

Reading and Use of English

General description

PAPER FORMAT	For Parts 1 to 4, the test contains texts with accompanying grammar and vocabulary tasks, and discrete items with a grammar and vocabulary focus. For Parts 5 to 7, the test contains texts and accompanying reading comprehension tasks.
TIMING	1 hour 30 minutes
NO. OF PARTS	7
NO. OF QUESTIONS	53
TASK TYPES	Multiple-choice cloze, open cloze, word formation, key word transformation, multiple matching, gapped text, multiple choice.
TEXT TYPES	From the following: books (fiction and non-fiction), non-specialist articles from magazines, newspapers and the internet.
LENGTH OF TEXTS	2,900–3,400 words in total
ANSWER FORMAT	For Parts 1, 5, 6 and 7, candidates indicate their answers by shading the correct lozenges on the answer sheet. For Parts 2 and 3, candidates write their answers in capital letters in the space provided on the answer sheet. For Part 4, candidates write their answers on the answer sheet but capital letters are not required.
MARKS	For Parts 1–3, each correct answer receives 1 mark; for 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. There are a total of 72 marks available for the test.

Structure and tasks

PART 1

TASK TYPE AND FOCUS	Multiple-choice cloze. The main focus is on vocabulary, e.g. idioms, collocations, fixed phrases, complementation, phrasal verbs, semantic precision.
FORMAT	A single text with eight gaps. Candidates must choose one word or phrase from a set of four to fill each gap.
NO. OF QS	8 x 1 = 8 marks 3.6% 8

PART 2

TASK TYPE AND FOCUS	Open cloze. The main focus is on awareness and control of grammar with some focus on vocabulary.
FORMAT	A modified cloze test consisting of a text with eight gaps. Candidates think of the word which best fits each gap.
NO. OF QS	8 x 1 = 8 marks 5.7% 13

Structure and tasks

PART 3

TASK TYPE AND FOCUS	Word formation. 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 x 1 = 8 marks 5.7% 13

PART 4

TASK TYPE AND FOCUS	Key word transformations. The focus is on grammar, vocabulary and collocation.
FORMAT	Six discrete items with a lead-in sentence and a gapped response to complete in 3–8 words including a given 'key' word.
NO. OF QS	6 x 2 = 12 marks 8.6% 19

PART 5

TASK TYPE AND FOCUS	Multiple choice. Understanding of detail, opinion, attitude, tone, purpose, main idea, implication, text organisation features (exemplification, comparison, reference).
FORMAT	A text followed by 4-option multiple-choice questions.
NO. OF QS	6 x 2 = 12 marks 5.45% 12

PART 6

TASK TYPE AND FOCUS	Gapped text. Understanding of cohesion, coherence, text structure, global meaning.
FORMAT	A text from which paragraphs have been removed and placed in jumbled order after the text. Candidates must decide from where in the text the paragraphs have been removed.
NO. OF QS	7 x 2 = 14 marks 6.36% 14

PART 7

TASK TYPE AND FOCUS	Multiple matching. Understanding of detail, opinion, attitude, specific information.
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 x 1 = 10 marks 4.54% 10

Use: 28 marks **0.7% each of entire exam**

Reading: 44 marks **0.45% each of entire exam**

Total = 72 marks

Minutes per question, including completing answersheet