

English Exam: C1 Level

Structure of the exam

The exam is in three parts.

Listening Comprehension

You will be played an audio recording of approx. 5 minutes. You will hear the recording twice. You then answer seven questions based on what you have heard, answering in your own words.

Reading Comprehension

You will be given a text of approx. 1020 words and be required to answer seven questions based on what you have read. You must answer the questions in your own words: do not simply copy out sections from the text.

Writing Skills

You will be given a choice of topics/questions. You pick one of these and write formal, argumentative essay of 400-500 words. The essay will be graded based on its content and language, as well the structure, style and register.

There is no oral exam.

Other Points

You may use a **paper** dictionary (you are not allowed to use an online dictionary or a dictionary on a device. The dictionary must only be an English-language dictionary. It cannot be a dual-language dictionary (e.g. a German-English dictionary). You may be able to borrow a dictionary from the Selbstlernzentrum (<https://www.sz.europa-uni.de/en/selbstlernen/index.html>). To do this, you will need an active library card. Please enquire at the Language Centre BEFORE the exam if you are interested in borrowing a dictionary. If your dictionary does not fulfil the requirements, you will not be able to use it.

Preparing for the Exam

Read formal and academic texts, and broadsheet (i.e. not tabloid) newspapers, e.g. *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, and *The Guardian*.

Listening to radio features on stations such as BBC World Service and NPR.

Make sure you know what an argumentative essay is and how it should be structured. It is different from a pro and contra essay. There is some helpful information on the following site:

<https://www.sz.europa->

[uni.de/en/lektorate/englisch/pruefungen_Englisch/UNICert2_homepage/U2_essay/index.html](https://www.sz.europa-uni.de/en/lektorate/englisch/pruefungen_Englisch/UNICert2_homepage/U2_essay/index.html)