

What is PET?

Pet is the Cambridge **Preliminary English Test**. Level Two in the Cambridge exams.

What's the format?

There are four skills components in three papers:

Paper 1 – Reading and Writing (50% of total marks)

- **Eight parts: parts 1-5** test a range of reading skills (35 questions), **parts 6-8** test writing skills (3 questions).
- **1 hour 30 minutes.**
- **Answers must be written on an answer sheet.**

Paper 2 – Listening (25% of total marks)

- **Four parts.**
- **You hear everything twice.**
- **Approx 30 minutes (plus 6 minutes to transfer answers to the answer sheet)**

Paper 3 – Speaking (25% of total marks)

- **Four parts.**
- **10-12 minutes per pair of candidates.**
- **There are two examiners, one who asks the questions and gives a global impression mark, the other who assesses and gives marks according to special criteria.**

What's the pass mark?

Approximately **70% = PASS** **85% = PASS WITH MERIT**

How do we mark it?

Reading & Writing: 1 point for each correct answer for the 35 questions in the Reading. (weighted to 25 so 25% of total mark) 1 point for questions 1-5, question 6 is marked out of 5, question 7/8 is marked out of 15 (total 25 so 25% of total marks)

Listening: 1 point for each correct answer.

Speaking : Candidates are given marks according to three analytical criteria: Grammar and Vocabulary, Fluency / Development, Pronunciation, Interaction, and they are given a global mark.