English test for mobility out

Guidelines

This test aims to show attainment of either level C1 or B2 in English according to the CEFR in listening skills, reading skills and writing skills.

The test lasts about 2 hours and is divided into two sections:

Part I: 90 minutes

1. Article to read and comprehension questions
2. Writing:

   Based on an article of approximately 500 words on a social topic, candidates must write two texts:
   - a detailed 150-word summary of the text of the article
   - a personal viewpoint on the topic of the article explaining your view on the subject in a well-structured 300-word text for C1 or 200-word text for B2.

Part II: about 25 minutes

Online test. THE CANDIDATE MUST BRING THEIR OWN LAPTOP AND HEADPHONES.

Oral comprehension (questions based on spoken texts)

Grammar & vocabulary (candidates choose the appropriate grammatical form or vocabulary to complete phrases)

The length of the test varies depending on the applicant's ability. The 2 modules will take a maximum of 25 minutes. The test is timed. A free online demonstration is available. View the demo http://demo.evalang.ciep-online.com/

Results:

To reach B2 or C1: an average score is calculated based on the results of the 3 modules of the online test and the written test.

   Summary: The length required is 150 words. Writing more than 180 words is marked negatively when considering summarization skills.
   Argumentation: - Candidates have to express a point of view linked to the article that has been read.
   - Candidates are asked to write a clear and well-structured text. A text of at least 200 words is required to reach level B2. A text of at least 300 words is required to reach level C1. The time to write the text is the same for both levels.
   - For both texts, the lexical and morphosyntactic elements account for up to 50% of the marks for the text.

Please note: - A short text (= less than 280 words) will lead to a B2 level
   - If you estimate your level as B2 rather than C1, it's more efficient to write a well-structured text of 200 words, than an awkward 300-word one.