

<b>ENGLISH EXAM FORMAT</b>			
Before the start of the examination there will be a short, informal conversation between the candidate and the examiners. This is designed to create a relaxed atmosphere and give the candidate time to get settled in. This conversation WILL NOT be assessed. The chief examiner will advise the candidate when the assessed examination begins.			
<i>Part of Exam</i>	<i>What will Actually Happen?</i>	<i>What Linguistic Activities will it Examine?</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
1. Prepared Discussion	Candidate is asked which two topics from the agreed list he/she has prepared, and examiners chose one of them. Candidate introduces the topic (2 minutes maximum), after which he/she will be required to answer questions and enter into general discussion on the topic with the examiners.	Main: Spoken Production (prepared)	This part of the exam will provide assessment of the candidates' ability to present a known topic, a standard guiding skill. The introduction will lead into a general discussion of the sort that could occur with a well-informed group of visitors.
		Subsidiary: Listening Comprehension Spoken Interaction	
2. Sight Reading and Comprehension	Candidate is given an English text and is asked to start reading it aloud in their own time. The candidate may NOT ask questions about the text. The examiners will ask the candidate to explain particular words or phrases, especially those of an idiomatic or colloquial nature, and also ask two questions about the meaning of the text. The candidate will keep the text in front of him/her.	Main: Reading Accuracy and Comprehension (unprepared unless the topic is known in advance)	This will be a means of examining candidates' ability to pronounce English words without preparation. Its full effectiveness depends on whether words are present which present particular difficulties of meaning or pronunciation.
		Subsidiary: Listening Comprehension Spoken Interaction	
3. Listening Comprehension	An English text is read to the candidate, either by an examiner or by a third party, at normal speed and without pauses. The candidate may make notes, but will not see the text, and should not interrupt the examiner while the text is being read. When the examiner has finished, the candidate may ask for sections to be repeated, or ask for clarification. The candidate should then paraphrase the text in English. The examiners will ask at least two questions on the text, and on the candidate's paraphrasing of it	Main: Listening.	This will be a rigorous test of candidates' ability to listen to, and understand, the language of the examination being taken (i.e. English). It is appropriate given that a C2 level of ability is sought
		Subsidiary: Spoken production from a verbal stimulus	