

OPEN BADGE: LEVEL B1

TO PASS THE EXAM, YOU MUST GET 60% OVERALL (48/80) AND A MINIMUM OF 10 IN EACH INDIVIDUAL TEST.

LISTENING (20 marks)

PART 1: This is a conversation between two speakers on an everyday, social topic. This means that you listen to two people talking to each other about arranging a trip, organising an event, etc. The focus is on listening for specific factual information.

PART 2: This is a talk by one speaker on a general topic. This means that you listen to one person giving information about a public event, a service provided, etc. The focus is on listening for specific factual information.

READING (20 marks)

The Reading component of the B1 Open Badge includes two reading passages with 20 questions.

The questions will test your ability to understand main ideas and detailed factual information, ability to understand the opinions and attitudes of the author, and the ability to follow the development of ideas. You will have 30 minutes to complete the Task.

WRITING (20 marks):

The Writing Task requires you to write at least 150 words. You will be asked to respond to a given problem with a letter requesting information, explaining a situation, making a suggestion, complaining or giving personal information. You will have 30 minutes to complete the Task.

If you write fewer than 150 words, you will be penalized.

SPEAKING (20 marks):

You will be asked general questions about yourself such as where you live or what you are currently doing (working or studying). You will then be asked some questions about a range of familiar topics, for example, about the music you like, cooking, the weather, or movies you prefer:

Hobbies and interests (e.g., reading, sports, cooking)
Travel experiences or dream destinations
Favourite books, movies, or TV shows
Daily routines and habits
Family and friends
Education and academic interests
Work or career aspirations
Favourite foods or cuisines
Childhood memories
Technology and its impact on daily life

Environmental issues and sustainability
Cultural events or celebrations
Personal goals and ambitions
Health and wellness routines
Leisure activities and pastimes
Music preferences or favourite bands/artists
Personal achievements or challenges
Volunteer experience/community involvement
Fashion and style preferences
Social media usage and its influence

This part of the test follows a question-answer format focusing on your ability to communicate opinions and information on everyday topics by answering a range of questions.