

## N5 Purposes of test items

| Test section<br>(test time)               |            | Composition of test items |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                           |            | Type of test items        | Purpose                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Language Knowledge<br>(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<br>Reading<br>(40min.) | Grammar    | 1                         | Sentential grammar 1<br>(selecting grammar form) | Test judgment on grammar formats that suit sentences                                                                                                                              |
|                                           |            | 2                         | Sentential grammar 2<br>(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<br>(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<br>(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<br>(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                                                                                   |