

## Complex Language Exam/Alapvizsga

This examination is designed to assess the general proficiency of candidates at the end of the first year of their English and American Studies at PPCU. The examination aims to evaluate both the written and spoken proficiencies of candidates at the B2<sup>+</sup> - C1 level, according to the CEFR. The following table gives an overview of the different parts of the exam.

	<b>Use of English</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Speaking</b>
<b>Time</b>	60 mins	45 mins	15 mins
<b>Score</b>	80	40	40

### **A. Written component**

The written component of the examination will consist of two parts: a 'Use of English' section, and written text production.

The **Use of English** section includes the following task types: (1) multiple choice cloze, (2) open cloze, (3) error correction, (4) word formation, (5) key word transformation (any structure), (6) sentence transformation (conditionals, passives, reported speech), (7) multiple choice.

Solutions will be checked against a key by a blind reviewer.

Pass score: 60% (i.e. 48 points)

In the sit-in **written text production** part candidates will write a 180-200 word text belonging to one of the following three genres: (1) formal letter, (2) narrative, or (3) review. Candidates can choose from two to three topics.

Evaluation (by two blind reviewers) will be based on the following criteria: task achievement; coherence & cohesion; grammar; and vocabulary.

Pass score: 40% (i.e. 16 points)

Candidates scoring 60% and above in the Use of English section, and also 60% and above overall in the Written component can sit in for the Spoken component of the examination.

### **B. Spoken component**

The spoken component of the examination is of the paired type and consists of three parts: (1) a one to two minute long individual turn prompted by pictures, followed by a brief response from the second candidate; (2) reading and summarising a short article; and, finally, (3) a two-way conversation between the candidates in a problem-solving/decision-making task prompted by visuals.

Both candidates will be evaluated based on the following criteria: interactive communication; discourse management; vocabulary; grammatical accuracy; and pronunciation and intonation.

Candidates can choose their partner.

Pass score: 40% (i.e. 16 points)

To pass the exam candidates must score 60% or above overall in the Written + Spoken components.

Candidates passing the Written component and failing the Spoken component may resit the Spoken component only. However, candidates scoring just above the pass mark in the Written component are advised to resit the Written component as well (in this case, obviously, the results of the second attempt will be considered).

Valid from March 2024 on.