

A Structure of Foreign Language Proficiency Exams

A: Parts of exam:

1. Reading
2. Language structures (grammar)
3. Listening
4. Writing
5. Speaking

The maximum score of the exam is **100**, the highest possible score for each part is 20. The length of exams is different and depends on the level of proficiency, in average 2-3 hours.

B: Exam structure:

Part I : Reading and language structures

Small break (10 min)

Part II : Listening and writing

Part III : Speaking

C: Exercise types:

1. Reading:

1-2 reading texts with different tasks

Possible task types: true-false-no information given; multiple choice; ordering text; filling in gaps in text with sentences given; matching words and definitions, etc.

2. Language structures:

-2-4 different tasks

Possible task types: finding mistakes from sentences and correcting; filling in gaps; word creating; multiple choice tasks, etc.

3. Listening:

- 2 tasks; both recorded texts are played twice.

Possible task types: true-false-no information given; filling in gaps; completing sentences; multiple choice exercise, etc.

4. Writing:

-2 tasks:

Possible task types: an essay, a letter, a form, etc.

The writing part is assessed according to the following criteria:

-How is the content corresponding to the topic and is the topic treated exhaustively

-Text build-up, structure

-Diversity of vocabulary

- Grammatical correctness, diversity of language structures and correspondence to the language proficiency level, spelling

5. Speaking:

Depending on the proficiency level, the oral part of the exam lasts for about 10 minutes and includes:

1. Monologic speech, the input is different depending on the proficiency level (e.g. a picture, a citation, a short text, about which the candidate shall give his/her opinion)

2. Elaborating on the topic in the form of *question-answer*.

Assessment of the speaking part is based on the following criteria:

-Pronunciation

-Vocabulary

-Fluency

-Grammar

-Ability to communicate