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PROFICIENCY EXIT EXAM SPECIFICATIONS FOR STUDENTS



Form: YDYO_KOOR
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Academic Year: 2024-2025

Level: B1+

Exam: Proficiency Exit Exam

Duration: Session 1: Language Use (Grammar+Vocabulary) + Reading + Listening (100 min.)

Session 2: Writing (50 min)+ Speaking (5 min.)

SESSION 1

| PART A: LANGUAGE USE | |
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| Questions | Questions 1-5: The test takers will read a gapped text followed by multiple choice questions and choose appropriate vocabulary to fill in the gaps. Questions 6-8: The test takers will read a short context and choose the appropriate vocabulary or the correct word form that completes the given sentences. Questions 9-13: The test takers will read a gapped text followed by multiple choice questions and choose appropriate grammatical structures to fill in the gaps. Questions 14-16: The test takers will read a sentence and choose the appropriate grammatical structure that rephrases the given sentence and has a similar meaning to it. |
| Number of Questions | 5 questions Vocabulary (cloze test) 3 questions Vocabulary (general vocabulary in short contexts) 5 questions Grammar (cloze test) 3 questions Grammar (rephrase) 16 questions in total |
| Test Focus & Objectives | To assess the test taker's <ul style="list-style-type: none">• control of language accuracy• range of vocabulary and his/her word knowledge• form and meaning recognition ability• knowledge on parts of speech• ability to understand the general context• ability to identify the rephrased sentences |
| Text Types | Newspaper or magazine articles, emails, blogs, advertisements, short stories, reviews, etc. |

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| Length of Texts | Approximately 150–200 words per text |
| Question Format | Multiple choice with four options |
| Answer Format | The test takers mark their answers on optical forms. |
| Weighting | 24% of the exam |

| PART B: READING | |
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| Texts | Questions 17-22: The test takers will read a text and answer multiple choice questions. Questions 23-28: The test takers will read a text and answer multiple choice questions. |
| Number of Questions | Text 1: 6 questions Text 2: 6 questions 12 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 • identify specific information • make inferences • understand referents • understand the purpose of the text/author • guess word meaning from context • distinguish facts from opinions • identify the summary of the paragraph/passage |
| Text Types | Newspaper or magazine articles, emails, blogs, advertisements, short stories, reviews, etc. |
| Length of Texts | Text 1: 600-700 words Text 2: 500-600 words |
| Question Format | Multiple choice with four options |
| Answer Format | The test takers mark their answers on optical forms. |
| Weighting | 18% of the exam |

| PART C: LISTENING | |
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| Content | Questions 29-34: The test takers will listen to four presentation followed by multiple choice questions. Questions 35-40: The test takers will listen to a lecture followed by multiple choice questions. |
| Number of Questions | Listening 1: 6 questions Listening 2: 6 questions 12 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 • understand the details and specific information • make inferences |
| Text Types | Lectures, interviews, dialogues, monologues, conversation, news bulletins, radio shows, presentations, reports, etc. |
| Length of Texts | The long conversation/debate is about 4 minutes. The lecture is about 5 minutes. |
| Task Types | Multiple choice with four options |
| Answer Format | Students mark their answers on optical forms. |
| Weighting | 18% of the exam |

SESSION 2

| WRITING | |
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| Task | The test takers will write an essay. The expected length of writing is 200-250 words. |
| Task Type | Writing an opinion essay |
| Test focus & objectives for | To assess the test taker's ability to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write an opinion essay expressing opinions or views supported by examples, facts, reasons by using a wide range of sentence structures and vocabulary correctly and appropriately |
| Answer format | The test takers will write their essays on a separate sheet. |

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| Weighting | 20% of the exam |
| Grading | The essays will be graded according to the criteria. |

| SPEAKING | |
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| Task | The test takers will give a three-minute 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 | 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. |