

The **Certificate in Advanced English** is at Level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference published by the Council of Europe.

CAE overview

Paper/Timing	Content	Test focus
READING 1 hour 15 minutes	<p>Part 1 Three texts on one theme from a range of sources. Each text has two multiple-choice questions.</p> <p>Part 2 A text from which six paragraphs have been removed and placed in a jumbled order, together with an additional paragraph, after the text.</p> <p>Part 3 A text followed by seven multiple-choice questions.</p> <p>Part 4 A text or several short texts preceded by 15 multiple-matching questions.</p>	Candidates are expected to show understanding of attitude, detail, implication, main idea, opinion, purpose, specific information, text organization, features, tone and text structure.
WRITING 1 hour 30 minutes	<p>Part 1 One compulsory question.</p> <p>Part 2 Candidates choose one task from a choice of five questions (including the set text options).</p>	Candidates are expected to be able to write text types such as an article, a contribution to a longer piece, an essay, information sheets, a letter, a proposal, a report, a review, or a competition entry, with a focus on advising, comparing etc
USE OF ENGLISH 1 hour	<p>Part 1 A modified cloze test containing 12 gaps and followed by 12 multiple-choice items.</p> <p>Part 2 A modified open cloze test containing 15 gaps.</p> <p>Part 3 A text containing 10 gaps. Each gap corresponds to a word. The stems of the missing words are given beside the text and must be changed to form the missing word.</p> <p>Part 4 Five questions, each one containing three discrete sentences. Each sentence contains one gap, which must be completed with one word which is appropriate in all three sentences.</p> <p>Part 5 Eight separate questions, each with a lead-in sentence and a gapped second sentence to be completed in three to six words, one of which is a given 'key word'.</p>	Candidates are expected to demonstrate the ability to apply their knowledge of the language system by completing a number of tasks.

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<p>LISTENING Approximately 40 minutes</p>	<p>Part 1 Three short extracts, from exchanges between interacting speakers. There are two multiple-choice questions for each extract.</p> <p>Part 2 A monologue with a sentence completion task which has eight items.</p> <p>Part 3 A text involving interacting speakers, with six multiple-choice questions.</p> <p>Part 4 Five short themed monologues, with 10 multiple-matching questions.</p>	<p>Candidates are expected to be able to show understanding of agreement, attitude, course of action, detail, feeling, function, gist, interpreting context, main points, opinion, purpose, specific information etc.</p>
<p>SPEAKING 15 minutes</p>	<p>Part 1 A conversation between the interlocutor and each candidate (spoken questions).</p> <p>Part 2 An individual 'long turn' for each candidate with a brief response from the second candidate (visual and written stimuli, with spoken instructions).</p> <p>Part 3 A two-way conversation between the candidates (visual and written stimuli, with spoken instructions).</p> <p>Part 4 A discussion on topics related to Part 3 (spoken questions).</p>	<p>Candidates are expected to be able to respond to questions and to interact in conversational English.</p>