

UPDATED FCE EXAM FROM DEC 2008

PAPER ONE – READING

Was: 1 hour 15 mins, 4 parts

Now: 1 hour 3 parts:

- Part 1 Multiple Choice (2 pts each)
- Part 2 Gapped text (2 pts each)
- Part 3 Multiple Matching (1 pt each)

(Old part 1 matching paragraph headings has disappeared)

PAPER TWO – WRITING

Was: 1 hour 30 mins, 2 parts (120-180 words each) Students are required to deal with input material of up to 160 words.

Now: 1 hour 20 mins 2 parts:

- Part 1 : Informal or Formal Transactional letter or e-mail (120-150 words)
- Part 2 : A choice from: article, essay (what was composition), informal letter, application letter, report, review (new), story. (120-180 words)

PAPER THREE – USE OF ENGLISH

Was: 1 hour 15 mins, 5 parts

Now: 45 mins 4 parts:

- Part 1 Multiple choice cloze (12 gaps) (previously 15)
- Part 2 Open cloze (12 gaps) (previously 15)
- Part 3 Word formation (10 gaps) (previously part 5)
- Part 4 Key word transformations (8 sentences) (previously part 3, 10 sentences)

Parts 1-3 carry 1 point each correct answer.

Part 4 carries 2 points each correct answer.

Correct spelling essential.

(Old part 4 error correction has disappeared)

PAPER FOUR – LISTENING

Unchanged: 45 mins 4 parts:

- Part 1 Multiple choice in 8 different situations
- Part 2 Sentence completion
- Part 3 Multiple Matching
- Part 4 Multiple choice (7 questions)

(Part 4 will always be multiple choice A,B,C – not T/F or initials as previously)

All parts carry 1 point each.

PAPER FIVE – SPEAKING

Unchanged: 14 mins 4 parts IN PAIRS

- Part 1 Personal information questions
- Part 2 Individual long turn (comparing & contrasting two photographs)
- Part 3 Collaborative task
- Part 4 Discussion based on Part 3

The only change in the speaking is that part of the instructions will appear on the visual material for the students.