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Brief exam guide for exams from 2015



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What level is the exam?

The exam focuses on Level C1 (IELTS band score 6.5 to 8.0) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) – the level required for academic and professional success.

What's in the exam?

Supported by the largest research programme of its kind, the exam is designed to be fair to users of all nationalities and linguistic backgrounds.

It covers all four language skills (Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking) and knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.



Reading and Use of English:
1 hour 30 minutes

Shows you can understand texts from publications such as fiction and non-fiction books, journals, newspapers and magazines.



Writing:
1 hour 30 minutes

Shows you can produce two different pieces of writing, including an essay



Listening:
40 minutes

Shows you can follow and understand a range of spoken materials.



Speaking:
15 minutes

Shows you can communicate in a real-life context. You take the test face-to-face with one or two other candidates.

The Reading and Use of English paper is worth 40% of the marks, and each of the other papers is worth 20%.

Download sample papers

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One exam – endless opportunities

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) is a high quality, international English language qualification that you can use for your university and student visa application. Preparing for the exam helps you develop the language skills needed for success in study and work.

Prove to universities you are prepared for study

The exam is accepted by educational institutions worldwide, including top universities and colleges in Australia, North America, the UK and Europe.



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Canada



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Australia



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Show employers you are ready to work

High level English language skills enhance your employment opportunities.

Many of the world's top employers accept the exam, including Accenture, Bayer, Dell and Ernst & Young.

Use the exam for visa applications

As well as using your certificate for university applications worldwide, you can also use it for your student visa application to the UK, Ireland and Australia.

To view the full list of institutions who accept the exam visit www.cambridgeenglish.org/recognition



"I'm a Spanish university student. My Cambridge English: Advanced certificate got me onto a course in Canada at the University of British Columbia. My ambition? To work for an organisation that builds and develops international relations."

Alexandra

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