

**OVERVIEW OF CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION AT THE B2 LEVEL OF  
LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMON  
EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE FOR LANGUAGES: LEARNING,  
TEACHING, ASSESSMENT (CEFR)**

Students who pass the Examination in Language Proficiency at B2 level will be awarded a University of Warsaw Certificate. Such a certificate verifies the student's proficiency and ability to use the language in typical everyday, academic and work contexts.

The Certificate exam is made up of two parts: a written test and an oral test. Students must attain 60% on the written test prior to taking the oral test.

In order to obtain a Certificate in Language Proficiency students need to attain 60% on both the written test and the oral test. The final mark awarded will be the sum of the marks attained for both the written and oral parts of the exam.

The total score is converted, on the basis of a recognised conversion table, to an academic grade according to the grading system adopted by the University.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES OF THE B2 ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM:**

Candidates proceeding to the oral B2 English test **MUST** register for a specific time-slot through USOS where the schedule for the oral tests is given.

**OVERVIEW OF WRITTEN TEST AT B2 LEVEL**

Subtests	Test tasks	Grading of tasks	Language competences
<b>Test 1:</b>  <b>Listening Comprehension</b>  <b>15 questions</b>  <b>Questions 1 – 15</b>  <b>30 marks</b>	Listening to TWO texts each played twice; Multiple choice questions of 3 options (a, b, c) and true/false questions. Texts types and topics include extracts from lectures, dialogues, talks on current affairs, popular scientific topics and academic texts.	2 points for each correct answer  Machine marked	Comprehension of spoken discourse: understanding main ideas, specific details and inference

<b>Test 2:</b>  <b>Reading Comprehension</b>  <b>15 questions</b>  <b>Questions 16 - 30</b>  <b>30 marks</b>		Reading TWO authentic texts and answering 4 option (a, b, c, d) multiple-choice questions and 5 option gap-filling tasks. Text types include press articles and extracts of academic papers, extracts of literary texts	2 points for each correct answer  Machine marked	Comprehension of written discourse: Understands main ideas, specific details, opinions and arguments, able to infer meaning of key vocabulary from context, and to appreciate text organisation, register and style.
<b>T e s t  3</b>  <b>L a n g u a g e</b>  <b>U s e</b>	<b>Test 3.1</b> <b>Recognising correct lexical and grammatical forms and structures</b>  <b>20 questions</b> <b>Questions 31 - 50</b>  <b>20 marks</b>	Multiple-choice gap-filling task with 4 options (a, b, c, d)	1 point for each correct answer  Machine marked	Able to identify correct grammatical forms, including phrasal verbs, collocations and word combinations necessary for successful communication
	<b>Test 3.2</b> <b>Using correct lexical and grammatical forms and structures</b>  <b>20 questions</b> <b>Questions 51 - 70</b>  <b>20 marks</b>	Open gap-filling	1 point for each correct answer  Assessed by examiner	Able to use correct vocabulary, grammatical forms and structures necessary for successful communication
<b>Test 4:</b>  <b>Writing</b>  <b>40 marks</b>		Writing an opinion or argumentation essay of 200 – 250 words	Assessed by two examiners on the basis of a rating scale assessing the following features: topic development, organisation, grammatical accuracy and lexical choices, spelling	Able to write a well-organised, cohesive text in which the candidate expresses his/her opinion

**Maximum score: 140 marks**

**Time allocated for the exam: 180 minutes**

**Test instructions provided in the foreign language tested for popular languages (English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish)**

**Test instructions provided both in Polish and in the foreign language tested for less popular languages (Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Dutch, Hungarian, Romanian). Test instructions in English provided on request.**