



BURSA ULUDAĞ UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
PROFICIENCY EXAM FOR REPEATERS
SPECIFICATIONS FOR STUDENTS



Form:

Academic Year: 2023-2024

Level: B1+

Exam: Proficiency Exam, 10 January 2024

Content: Session 1: Language Use (Vocabulary + Grammar) + Reading + Listening

Session 2: Writing

Session 3: Speaking

Duration: Session 1: 100 minutes

Session 2: 50 minutes

Session 3: 5 minutes

SESSION 1

LANGUAGE USE	
Tasks	<p>Task 1: The test takers will read a gapped text followed by multiple choice questions and choose appropriate <i>vocabulary</i> that completes the given sentences.</p> <p>Task 2: The test takers will read a short context and choose the appropriate <i>vocabulary</i> or the correct word form to fill in the gaps.</p> <p>Task 3: The test takers will read a gapped text followed by multiple choice questions and choose appropriate <i>grammatical</i> structures to fill in the gaps.</p> <p>Task 4: The test takers will read a sentence and choose the sentence that is closest in meaning to the given sentence.</p> <p>Task 5: The test takers will read a short dialogue and choose the appropriate <i>grammatical</i> structure that best completes the dialogue.</p>
Number of Questions	<p>Task 1: 5 Vocabulary questions (cloze test)</p> <p>Task 2: 5 Vocabulary questions (gap filling in short contexts)</p> <p>Task 3: 5 Grammar questions (cloze test)</p> <p>Task 4: 3 Grammar questions (find close meaning)</p> <p>Task 5: 2 Grammar questions (dialogue completion)</p> <p>20 questions in total</p>
Test Focus & Objectives	<p>To assess the test taker's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• control of language accuracy• range of vocabulary and their word knowledge• form and meaning recognition ability• knowledge on parts of speech• ability to understand the general context
Text Types	Magazine articles, short dialogues, sentences
Length of Texts	<p>Vocabulary cloze test: approximately 190-200 words</p> <p>Vocabulary gap filling: approximately 30 words</p> <p>Grammar cloze test: approximately 230</p> <p>Grammar gap filling: approximately 15 words</p> <p>Short dialogues: approximately 20 words</p>
Question Format	Multiple choice with four options
Answer Format	The test takers mark their answers on the exam paper.
Weighting	20% of the exam

READING	
Tasks	Task 1: The test takers will read a text and answer multiple choice questions. Task 2: The test takers will read a text and answer multiple choice questions. Task 3: The test takers will read a text and answer multiple choice questions. Task 4: The test takers will read a text and answer multiple choice questions.
Number of Questions	Task 1: 3 questions Task 2: 5 questions Task 3: 6 questions Task 4: 6 questions 20 questions in total
Test Focus & Objectives	To assess the test taker's ability to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify main ideas • identify supporting details • make inferences • understand referents • guess word meaning from context
Text Types	Magazine articles, a study review.
Length of Texts	Text 1: 250-260 words Text 2: 280-290 words Text 3: 470-480 words Text 4: 620-630 words
Question Format	Multiple choice with four options
Answer Format	The test takers mark their answers on the exam paper.
Weighting	20% of the exam

LISTENING	
Content	Listening 1: The test takers will listen to four presentations about courses to improve your health. Listening 2: The test takers will listen to a long talk about preventing heart disease. Listening 3: The test takers will listen to an interview with a sport nutritionist. Listening 4: The test takers will listen to an interview about running.
Number of Questions	Listening 1: 4 questions Listening 2: 5 questions Listening 3: 5 questions Listening 4: 6 questions 20 questions in total
Test Focus & Objectives	To assess the test taker's ability to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand the gist and main idea information • understand the details/specific information
Text Types	Presentation, monologue, dialogue, interview.
Length of Texts	Listening 1: approximately 4 minutes Listening 2: approximately 4 minutes Listening 3: approximately 4 minutes Listening 4: approximately 4 minutes
Task Types	Multiple choice questions with four options
Answer Format	Students mark their answers on the exam paper.
Weighting	20% of the exam

SESSION 2

WRITING	
Task	The test takers will write an opinion essay about the given statement.
Test Focus & Objectives	To assess the test taker's ability to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an introductory paragraph with a clear thesis statement • 2 body paragraphs • supporting sentences • a concluding paragraph • target vocabulary from the units in the book.
Answer format	Students write an essay.
Weighting	20% of the exam

SESSION 3

SPEAKING	
Task	The test takers will give a short talk about a viewpoint on a topical issue after looking at the given pictures and reading the prompt questions and the short descriptions related to the topics.
Test Materials	PPT slides with topic descriptions, related pictures, and prompt questions
Number of Questions	1 task including 3 questions for each test taker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st question: A personal question related to the given topic • 2nd question: A personal question related to the given topic • 3rd question: An opinion-based question related to the given topic
Test focus & objectives	To assess the test taker's ability to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand detailed instructions • describe the personal significance of events and experiences in detail • clearly express feelings about something experienced and give reasons to explain those feelings • describe dreams, hopes and ambitions • explain the main points in an idea or problem with reasonable precision • give simple reasons to justify a viewpoint on a familiar topic • outline an issue or a problem clearly, speculating about causes or consequences, and weighing advantages and disadvantages of different approaches.
Picture Types	Real photos of people or items
Text Types	Extracts from any type of texts describing the given topic and/or giving recent facts or statistics about the topic
Length of Texts	35-50 words
Answer format	The test takers will speak for about 3 minutes after 2-minute preparation and their speech will be recorded.
Weighting	20% of the exam
Grading	The test takers' speech will be graded according to the criteria.