

Reading and Use of English

General description

PAPER FORMAT	The paper contains seven parts. For Parts 1 to 3, the test contains texts with accompanying grammar and vocabulary tasks. Part 4 consists of separate items with a grammar and vocabulary focus. For Parts 5 to 7, the test contains a range of texts and accompanying reading comprehension tasks
TIMING	1 hour 15 minutes
NO. OF PARTS	7
NO. OF QUESTIONS	52
TASK TYPES	Multiple-choice cloze, open cloze, word formation, key word transformation, multiple choice, gapped text, multiple matching.
WORD COUNT	2,200–2,500
MARKS	Parts 1–3 – each correct answer receives 1 mark; Part 4 – each correct answer receives up to 2 marks. For Parts 5–6, each correct answer receives 2 marks; for Part 7, each correct answer receives 1 mark.

Structure and tasks

PART 1	
ASK TYPE	Multiple-choice cloze.
FOCUS	The main focus is on vocabulary, e.g. idioms, collocations, fixed phrases, complementation, phrasal verbs, semantic precision.
FORMAT	A modified cloze test containing eight gaps. There are 4-option multiple-choice items for each gap
NO. OF QS	8
PART 2	
TASK TYPE	Open cloze.
FOCUS	The main focus is on awareness and control of grammar with some focus on vocabulary.
FORMAT	A modified cloze test containing eight gaps.
NO. OF QS	8
PART 3	
TASK TYPE	Word formation.
FOCUS	The main focus is on vocabulary, in particular the use of affixation, internal changes and compounding in word formation.
FORMAT	A text containing eight gaps. Each gap corresponds to a word. The stems of the missing words are given beside the text and must be changed to form the missing word.
NO. OF QS	8
PART 4	
TASK TYPE	Key word transformation.
FOCUS	Grammar, vocabulary, collocation.
FORMAT	Six separate items, each with a lead-in sentence and a gapped second sentence to be completed in two to five words, one of which is a given 'key' word.
NO. OF QS	6
PART 5	
TASK TYPE	Multiple choice.
FOCUS	Detail, opinion, attitude, tone, purpose, main idea, gist, meaning from context, implication, text organisation features (exemplification, reference).
FORMAT	A text followed by 4-option multiple-choice questions.
NO. OF QS	6
PART 6	
TASK TYPE	Gapped text.
FOCUS	Cohesion, coherence, text structure.
FORMAT	A text from which sentences have been removed and placed in jumbled order after the text. Candidates must decide from which part of the text the sentences have been removed.
NO. OF QS	6
PART 7	
TASK TYPE	Multiple matching.
AND FOCUS	Detail, opinion, specific information, implication.
FORMAT	A text, or several short texts, preceded by multiple-matching questions. Candidates must match a prompt to elements in the text.
NO. OF QS	10