

# Description of Final Test English, Level C1+

## Introduction

The C1+ and C2 level courses and tests are designed for students in second-level degree programs or for university graduates (doctoral candidates, researchers, faculty members, professionals). They are aimed at preparing students and evaluating their ability to use the language at the top level of the European Framework. The C1+ course and test do not correspond to an official CEF level but are intermediate, preparatory steps toward achieving the C2 level. The C2 level (corresponding to Cambridge Proficiency) is the highest level of proficiency in the European Framework. Those who attain this level will be able to use English to conduct academic research and perform competently in their profession.

**Scoring:** Total 100 points, 20 points each for listening and reading, 30 points each for writing and speaking. The minimum passing score is 60/100.

There is no grammar section. Proficiency in grammar will be evaluated “as used” in the exercises/tasks of the four skills sections.

Writing and Speaking are scored in accordance with an evaluation grid ([link](#)). Listening and Reading will be scored objectively and automatically by the computer.

## Organization of the C1+ Level Test

**Listening:** Time, approximately 30 minutes, **20 points**

Four recordings of approximately 5 minutes each: 2 conversations, 2 monologues. Five questions each.

The listening exercises are set in an academic context. The conversations are between two students or between a student and a professor. The lectures concern a variety of academic disciplines.

Each recording may be listened to only once. Students are permitted to take notes while listening and may use their notes to answer the questions. Notes will be collected by proctors at the conclusion of the test.

**Reading:** Time 40 minutes, 20 points

Two reading passages (700-750 words). Ten questions each.

Question types: vocabulary, reference, purpose, method, positive information, negative information, main idea, inference,

Passages are extracts from academic texts or periodicals.

Students can take notes while reading and may use the notes to answer the questions. Notes will be collected by proctors at the conclusion of the test.

**Writing:** Time approximately 60 minutes, 30 points

- One integrated writing task – read a short passage (250 words), listen to a lecture on same topic. Write a short essay (150-180 words) outlining main points of passage and indicating

how listening relates (disagrees with/reinforces) passage.

Students can take notes on the lecture and the reading passage remains on screen as they write. Notes will be collected at the conclusion of the test. Approximately 30 minutes total time. 15 points

- One independent opinion/argument writing task

Stating and defending an opinion on a given choice.

300-400 words 30 minutes. 15 points

**Speaking:** Time 15 minutes, 30 points

One student, one evaluator

Part 1- 6 min. student responds to questions about personal background, academic/professional training and interests, future plans, counterfactual speculation (Example: Suppose you hadn't passed the medical school entrance exam, what you have done instead? Why?)

Part 2 – 3 min. Student prepares (1 min.) and speaks for 2 minutes on given topic.

Student given 1 minute to prepare while taking notes. Can use notes to speak uninterrupted for 2 minutes. Notes collected at end of speaking section.

Part 3: 6 min. Evaluator asks student questions about topic presented in part 2, prompting student to expand on or explain better the opinions expressed in part 2.