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## Introduction

This collection of four complete practice tests comprises papers from the *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)* examination; students can practise these tests on their own or with the help of a teacher.

The *Cambridge English: Advanced* examination is part of a suite of general English examinations produced by Cambridge English Language Assessment. This suite consists of five examinations that have similar characteristics but are designed for different levels of English language ability. Within the five levels, *Cambridge English: Advanced* is at Level C1 in the Council of Europe's *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, teaching, assessment*.

It has been accredited by Ofqual, the statutory regulatory authority in England, at Level 2 in the National Qualifications Framework. The *Cambridge English: Advanced* examination is recognised by educational institutions, governmental departments and employers around the world as proof of the ability to follow an academic course of study in English at university level and communicate effectively at a managerial and professional level.

Examination	Council of Europe Framework Level	UK National Qualifications Framework Level
<b>Cambridge English: Proficiency</b> Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	C2	3
<b>Cambridge English: Advanced</b> Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	C1	2
<b>Cambridge English: First</b> First Certificate in English (FCE)	B2	1
<b>Cambridge English: Preliminary</b> Preliminary English Test (PET)	B1	Entry 3
<b>Cambridge English: Key</b> Key English Test (KET)	A2	Entry 2

## Further information

The information contained in this practice book is designed to be an overview of the exam. For a full description of all of the above exams, including information about task types, testing focus and preparation, please see the relevant handbooks which can be obtained from Cambridge English Language Assessment at the address below or from the website at: [www.cambridgeenglish.org](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org)

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## The structure of *Cambridge English: Advanced* – an overview

The *Cambridge English: Advanced* examination consists of four papers.

### Reading and Use of English 1 hour 30 minutes

This paper consists of **eight** parts, with 56 questions. For Parts 1 to 4, the test contains texts with accompanying grammar and vocabulary tasks, and separate items with a grammar and vocabulary focus. For Parts 5 to 8, the test contains a range of texts and accompanying reading comprehension tasks.

### Writing 1 hour 30 minutes

This paper consists of **two** parts which carry equal marks. In Part 1, which is **compulsory**, candidates must write an essay with a discursive focus of between 220 and 260 words. The task requires candidates to write an essay based on two points given in the input text. They need to explain which of the two points is more important and give reasons for their choice.

In Part 2, there are **three** tasks from which candidates **choose one** to write about. The tasks include a letter, a proposal, a report and a review. Candidates write between 220 and 260 words in this part.

### Listening 40 minutes (approximately)

This paper consists of **four** parts with 30 questions. Each part contains a recorded text or texts and corresponding comprehension tasks. Each part is heard twice.

### Speaking 15 minutes

The Speaking test consists of **four** parts. The standard test format is two candidates and two examiners. One examiner acts as both interlocutor and assessor and manages the interaction either by asking questions or providing cues for the candidates. The other acts as assessor and does not join in the conversation. The test consists of short exchanges with the interlocutor and with the other candidate, an individual long turn, a collaborative task involving both candidates, and a discussion.

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### Grading

Candidates will receive a score on the Cambridge English Scale for each of the four skills and Use of English. The average of these five scores gives the candidate's overall Cambridge English Scale score for the exam. This determines what grade and CEFR level they achieve. All candidates receive a Statement of Results and candidates who pass the examination with Grade A, B or C also receive the *Certificate in Advanced English*. Candidates who achieve Grade A receive the *Certificate in Advanced English* stating that they demonstrated ability at Level C2. Candidates who achieve Grade B or C receive the *Certificate in Advanced English* stating that they demonstrated ability at Level C1. Candidates whose performance is below C1 level, but falls within Level B2, receive a *Cambridge English* certificate stating that they have demonstrated ability at Level B2. Candidates whose performance falls below Level B2 do not receive a certificate.

For further information on grading and results, go to the website (see page 5).