



## KARABUK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

### PROFICIENCY EXAM SPECIFICATION

**Exam Duration:** Approximately 100 minutes for test part – 50 mins for writing and 10 minutes for speaking

LISTENING	
<b>Content</b>	<p><b>Task 1:</b> A text followed by multiple-choice questions</p> <p><b>Task 2:</b> A text followed by multiple-choice questions</p> <p><b>Task 3:</b> A text followed by multiple matching questions</p>
<b>Number of questions</b>	20 questions in total
<b>Test focus &amp; objectives</b>	Main idea, Specific information, Meaning from context, Author's tone, attitude, and purpose, Text type, Inference, Implication, Cohesion & coherence
<b>Text types</b>	Lectures, interviews, dialogues, monologues, conversation.
<b>Length of texts</b>	Approximately 400-450 words per text. Approximately 900 words overall.
<b>Task Types</b>	Multiple choice Gapped text Multiple matching
<b>Answer format</b>	Candidates mark their answers on the screen by clicking on the option they choose. (ONLINE TEST)
<b>Marking</b>	20% of the proficiency exam

USE OF ENGLISH	
<b>Content</b>	<p><b>Task 1:</b> A gapped text followed by multiple-choice questions</p> <p><b>Task 2:</b> A gapped text followed by multiple-choice questions</p> <p><b>Task 3:</b> A gapped text followed by multiple-choice questions</p> <p><b>Task 4:</b> A gapped text followed by multiple-choice questions</p>
<b>Number of questions</b>	20 questions in total

<b>Test focus &amp; objectives</b>	Grammar and Vocabulary (CEFR B2 level)
<b>Text types</b>	Magazine or newspaper articles, reports, advertisements, essays, interviews, short stories, blogs, reviews.
<b>Length of texts</b>	Approximately 100-120 words per text. Approximately 500 words overall.
<b>Task Types</b>	Multiple choice cloze
<b>Answer format</b>	Candidates mark their answers on the screen by clicking on the option they choose. (ONLINE TEST)
<b>Marking</b>	20% of the proficiency exam

READING	
<b>Content</b>	<p><b>Task 1:</b> A text followed by multiple-choice questions</p> <p><b>Task 2:</b> A text followed by multiple matching questions</p> <p><b>Task 3:</b> A gapped text</p>
<b>Number of questions</b>	20 questions in total
<b>Test focus &amp; objectives</b>	<p>Main idea (<b>multiple choice &amp; matching</b>)</p> <p>Specific information</p> <p>Meaning from context,</p> <p>Author's tone, attitude, and purpose,</p> <p>Text type,</p> <p>Reference,</p> <p>Inference,</p> <p>Implication,</p> <p>Cohesion &amp; coherence (<b>Gapped text</b>).</p>
<b>Text types</b>	Magazine or newspaper articles, reports, advertisements, essays, interviews, short stories, blogs, reviews.
<b>Length of texts</b>	Approximately 400-450 words per text. Approximately 1300 words overall.
<b>Task Types</b>	Multiple choice Multiple matching Gapped text
<b>Answer format</b>	Candidates mark their answers on the screen by clicking on the option they choose. (ONLINE TEST)
<b>Marking</b>	20% of the proficiency exam

WRITING (20%)			
ELL		ENGINEERING and OTHER DEPARTMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY WRITING</b></li> </ul>	to write an essay expressing viewpoints/discussing advantages or disadvantages supported by examples/reasons/opinions and etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>OPINION PARAGRAPH</b></li> <li><b>GRAPH/CHART DESCRIPTION</b></li> </ul>	<p>to write a paragraph expressing their opinion on a familiar subject</p> <p>to summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features</p>

### SPEAKING (20 %)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION	
<b>Paper Format</b>	The speaking exam contains two parts
<b>Timing</b>	8-10 minutes
<b>NO. of Parts</b>	2
<b>Interaction Pattern</b>	One candidate and two examiners. <b>One examiner</b> acts as both interlocutor and assessor and manages the interaction either by asking questions or setting up the tasks for candidates. <b>The other examiner</b> acts as assessor and does not join in the conversation
<b>Task Types</b>	<b>Interactive discussion:</b> 2-4-minute individual discussion- Question answer with one examiner <b>Speech on a topic:</b> 2-4-minute speech by the candidate on the given topic/question.
<b>Marks</b>	Candidates are assessed on their performance throughout the test by using SFL speaking exam criteria
STRUCTURE AND TASKS	
<b>PART I</b>	
<b>Task type and Format</b>	An individual discussion from the candidate based on the questions given by the examiner.  The candidate answers a series of questions posed by the examiner. The candidate can be given several seconds before answering to organize his/her ideas. The questions vary from personal ones to general idea questions on everyday life/general culture.
<b>Focus</b>	Social interaction
<b>Timing</b>	Max 5 minutes (in total): 2-4 mins stating views and giving details
<b>PART II</b>	
<b>Task type and Format</b>	A short speech by the candidate on the given statement or question.  While the candidate gives his/her view and comments on the topic, the interlocutor does not involve in the conversation; he/she only sets the task. The interlocutor might help the candidate to start his/her speech by changing the question/ statement or asking a follow-up question only if the candidate cannot start his/her speech due to unfamiliarity with the topic.
<b>Focus</b>	Organising a larger unit of discourse, expressing and justifying opinions, developing topics.
<b>Timing</b>	Max 5 minutes (in total): 2-4 mins stating views and supporting/justifying his/her opinion.

**What does the Proficiency Exam test?**

It tests your language knowledge and skills you need to be able to start your department courses. So this test determines whether you are exempt from prep school program and directly start education at your faculty.

**What do I need to take the Proficiency Exam?**

You need to have a computer/laptop or a mobile phone all with internet access and headphones to listen to the audio questions. You are advised to use Google Chrome or Firefox browser to enter the exam.

The speaking part of the exam will be done in Microsoft Teams classrooms. You also need a camera /webcam feature in addition to the features above. The exam sessions will be recorded/video recorded by the examiners for assessment purposes.

**How do I start the Proficiency Exam?**

You will get SMS notifications on your mobile and/or email(s) about how to enter the online exam system. Also, you need to follow the informative announcements on prep school web page. (sfl.karabuk.edu.tr - announcements)

**Should I answer all the questions in the test?**

You should answer all the questions in the test. If you are not sure of the correct answer, you can still make your strongest guess and answer it. You will not be penalized of the incorrect answers. In writing and speaking part, you must be stick to the topic and do not include irrelevant ideas/details in your answer.

**What happens if I do not take the writing and/or speaking part of the exam?**

You will not get scores from these parts of the exam. There will be no make-up exams if you miss them.

**What happens if I do not take this exam?**

You are placed into a level based on your score in the Placement Exam and directly start prep school lessons. You lose your chance to start courses at your faculty. There will be no make-up exam if you miss it.