



CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH: FIRST (FCE) – EXAM STRUCTURE FROM 2015

Reading and Use of English 75 mins	Part 1	Multiple-choice cloze 8 questions 1 text with 8 gaps: choice of 4 options for each gap
	Part 2	Open cloze 8 questions 1 text with 8 gaps: each gap to be completed with 1 word
	Part 3	Word formation 8 questions 1 text with 8 gaps: each gap to be completed with the correct form of a given word
	Part 4	Key word transformation 6 questions 6 gapped sentences which must be completed using a given word
	Part 5	Multiple choice 6 questions 1 long text with 6 multiple-choice questions
	Part 6	Gapped Text 6 questions 1 long text with 6 missing sentences
	Part 7	Multiple matching 10 questions 1 long text or several short texts with 10 multiple-matching questions
Writing 80 mins	Part 1	Essay One compulsory question Output: 140–190 words
	Part 2	Article/Letter/Report/Review One task to be chosen from three options Output: 140–190 words
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 speaker) 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 8
	Part 4	Multiple choice 7 questions 1 long extract (one or more speakers) with 7 multiple-choice questions
Speaking 14 mins	Part 1	Interview (2 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 responds briefly to a short question based on the other candidate's pictures
	Part 3	Collaborative task (4 minutes) Candidates use written prompts to speak to each other and complete a task



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Part 4 **Further discussion** (4 minutes)

The interlocutor leads a discussion related to the topic of Part 3