are 10 items in Part IV. Each item consists of a passage and a question. The test taker needs to choose the correct answer out of 3 possible answers.

### 3. Writing

There are 5 items in Part I. Each item consists of several words. The test taker should construct a sentence using these words.

There are 5 items in Part II. Each item provides a sentence with blanks. The test taker should fill in the blanks with the right characters.

#### **III. Results Certificate**

The results of YCT are valid for a considerable period of time. Four results will be provided for the YCT (Level I),) including listening, reading, writing and the total. A score of 180 or more is considered a passing score.

	Max Score	Your Score
Listening	100	
Reading	100	
Writing	100	
Total	300	