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# There is Cambridge English Language Assessment

The Cambridge examinations — group of the examinations in English held by the division of examination recommendation of the same name of the Cambridge university (UCLES).

#### The history

- UCLES (University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate) — division of the Cambridge university — is created in 1858 for the purpose of holding examinations at schools. After its function were expanded.
- In 1913 the first test CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English) has appeared. In 1939 — Lower Certificate in English nowadays known as FCE. In 1991 the CAE test (Certificate in advanced English) which is "intermediate" between examinations of FCE and CPE has been developed. Changes of contents of tests were periodically carried out.

## ESOL are divided into several categories:

- For children (Young Learners)
- General English (General English)
- School examinations (Exams for Schools)
- Professional English (Professional English)
- Academic English (Academic English)

### General English has five-level system:

- KET (Key English Test)
- PET (Preliminary English Test)
- FCE (First Certificate in English) the First Cambridge certificate
- CAE (Certificate in Advanced English) the Cambridge certificate of advanced level
- CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English) the Cambridge certificate on free ownership of English

#### <u>KET</u>

- Key English Test the A2 level corresponds to the PreIntermediate level
- Consists of three parts: Reading and Writing (1 hour 10 min.), Audition on Hearing (30-38 min.) and Speaking (8-10 min.).

#### <u>PET</u>

- Preliminary English Test the B1 level corresponds to the Intermediate level
- Consists, as well as KET from three parts: Reading and Writing (1 hour 30 min.), Audition (30-36 min.) and Speaking in couples (10-12 min.).

#### **FCE**

- First Certificate in English the B2 level corresponds to Upper-Intermediate level
- Examination which checks for professional suitability to work or study.
- Consists of five parts: Reading (1 hour),
   Writing (1 hour 20 min.), Checking
   exercises (45 min.), Audition (40 min.) and
   Speaking (14 min.). In each part it is
   possible to gain up to 20%

#### CAE

- Certificate in Advanced English –the C1 level corresponds to Advanced
- The purpose of CAE is confirmation of the professional and academic success which is handing over.
- Examination consists of five parts: Reading (1 hour 15 min.), Writing (1 hour 30 min.), Checking exercises (1 hour), Audition (40 min.), Speaking (15 min.) CAE is estimated by the following marks: And (if 80-100% are gained), In (if 75-79% are gained), With (if 60-74% are gained).

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