

Linguaskill – TEST STRUCTURE

Linguaskill consists of 4 components: reading & listening, writing, speaking.

The structure of the Linguaskill test is:

READING & LISTENING (60-85 minutes) <i>Adaptive: no fixed number of tasks.</i>			
MODULE	TASKS	DESCRIPTION	
READING	Read & choose	The candidate reads a sign, diagram, notice, memo or letter which contains short text and chooses the sentence which is most similar in meaning. There are three options.	
	Gap-fill sentences with options	The candidate reads a sentence with a gap and choose the most appropriate word to complete the sentence. There are 4 options.	
	Gap-fill text with options	The candidate reads a text which has gaps and chooses the most appropriate word from 4 options given.	
	Gap-fill text	The candidate reads a short text with gaps and must write the correct word which is missing. No options are given.	
	Extended reading	The candidate reads a longer text and answers multiple-choice questions. The questions follow the same order as the information in the text.	
LISTENING	Listen and choose	The candidate listens to a short recording and answers multiple-choice questions with 3 options.	
	Extended listening	The candidate listens to a longer recording and answers multiple-choice questions. The questions follow the same order as the recording.	
WRITING (45 minutes)			
MODULE	TASKS	DESCRIPTION	SCORES
WRITING Part 1: 15 minutes	Part 1 (email)	The candidate must write a minimum of 50 words. The candidate reads a short text, which is usually an email. The information from the text must be included in the email as well as three bullet points provided	This is 50% of the overall mark for writing.
WRITING Part 2: 30 minutes	Part 2 (extended text)	The candidate must write a minimum of 180 words. The candidate reads a text which describes a situation. The candidate answers using the information provided and three bullet points. The task involves writing a report or letter/email, proposal, article.	This is 50% of the overall mark for writing.
SPEAKING (15 minutes)			
MODULE	TASKS	DESCRIPTION	SCORES
SPEAKING	Part 1 Interview	The candidate responds to 8 personal questions (the first two are not scored).	20% of the overall mark for speaking.
	Part 2 Reading aloud	The candidate reads 8 sentences aloud.	20% of the overall mark for speaking.
	Part 3 Long turn 1	The candidate is asked to talk about a topic for approximately 1 minute. 40 seconds is given for preparation.	20% of the overall mark for speaking.
	Part 4 Long turn 2	The candidate is shown one or more visuals (e.g. a painting, a diagram or an information sheet) about which the candidate should talk for 1 minute. 1 minute is given for preparation.	20% of the overall mark for speaking.
	Part 5 Communicative activity	The candidate is asked to give an opinion about a topic by answering 5 questions. 1 minute is given for preparation.	20% of the overall mark for speaking.