N3 Purposes of test items

Test section (test time)	Composition of test items			
			Type of test items	Purpose
Language Knowledge (30min.)	Vocabulary	1	*Kanji* reading	Test reading of words written in *kanji*
		2	Orthography	Test *kanji* for words written in *hiragana*
		3	Contextually-defined expressions	Test words whose meaning is defined by context
		4	Paraphrases	Test words and expressions with similar meaning
		5	Usage	Test usage of words in sentences
Language Knowledge · Reading (70min.)	Grammar	1	Sentential grammar 1 (selecting grammar form)	Test judgment on grammar formats that suit sentences
		2	Sentential grammar 2 (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 (short passages)	Test understanding of content by reading original text of approximately 150-200 characters, such as descriptions and directions regarding various topics including everyday life and work
		5	Comprehension (mid-size passages)	Test understanding of key words and causal relations by reading text of approximately 350 characters, such as original commentary and essays
		6	Comprehension (long passages)	Test understanding of summary, logical development by reading text of approximately 550 characters, such as commentary, essays and letters
		7	Information retrieval	Test ability to retrieve necessary information from original materials such as advertisements and brochures (approximately 600 characters)
Listening (40min.)		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	Verbal expressions	Test ability to select appropriate verbal expressions by listening to circumstances while looking at illustrations
		5	Quick response	Test ability to select appropriate responses by listening to short utterances such as questions