

## KEY ENGLISH TEST (KET)

### PAPER 1: READING AND WRITING (1 hour 10 minutes)

Part 1 - **Matching:** 5 items testing understanding of the gist of signs, notes, labels.

Part 2 - **Multiple-choice:** 53-option items testing vocabulary related to a theme or simple story.

Part 3 - **Multiple-choice:** 53-option items testing functional language in short dialogues. You choose the correct response to an opening statement or question.

**Matching:** extended dialogue in which one of the speaker's words is gapped. You construct a continuous dialogue by choosing 5 out of 8 responses.

Part 4 - **Multiple-choice:** 7 3-option items testing understanding of the main idea(s) and details of a longer text (about 230 words).

Part 5 - **Multiple-choice cloze:** 8 3-option items testing structural elements (e.g., auxiliary verbs, modals, determiners, pronouns and prepositions).

Part 6 - **Word completion:** 5 items testing vocabulary and spelling. Candidates must identify and spell words suggested by simple definitions; the initial letter of each word is given followed by a series of dashes that represent the missing letters.

Part 7 - **Open cloze:** 1 or 2 short texts with 10 gaps testing structure and/or lexis.

Part 8 - **Information transfer:** a 5-item fill-in exercise testing comprehension and accuracy. Candidates transfer information from 1 or 2 short input texts (e.g., an advert or letter to an output text (e.g., a form or set of notes).

Part 9 - **Continuous writing:** Candidates produce a short message, note or postcard (25 - 35 words) in response to a short input text asking for 3 separate pieces of information.

## **PAPER 2: LISTENING** (approximately 30 minutes)

### **4 parts**

Part 1 - **Multiple-choice**: 5 three-picture items testing ability to identify key information in (25 items) short monologues or dialogues. Candidates choose the picture that best answers the narrator's question.

Part 2 - **Matching**: 5 items testing ability to identify key information in an extended informal dialogue. Candidates match the items to 8 options (e.g., people with places they want to visit).

Part 3 - **Multiple-choice**: 53-option items testing ability to listen for key information in a neutral or informal dialogue.

Part 4 - **Gap-fill**: 5 items testing ability to identify and interpret information in a neutral or informal dialogue. Candidates fill in one or more words or numbers on an order form or set of notes. Recognizable spelling is accepted, except for high-frequency words (e.g., *bus, red, days of the week*) or if spelling is dictated.

Part 5 - **Gap-fill**: Same as part 4, except the listening text is a neutral or informal monologue. hear each recording twice and write their answers in the test booklet. At the end of the test, you are given 8 minutes to transfer your answers (in pencil) onto the answer sheet.

## **SPEAKING** (8 - 12 minutes)

You are usually interviewed in pairs. Two examiners are present: one (the 'interlocutor') conducts the interview and assesses; the second (the 'assessor') also assesses your performance, but does not take part in the conversation.

**Part 1** - Short questions: You respond to factual, personal questions from the examiner.

**Part 2** - Simulated situation: You ask and answer questions using prompt cards.

The three papers are marked as follows:

Paper 1: Reading and Writing counts for 50% of the final mark;

Paper 2 Listening and Paper 3: Speaking count for 25% each of the final mark.