

Advanced (CAE) – Get to Know the Exam



STUDENT A

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the Advanced (CAE) exam:
1. Cambridge describes the Advanced (CAE) exam as _____ and thorough.
 2. Each section of the exam is worth _____ of the final mark.
 3. Combined, The Reading and Use of English exams have _____ activities.
 4. Candidates must be able to understand both fiction and _____ publications.
 5. For Writing Part 1 you must always write an essay with a _____ focus.
 6. Coherence and _____ are increasingly important when writing at C1 level.
 7. It is important to develop the topic of your writing, but also to avoid _____.
 8. The Listening exam lasts approximately _____ minutes.
 9. In the Speaking exam, there are 2 examiners, the interlocutor and the _____.
 10. Some parts of the Speaking exam are individual and some are _____.



STUDENT B

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the Advanced (CAE) exam:
1. The exam is designed for high achievers in the academic and _____ world.
 2. The Reading and Use of English exams are done together in _____ minutes.
 3. Throughout the Reading and Use of English, you will read _____ words.
 4. Both writing parts must be _____ words.
 5. In Writing Part 2, the options include a letter/email, review, **report or** _____.
 6. You have _____ minutes to complete both parts of the Writing exam.
 7. You will hear a variety of _____ in the Listening exam.
 8. Part 2 of the Speaking exam, where you describe pictures, is called the _____.
 9. When interacting with your partner, it is important to _____ contributions.
 10. The Speaking exam evaluates your grammar and vocabulary, organisation, _____ and interaction.



STUDENT C

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the Advanced (CAE) exam:
1. You can do either a paper-based or _____ exam.
 2. The Reading exam tests your ability to read for _____ and for detail.
 3. Use of English focusses on the _____ of the language.
 4. In the Use of English exam, correct _____ is essential.
 5. In Writing Part 2, you can choose from _____ different questions.
 6. It is quite common to encounter a formal writing task at C1 level so using the correct _____ is essential.
 7. The Listening exam can include lectures, _____, speeches and talks.
 8. You are always given some time to _____ yourself with the listening tasks.
 9. The Speaking exam lasts _____ minutes.
 10. You need a total mark of approximately _____ to pass the exam.



40 90
3 ASSESSOR
3000-3500
DISCURSIVE
LONG TURN 60%
SPELLING
20%
220-260
REGISTER
LINK
COHESION
8 PROPOSAL NON-FICTION
PROFESSIONAL
PRONUNCIATION
RADIO BROADCASTS
FAMILIARISE
STRUCTURE
RIGOROUS
GIST
IRRELEVANCIES
COMPUTER-BASED
INTERACTIVE 90
ACCENTS
15

Advanced (CAE) – Get to Know the Exam - ANSWERS

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STUDENT A

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the Advanced (CAE) exam:
1. Cambridge describes the Advanced (CAE) exam as **rigorous** and thorough.
 2. Each section of the exam is worth **20%** of the final mark.
 3. Combined, The Reading and Use of English exams have **8** activities.
 4. Candidates must be able to understand both fiction and **non-fiction** publications.
 5. For Writing Part 1 you must always write an essay with a **discursive** focus.
 6. Coherence and **cohesion** are increasingly important when writing at C1 level.
 7. It is important to develop the topic of your writing, but also to avoid **irrelevancies**.
 8. The Listening exam lasts approximately **40** minutes.
 9. In the Speaking exam, there are 2 examiners, the interlocutor and the **assessor**.
 10. Some parts of the Speaking exam are individual and some are **interactive**.

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STUDENT B

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the Advanced (CAE) exam:
1. The exam is designed for high achievers in the academic and **professional** world.
 2. The Reading and Use of English exams are done together in **90** minutes.
 3. Throughout the Reading and Use of English, you will read **3000-3500** words.
 4. Both writing parts must be **220-260** words.
 5. In Writing Part 2, the options include a letter/email, review, **report or proposal**.
 6. You have **90** minutes to complete both parts of the Writing exam.
 7. You will hear a variety of **accents** in the Listening exam.
 8. Part 2 of the Speaking exam, where you describe pictures, is called the **long turn**.
 9. When interacting with your partner, it is important to **link** contributions.
 10. The Speaking exam evaluates your grammar and vocabulary, organisation, **pronunciation** and interaction.

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STUDENT C

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the Advanced (CAE) exam:
1. You can do either a paper-based or **computer-based** exam.
 2. The Reading exam tests your ability to read for **gist** and for detail.
 3. Use of English focusses on the **structure** of the language.
 4. In the Use of English exam, correct **spelling** is essential.
 5. In Writing Part 2, you can choose from **3** different questions.
 6. It is quite common to encounter a formal writing task at C1 level so using the correct **register** is essential.
 7. The Listening exam can include lectures, **radio broadcasts**, speeches and talks.
 8. You are always given some time to **familiarise** yourself with the listening tasks.
 9. The Speaking exam lasts **15** minutes.
 10. You need a total mark of approximately **60%** to pass the exam.