

OPEN BADGE: LEVEL B2

- **LISTENING** - **30 MARKS**
- **READING** - **30 MARKS**
- **WRITING** - **30 MARKS**

TO PASS THE EXAM, YOU MUST GET 60% OVERALL (54/90) AND A MINIMUM OF 15 IN EACH INDIVIDUAL TEST.

Candidates who complete the online test successfully will be expected to do a “VIVA” . Through Microsoft Teams, they will need to present their ID and answer a few personal questions to confirm their identity and level.

LISTENING (30 marks)

PART 1: This is a conversation between two speakers on an everyday, social topic. This means that you listen to two people talking to each other about arranging a trip, organising an event, etc. The focus is on listening for specific factual information.

PART 2: This is a talk by one speaker on a general topic. This means that you listen to one person giving information about a public event, a service provided, etc. The focus is on listening for specific factual information.

PART 3: This is a lecture or talk by one speaker on an academic or study-related topic. This means that you listen to a person giving a lecture, a talk, etc. The focus is on listening for main ideas, specific factual information, attitude and speakers’ opinions.

READING (30 marks)

The Reading component of the B2 Open Badge for 2020 includes two reading passages, with 30 questions. The questions will test your ability to understand main ideas and detailed factual information, ability to understand the opinions and attitudes of the author, and the ability to follow the development of ideas. The topics of the readings are of general interest to university students.

You will have 40 minutes to complete the Task.

WRITING (30 marks):

The Writing Task requires you to write at least 250 words. You will be presented with a topic and will be tested on your ability to respond by giving and justifying an opinion, discussing the topic, summarizing details, outlining problems, identifying possible solutions and supporting what you write with reasons, arguments and relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You will have 40 minutes to complete the Task. If you write fewer than 250 words, you will be penalized.