



CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH: FIRST (FCE) – EXAM STRUCTURE UNTIL 2014

Reading 60 mins	Part 1	Multiple choice 8 questions 1 long text with 8 multiple-choice questions
	Part 2	Gapped Text 7 questions 1 long text with 7 missing sentences
	Part 3	Multiple matching 15 questions 1 long text or several short texts with 15 multiple-matching questions
Paper 2 Writing 80 mins	Part 1	Letter/Email One compulsory question Output: 120–150 words
	Part 2	Article/Essay/Letter/Report/Review/Short story/Set text option One task to be chosen from five options Output: 120–180 words
Use of English 45 mins	Part 1	Multiple-choice cloze 12 questions 1 text with 12 gaps: choice of 4 options for each gap
	Part 2	Open cloze 12 questions 1 text with 12 gaps: each gap to be completed with 1 word
	Part 3	Word formation 10 questions 1 text with 10 gaps: each gap to be completed with the correct form of a given word stem
	Part 4	Key word transformation 8 questions 8 gapped sentences which must be completed using a given word
Listening approx. 40 mins	Part 1	Multiple choice 8 questions 8 short extracts with a 3-option multiple-choice question for each extract
	Part 2	Sentence completion 10 questions 1 long extract (one or more speakers) with 10 gapped sentences to be completed
	Part 3	Multiple matching 5 questions 5 short themed monologues to be matched to 5 prompts from a choice of 6
	Part 4	Multiple choice 7 questions 1 long extract (one or more speakers) with 7 multiple-choice questions
Speaking 14 mins	Part 1	Interview (3 minutes) Candidates give personal information in response to interlocutor's questions
	Part 2	Individual long turn (4 minutes) Candidates speak individually about 2 pictures and comment briefly on the other candidate's pictures
	Part 3	Collaborative task (3 minutes)



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Candidates use visual material to speak to each other and complete a task
Part 4 **Further discussion** (4 minutes)
The interlocutor leads a discussion related to the topic of Part 3