

Curso académico 2024/2025

GENERAL INFORMATION STRUCTURE AND CONTENT SKILLS: ENGLISH

Objectives of Skills: English

The aim of the exam is to demonstrate that the student has acquired a **B1 level** (Common European Framework) in knowledge and comprehension of the English language.

Structure of the exam

The exam is multiple choice. Use of dictionaries is not permitted. The duration of the exam is one hour.

The test has the following sections:

1. **Listening comprehension:** 10 questions.
2. **Reading comprehension:** 15 questions.
3. **Use of English:** 35 questions that examine the student's knowledge of vocabulary and grammar. There are several exercises that may include vocabulary and grammar in context.

Grading criteria

Each one of the 60 questions counts 1 point when answered correctly.
Blank or mistaken answer penalize up to 0,33 point each one depending on the level of the question

A minimum of 30 points is needed to pass the exam.

Reading

- Understand public notices and signs.
- Read and understand short factual texts.
- Scan material for information.
- Read texts of an emotional or imaginative character and understand the central meaning, the attitude of the writer and the effect it is intended to have on the reader.
- Read for the main points in a text.
- Read for details in a text.
- Read for specific information.

Listening

- Understand public announcements
- Show understanding of short factual utterances
- Extract information (times, dates, etc.) from speech
- Understand the meaning of dialogues and recognize the attitudes and intentions of the speakers.
- Understand main points: relationships, feeling, attitude, opinion, intention.
- Understand specific information or deduce meaning.

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Topics

Clothes	Personal identification
Daily life	Places and buildings
Education	Relations with other people
Entertainment and media	Environment
Transport	Services
Food and drink	Shopping
Free time	Social interaction
Health, medicine and exercise	Sport
Hobbies and leisure	The natural world
House and home	Travel and holidays
Language	Weather
People	Work and jobs
Personal feelings, opinions and experiences	

Functions, notions and communicative tasks

- Greeting people and responding to greetings (in person and on the phone)
- Introducing oneself and other people
- Asking for personal details, name, age, etc.
- Understanding and completing forms giving personal details
- Understanding and writing letters, giving personal details, describing education, qualifications and skills
- Describing people (appearance, qualities)
- Asking and answering questions about personal possessions
- Asking for repetition and clarification
- Re-stating what has been said
- Checking on meaning and intention
- Helping others to express their ideas
- Interrupting a conversation
- Starting a new topic
- Changing the topic
- Resuming or continuing the topic
- Asking for and giving the spelling and meaning of words
- Counting and using numbers
- Asking and telling people the time, day and/or date
- Asking for and giving information about routines and habits
- Understanding and writing diaries and letters giving information about everyday activities
- Talking about what people are doing at the moment
- Talking about past events and states in the past, recent activities and completed actions
- Understanding and producing simple narratives
- Reporting what people say
- Talking about future or imaginary situations
- Talking about future plans or intentions
- Making predictions
- Identifying and describing accommodation (houses, flats, rooms, furniture, etc.)
- Buying and selling things (costs, measurements, amounts)
- Talking about food and ordering meals
- Talking about the weather

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- Talking about one's health
- Following and giving simple instructions
- Understanding simple signs and notices
- Asking the way and giving directions
- Asking for and giving travel information
- Asking for and giving simple information about places
- Identifying and describing simple objects (shape, size, weight, colour, purpose or use, etc.)
- Making comparisons and expressing degrees of difference
- Talking about how to operate things
- Describing simple processes
- Expressing purpose, cause and result, and giving reasons
- Drawing simple conclusions and making recommendations
- Making and granting/refusing simple requests
- Making and responding to offers and suggestions
- Expressing and responding to thanks
- Giving and responding to invitations
- Giving advice
- Giving warnings and prohibitions
- Persuading and asking/telling people to do something
- Expressing obligation and lack of obligation
- Asking and giving / refusing permission to do something
- Making and responding to apologies and excuses
- Expressing agreement and disagreement, and contradicting people
- Paying compliments
- Criticising and complaining
- Sympathising
- Expressing preferences, likes and dislikes
- Talking about physical and emotional feelings
- Expressing opinions and making choices
- Expressing needs and wants
- Expressing ability / inability in the present and in the past
- Talking about probability / improbability and possibility / impossibility
- Expressing degrees of certainty and doubt

