

## A2 Level Examination

This examination aims to test candidates on their English language competence at A2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

The examination comprises a Reading Section, a Use of Language Section and a Writing Section. Listening and speaking skills are not tested.

The overall descriptors of the A2 level of the CEFR have been used to guide the content and level of the examination. The descriptors are as follows:

- *Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment).*
- *Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.*

### Summary of the format of the A2 Level Examination

Section	Total points	No. of questions	No. of Tasks	Tasks	Format	Description	Points
Reading	20	12	2	Task 1	1 short text 6 questions	Informal email, simple story, etc	
					Question 1 – multiple choice, 4 answer choices	Tests understanding of the <b>general idea</b> of the text	1
					Questions 2-5 – open ended questions	Test understanding a simple text <b>in detail</b> Candidates should give very short answers	8
					Question 6 – multiple choice, 4 answer choices	Tests <b>guessing the meaning</b> of a word or phrase from context	1
				Task 2	3 short texts 6 questions	3 short advertisements, notices, descriptions, etc	
					Question 7 – multiple choice, 4 answer choices	Tests understanding of the <b>general idea</b> of the texts	1
					Questions 8-11 – open ended questions	Test ability to find <b>specific information</b> in texts Candidates should give very short answers	8
					Question 12 – multiple choice, 4 answer choices	Tests <b>guessing the meaning</b> of a word or phrase from context	1
Use of Language	20	12	5	Task 1	Questions 13-17 – multiple choice, 4 answer choices	Each question tests ability to choose the correct <b>grammatical form</b> to complete a gap in a sentence	5
				Task 2	Questions 18-21 – multiple choice, 4 answer choices	Each question tests ability to choose the correct <b>vocabulary item</b> to complete a gap in a sentence	4
				Task 3	Question 22 – choosing the correct option from a list	Tests ability to use <b>functional English</b> , e.g. "Could you tell me..." Question 22 has three short dialogues. For each dialogue, candidates choose the correct word or phrase to complete a gap in a sentence.	3
				Task 4	Question 23 – choosing the correct option from a list	Tests ability to choose the appropriate <b>vocabulary</b> to complete gaps in a dialogue, choosing from a list of 8 options. The dialogue has four gaps.	4
				Task 5	Question 24 – choosing the correct option from a list	Tests ability to choose the appropriate <b>grammatical form</b> to complete gaps in a short text, choosing from a list of 8 options. The text has four gaps.	4
Writing	10	1	1	Task	Question 25 – writing a short text	Tests ability to <b>write a short text</b> . Candidates choose 1 writing option from a choice of two. Ideas are given to help with writing. The options may be a short email, story or a description. Candidates write 75-100 words.	10