

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

### **CAMBRIDGE FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH 2010**

#### **Paper 1: READING**

Time: 1 hour

*Part 1* - A text followed by eight multiple-choice questions. Candidates are expected to show understanding of specific information, text organisation features, tone and text structure.

*Part 2* - A text from which seven sentences have been removed and placed in a jumbled order, together with an additional sentence, after the text.

*Part 3* - A text or several short texts preceded by 15 multiple matching questions.

#### **Paper 2: WRITING**

Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

*Part 1* - One compulsory question. Candidates are expected to be able to write non-specialised text types such as an article, an essay, a letter, an email, a report, a review, or a short story, with a focus on advising, apologising, comparing, describing, explaining, expressing opinions, justifying, persuading, recommending and suggesting.

*Part 2* - Candidates choose one task from a choice of five questions (including the set text options).

#### **Paper 3: USE OF ENGLISH**

Time: 45 minutes

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

*Part 2* - A modified open cloze test containing 12 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* - Eight separate questions, each with a lead-in sentence and a gapped second sentence to be completed in two to five words, one of which is a given 'key word'.

#### **Paper 4: LISTENING**

Time: Approximately 40 minutes

*Part 1* - A series of eight short unrelated extracts from monologues or exchanges between interacting speakers. There is one multiple-choice question per extract. Candidates are expected to be able to show understanding of attitude, detail, function, genre, gist, main idea, opinion, place, purpose, situation, specific information, relationship, topic, agreement etc.

*Part 2* - A monologue or text involving interacting speakers, with a sentence completion task which has 10 questions.

*Part 3* - Five short related monologues, with five multiple matching questions.

*Part 4* - A monologue or text involving interacting speakers, with seven multiple-choice questions.

#### **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 (visual and written stimuli, with spoken instructions).

*Part 3* - A two-way conversation between the candidates (visual and written stimuli, with spoken instructions).

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