

C O U R S E D E S C R I P T O R

CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED ENGLISH 2010

Paper 1: READING

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Part 1 – Three themed texts followed by two 4-option multiple-choice questions on each text. Candidates are expected to show understanding of detail, opinion, tone, purpose, main idea, implication, attitude and text organisation features.

Part 2 – A text from which paragraphs have been removed and placed in a jumbled order after the text. Candidates must decide from where in the text the paragraphs have been removed.

Part 3 – A text followed by 4-option multiple-choice questions.

Paper 2: WRITING

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Part 1 – One compulsory question. Candidates are expected to write one of the following (180-220 words): an article, a report, a proposal or a letter, focusing on evaluating, expressing opinions, hypothesizing and persuading. Candidates are required to deal with input material of up to 150 words. This may include material taken from advertisements, extracts from letters, emails, postcards, diaries, short articles etc.

Part 2 – Candidates choose one task from a choice of situationally-based writing tasks (220-260 words).

Paper 3: USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 1 hour

Part 1 – A modified cloze test containing 12 gaps and followed by 12 multiple-choice items.

Part 2 – A modified open cloze test containing 15 gaps.

Part 3 – A text containing 10 gaps. Each gap corresponds to a word. The stems of the missing words are given beside the text and must be changed to form the missing word.

Part 4 – Questions are made up of three discrete sentences. Each sentence contains one gap. The gapped word is common to the three sentences. Candidates must write one word which is appropriate in all three sentences.

Paper 4: LISTENING

Time: Approximately 40 minutes

Part 1 – Three short extracts from exchanges between interacting speakers with two multiple-choice questions on each extract, focusing on feeling, attitude, opinion, purpose, function, agreement, course of action, gist and detail.

Part 2 – A monologue (which may be introduced by a presenter) lasting approximately 3 minutes. Candidates are required to complete the sentences with information heard on the recording.

Part 3 – A conversation between two or more speakers of approximately 4 minutes. There are six multiple-choice questions, each with four options.

Part 4 – Five short themed monologues, of approximately 30 seconds each. Each multiple-matching task requires selection of the correct options from a list of eight.

Paper 5: SPEAKING

Time: 14 minutes

Part 1 – A conversation between the interlocutor and each candidate (spoken questions). Candidates are expected to be able to respond to questions and to interact in conversational English.

Part 2 – An individual 'long turn' for each candidate, with a brief response from the second candidate. In turn the candidates are given three pictures to talk about.

Part 3 – A two-way conversation between the candidates. The candidates are given spoken instructions with written and visual stimuli, which are used in a decision-making task.

Part 4 – A discussion on topics related to Part 3 (spoken questions).