The new YCT is an international standardized test of Chinese language proficiency. It assesses young foreign students' abilities to use Chinese in their daily and academic lives. The new YCT consists of a writing test and a speaking test, which are independent of each other. The writing test is divided into four levels, namely, the YCT (level I), YCT (level II), YCT (level III), and YCT (level IV). The speaking test is divided into the YCT (Beginner Level) and YCT (Intermediate Level).

Test Principle:

The new YCT aims to improve Chinese language learners' self-confidence and follows the principle of test-teaching correlation. It bases the design of the test on current trends in international Chinese language training and is closely related to textbook learning procedures. The purpose of the test is to promote training through testing and promote learning through testing.

What are YCT test scores used for?

The YCT is intended for students whose mother tongue is not Chinese. The results of the test can serve various purposes:
3. A method for Chinese language training institutions to evaluate training results.
4. A benchmark for students who want to participate in the HSK test.

Test Levels:
The different levels of the new YCT[1] are similar to some of the levels in the Chinese Language Proficiency Scales for Speakers of Other Languages (CLPS) and the Common European Framework of Reference (CEF); details are as follows:

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| **Level 1** | Test takers who reach YCT-Level 1 can understand and put into practice vocabulary and sentences for daily use and have a foundation to pursue more advanced Chinese studies. | Listening: 20 questions  
Reading: 15 questions | 35               | 10       |
| **Level 2** | Test takers who reach YCT-Level 2 can understand and use simple words and sentences to accomplish specific communication tasks. | Listening: 20 questions  
Reading: 20 questions | 50               | 15       |
| **Level 3** | Test takers who reach YCT-Level 3 can use Chinese language to do simple and direct conversation about familiar daily topic, and achieve excellent level in the primary Chinese. | Listening: 35 questions  
Reading: 25 questions | 60               | 20       |
| **Level 4** | Test takers who reach YCT-Level 4 can complete basic communicative tasks in daily life and study. If traveling in China, YCT-Level 4 can handle most communication tasks they encounter. | Listening: 40 questions  
Reading: 30 questions  
Writing: 10 questions | 85               | 25       |
Date and Time for 2016:

| Saturday, February 20 | Saturday, March 19 | Saturday, May 21 |

Levels 1 - 4 will be offered starting at **9 a.m.** on test day in **Dunbar Hall 2152 on WMU's main campus**.

**Registration**

Registration is now open for all test dates and will close **10 days** prior to each test. Payment for the **YCT**[^1] should be made online after completing your test registration.

The next **YCT**[^1] offered at our Confucius Institute is scheduled for **Saturday, May 21, 2016**.

[^1]: Registration Manual[^5]
[^2]: Practice Tests[^6]