Grammatical structures

VERBS: Regular and irregular forms

MODALS

Can (ability, requests, permission)	Would (polite requests)
Could (ability, possibility, polite requests)	Will (offer)
Shall (suggestion, offer)	Should (advice)
May (possibility)	Might (possibility)
Have (got) to (obligation)	Ought to (obligation)
Must (obligation)	Mustn't (prohibition)
Need (necessity)	Needn't (lack of necessity)
Used to + infinitive (past habits)	

TENSES

Present simple: states, habits, systems and processes

Present continuous: future plans and activities, present actions

Present perfect simple: recent past with just, indefinite past with yet, already, never, ever;
unfinished past with for and since

Past simple: past events

Past continuous: parallel past actions, continuous actions interrupted by the past simple tense

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Past perfect simple: narrative, reported speech
Future with going to
Future with present continuous and present simple
Future with will and shall: offers, promises, predictions, etc.

VERB FORMS

Affirmative, interrogative, negative
Imperatives
Infinitives (with and without to) after verbs and adjectives
Gerunds after verbs and prepositions
Gerunds as subjects and objects
Passive forms: present and past simple
Verb + object + infinitive (give, take, send, bring, show) + direct / indirect object
Causative have / get
So / nor with auxiliaries
Impersonal statements
Wishes (past, present)

COMPOUND VERB PATTERNS

Phrasal verbs / verbs with prepositions

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

Type 0: Water boils if / when heated to 100°C.
Type 1: If he comes, I'll leave.
Type 2: I would help you if I had time.
If I were you, I wouldn't go.
Type 3: Wish + past perfect

SIMPLE REPORTED SPEECH

Statements, questions and commands: say, ask, tell
(He said that he was ill.)
Indirect and embedded questions: know, wonder
(Do you know what he said?)

INTERROGATIVES

What, what (+noun)
Where, when
Who, whose, which
How, how much, how many, how often, how long, etc.
Why

NOUNS

Singular and plural (regular and irregular forms)
Countable and uncountable nouns with some and any
Abstract nouns
Compound nouns
Complex noun phrases
Genitive: 's and s'
Double genitive: a friend of theirs

PRONOUNS

Personal (subject, object, possessive)
Reflexive and emphatic: myself, etc.
Impersonal: it, there
Demonstrative: this, that, these, those
Quantitative: one, something, everybody, etc.
Indefinite: some, any, something,
Relative: who, which, that, whom, whose

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DETERMINERS

A + countable nouns

The + countable / uncountable nouns

ADJECTIVES

Colour, size, shape, quality, nationality

Predicative and attributive

Cardinal and ordinal numbers

Possessive: my, your, his, her, etc.

Demonstrative: this, that, these, those

Quantitative: some, any, many, much, a few, a lot of, all, other, every, etc.

Comparative and superlative forms (regular and irregular): as...as, not...enough to, too....to

Order of adjectives

Participles as adjectives

Compound adjectives

ADVERBS

Regular and irregular forms

Manner: quickly, carefully, etc.

Frequency: often, never, twice a week, etc.

Definite time: now, last week, etc.

Indefinite time: already, just, yet, etc.

Degree: very, too, rather, etc.

Place: here, there, etc.

Direction: left, right, along, etc.

Sequence: first, next, etc.

Sentence adverbs: too, either, etc.

Position of adverbs

Comparative and superlative forms (regular and irregular)

PREPOSITIONS

Location: to, on, inside, next to, at (school), etc.

Time: at, on, in, during, etc.

Direction: to, into, out of, from, etc.

Instrument: by, with

Miscellaneous: like, as, due to, owing to, etc.

Prepositional phrases: at the beginning of, by means of, etc.

Prepositions before nouns and adjectives: by car, for sale, at last, etc.

Prepositions following:

a) nouns and adjectives: advice on, afraid of, etc.

b) verbs: laugh at, ask for, etc.

CONNECTORS

And, but, or, either...or

When, while, until, before, after, as soon as

Where

Because, since, as, for

So that, (in order) to

So, so...that, such...that

If, unless, although, while

Recommended Bibliography

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