



School of Foreign Languages

B2 Level

English Proficiency Exam

DAY 1: 09.09.2024

TIME: 09.00

WRITTEN EXAM



I. LISTENING

~15-20 minutes -20 points

-2 parts

-Listen to two audio recordings twice.

-You will hear short talks on general or academic topics.

-Match or choose the best option.

II. LANGUAGE USE

~10-20 minutes -20 points

-20 grammar & vocabulary multiple choice questions.

- Choose the best option.



III. READING

~ 40 minutes -20 points

-2 texts of 500 ~700 words on general or academic topics

-10 ~20 multiple choice items.

-Decide whether the information is True, False or Not Given in the text and/or choose the best option.

IV. WRITING

~40 minutes -20 points

-Write a four-paragraph essay of 200 ~ 250 words

-There will be two topics you can choose from.

-Your essay must have an introduction, 2 body paragraphs and a conclusion.



DAY 2: 10.09.2024

TIME: 09.00

V. SPEAKING

~10 minutes

-20 points

-2 parts

-PART 1: The examiner will ask you 2 general questions.

-PART 2: You will be shown a topic and questions related to it.

You will have 90 seconds to prepare and you are expected to talk for 90 seconds.

SPOKEN EXAM



EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

I. LISTENING

Part A: You will listen to people talking about a general topic. Match the speakers (1–5) with the statements

(A–E).

1. Sally ____
2. David ____
3. Bondi ____
4. James ____
5. Nina ____

- A) Someone has surprised me with their talent for remembering things.
- B) I'd rather not remember some things from my past.
- C) I've been trying to help someone else remember things.
- D) I've begun to find it harder to remember some things.
- E) I've been learning new ways to help me remember things.

Part B: You will listen to people talking about an academic topic. Choose the correct answers.

6. Why was Sally unhappy about the school reunion?
 - A) She wasn't sent an invitation by her classmates.
 - B) She didn't want to see some of her classmates.
 - C) She didn't think her closest friends were going.
 - D) She couldn't remember the precise time for it.

AUDIOSCRIPT for both of the above question types.

SALLY: A few months ago, I was invited to a school reunion. Some of my old classmates were getting everyone together after thirty years. In the invitation, they promised that it would be an emotional experience where we could share our happiest memories of school. The thing is, I couldn't stand going to that school! I had a couple of good friends who I've kept in touch with, but the other students were just mean. I honestly couldn't see any reason to see them after all these years. I'm sure that if I'd gone, it would have brought back bad memories.

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II. LANGUAGE USAGE

Choose the best option.

1. Ever since humans _____ the earth, they have made use of various forms of communication.
A) lived B) inhabited C) born D) settled
2. Bananas have lots of vitamin A and C, and they're also good for your face! Take _____ banana, squash it, then put some on your face. Leave it for ten minutes, then wash your face.
A) a B) many C) – D) much

III. READING

(There will be two separate and longer texts in your actual exam.)

Ever since humans have inhabited the earth, they have made use of various forms of communication. Generally, this expression of thoughts and feelings has been in the form of oral speech. When there is a language barrier, communication is accomplished through sign language in which motions stand for letters, words and ideas. Tourists, the deaf, and the mute have had to resort to this form of expression. Many of these symbols of whole words are very picturesque and exact and can be used internationally; spelling, however, cannot.

Body language transmits ideas or thoughts by certain actions, either intentionally or unintentionally. A wink can be a way of flirting or indicating that the party is only joking. A nod signifies approval, while shaking the head indicates a negative reaction.

Other forms of non-linguistic language can be found in Braille (a system of raised dots read with the fingertips), signal flags, Morse code, and smoke signals. Road maps and picture signs also guide, warn and instruct people. While verbalisation is the most common form of language, other systems and techniques also express human thoughts and feelings. *(Adapted from a website)*

Part A: Read the text and decide if the statements are TRUE, FALSE or whether there is NO INFORMATION about them in the text.

1. Spelling is not limited to specific regions.
A) True B) False C) No Information
2. If you agree you shake your head up and down.
A) True B) False C) No Information

Part B: Read the text and choose the best option.

1. The passage points out that body language is often used when....
A) people want to express their thoughts and feelings
B) people are tired of using oral speech
C) other forms of communication are possible
D) there is a language barrier
2. What can you do by the simple closing and opening of the eye?
A) show your approval
B) show your disapproval
C) assure someone that what you are saying is just for the sake of a laugh
D) indicate that you dislike the person of the opposite sex sitting near you

IV. WRITING

Choose ONE of the topics below and write an essay in four paragraphs (200-250 words). Use a variety of grammar structures, vocabulary and linking words.

1. Some people say that international sporting events contribute greatly to peace and stability in the world. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
2. (another topic you could choose)

Paragraph 1: introduce the essay and briefly state your views

Paragraph 2: give a 1st reason for your view and support it with examples/details

Paragraph 3: give a 2nd reason for your view and support it with examples/details

Paragraph 4: write a conclusion and summarise your views

Model Essay

Sports have always been a great way for a country's best talents to show their skills and represent their nation. It's also a time when the whole country comes together to support their favourite teams. Many people believe that sports can help keep peace between countries. This essay will explain why sports can bring and maintain global peace.

Firstly, a key feature of popular sports events is that fans from different teams often attend the matches in their cities. Some dedicated fans even travel to other parts of the country to watch their favourite teams play. These events unite the nation as everyone cheers for their national team. For example, during the Olympics, the entire country hopes their team wins because an Olympic Medal is a huge honour.

In addition, people face many challenges every day, and sports give them a break from their routine. Watching sports allows people to enjoy some excitement and take their minds off their problems. However, sometimes overly passionate fans can cause conflicts. Despite this, the overall effect of sports is positive.

In conclusion, international sports events can help promote peace and stability in the world. They bring people from different countries together. While there can be some conflicts due to strong emotions, the positive impact of sports is much greater. The sense of unity and national pride created by these events can help build a more peaceful global community. So, I believe that international sports can significantly contribute to global peace and stability.

(249 words)

V. SPEAKING

Part A: The examiner will ask you two general questions. You may ask for the question to be repeated. (4 points each)

Examples

- Do you think parents should be strict? Why/Why not?
- What are two reasons for why people like living in bustling cities?

Part B: You will be shown a topic and four questions related to it. You will have 90 seconds to prepare and you are expected to speak for 90 seconds. You will be able to see the questions and any notes you may have taken during your preparation time while speaking. (12 points)

Topic & Questions Card Example

Talk about photography.

- Do you prefer taking photos of people or landscapes? Why?
- How has technology changed the way we take and share photographs?
- What do you think makes a photograph truly memorable?
- Do you like to edit your photos before sharing them? Why or why not?