



KARABUK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

PROFICIENCY EXAM SPECIFICATION

Exam Duration: Approximately 80 minutes for test part – 40 mins for writing and 8-10 minutes for speaking

LISTENING	
Content	Task 1: A text followed by multiple-choice questions Task 2: A text followed by multiple matching questions
Number of questions	15 questions in total
Test focus & objectives	Main idea, Specific information, Meaning from context, Author's tone, attitude, and purpose, Text type, Inference, Implication, Cohesion & coherence
Text types	Lectures, interviews, dialogues, monologues, conversations.
Length of texts	Approximately 400-450 words per text. Approximately 900 words overall.
Task Types	Multiple choice
Answer format	Candidates mark their answers on the screen by clicking on the option they choose. (ONLINE TEST)
Marking	18% of the proficiency exam

USE OF ENGLISH	
Content	Task 1: A gapped text followed by multiple-choice questions Task 2: A gapped text followed by multiple-choice questions Task 3: A gapped text followed by multiple-choice questions Task 4: A gapped text followed by multiple-choice questions
Number of questions	20 questions in total
Test focus & objectives	Grammar and Vocabulary
Text types	Magazine or newspaper articles, reports, advertisements, essays, interviews, short stories, blogs, and reviews.
Length of texts	Approximately 100-120 words per text. Approximately 500 words overall.
Task Types	Multiple choice cloze
Answer format	Candidates mark their answers on the screen by clicking on the option they choose. (ONLINE TEST)
Marking	24% of the proficiency exam

READING	
Content	Task 1: A text followed by multiple-choice questions Task 2: A gapped text
Number of questions	15 questions in total
Test focus & objectives	Main idea (multiple matching) Specific information Meaning from context, Author's tone, attitude, and purpose, Text type, (Multiple choice) Reference, Inference, Implication, Cohesion & coherence (Gapped text).
Text types	Magazine or newspaper articles, reports, advertisements, essays, interviews, short stories, blogs, and reviews.
Length of texts	Approximately 400-450 words per text. Approximately 1300 words overall.
Task Types	Multiple choice Gapped text
Answer format	Candidates mark their answers on the screen by clicking on the option they choose. (ONLINE TEST)
Marking	18% of the proficiency exam

WRITING (20%)

- **OPINION PARAGRAPH**

to write a paragraph expressing their opinion on a familiar subject

SPEAKING (20 %)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION	
Paper Format	The speaking exam contains two parts
Timing	8-10 minutes
NO. of Parts	2
Task Types	Interactive discussion: 2-4-minute individual discussion- Question answer with the examiner Speech on a topic: 2-4-minute speech by the candidate on the given topic/question.
Marks	Candidates are assessed on their performance throughout the test by using SFL speaking exam criteria
STRUCTURE AND TASKS	
PART I	
Task type and Format	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.
Focus	Responding to questions on familiar and personal matters.
Timing	Max 5 minutes (in total): 2-4 mins stating views and giving details
PART II	
Task type and Format	A short speech by the candidate on the given statement or question. The candidate is given one minute before answering to organize his/her ideas. 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.
Focus	Organising a larger unit of discourse, expressing and justifying opinions, developing topics.
Timing	Max 5 minutes (in total): 2-4 mins stating views and supporting/justifying his/her opinion.