

viadrina Dialog und Transfer: C1 English Exam

Below you will find further information about your upcoming exam.

1. Structure and duration

The total length of the exam is 210 minutes.

The first part of the exam is the listening comprehension. We will all listen to the recording together. The second and third parts of the exam are reading comprehension and essay writing. You can decide how much time to spend on each section.

The number of marks for each question will be displayed clearly. The final marks for each section will then be weighted so that each section is equally weighted.

2. Tasks

(a) Listening Comprehension

You will listen to a recording lasting about five minutes. The recording will be an authentic audio recording (e.g. from the radio).

You will hear the recording twice and answer six or seven questions. The questions are testing whether you have understood what you have heard and whether you can extract relevant information.

You can copy down exactly what you hear.

Give as much relevant information as you can.

(b) Reading Comprehension

You will be given an authentic newspaper text of approximately 1000 to 1200 words.

You will 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.

(c) Essay Writing

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.

3. Examples of the Questions

Attached are some sample questions. You will see that some questions have been crossed out and are in black. This is because you are looking at a sample exam, not a real one, so some of the questions are missing.

4. Other points

There is no oral part for the examination.

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.