

Today I prepared a presentation on the international examinations of English proficiency: KET, PET, FCE, CAE, CPE, IELTS in two categories:

- exams in general English (General English Exams)
- Professional and academic exams (Professional and Academic English Exams)

General English Exams

- The first important test you can go, having a basic knowledge of English or a little higher. It is called KET (Key English Test). This test checks for the presence needed for elementary communication knowledge and consists of three parts: Reading and Writing (. 1 hour 10 minutes), Listening / Listening (. 30-38 minutes) and Speaking (. 8-10 min) at Grades percent based on the dialed. If the score of 85-100%, the assessment will be "put a difference» (Pass with merit / distinction), if 70-84% - «put» (Pass), 65-69% - «put on the level of A1», less than 65 % - "not put» (Fail).

- The second test on the knowledge of general English is called a PET (Preliminary English Test), so-called "preparatory" test. This exam assesses the knowledge of English at the secondary level and gives the opportunity to participate in some international programs, for example, Work and Study, Work and Travel. The test takes about 2-2.5 hours and is, as KET three parts: Reading and Writing (1 hour 30 min.), Listening (30-36 min.) And Speaking in pairs (10-12 min.) Evaluated test as well as KET, except in the case when the scored 65-69%, then the certificate is issued - "put on the level of A2».

Professional and Academic English Exams

- Then there are special examinations to test professional or academic English skills. And the first of them is FCE (First Certificate in English) - an exam that tests of aptitude for work or study. In order to successfully pass the FCE, it is desirable to speak English at level B2 or Upper-Intermediate (Medium). FCE exam consists of five parts: Reading (1 hour), Writing (. 1 hour 20 minutes), Verification Exercise (. 45 minutes), Listening (. 40 minutes) and Speaking (. 14 min) In each part you can dial up to 20 %, and the results of evaluation are put A (excellent), B (good), or C (satisfactory).

- The next important academic exam - a CAE (Certificate in Advanced English). This exam confirms the command of the English language at the level C1 or Advanced 1 (Advanced). The goal of CAE is a confirmation of professional and academic success of the holder. The exam consists of five parts: Reading (1 hour 15 min.), Writing (1 hour 30 min.) Screening exercise (1 hour), Listening (40 min.), Speaking (15 min.). The CAE is estimated by the following marks: A (if scored 80-100%), B (if scored 75-79%), C (if you scored 60-74%). Certificates FCE and CAE are highly sought after in the world. More than 3,000 companies, universities and government agencies recognize them.

- One of the most complicated international exams is CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English). The exam is only suitable for people who speak English as a native language, as well as knowledgeable special professional vocabulary. To date, it is desirable to have a level of CPE C2 or Advanced 2 (Super Advanced). The exam is designed to confirm the best possible knowledge of English for professional and academic purposes. As CAE, this exam has five components or modules: Reading (1 hour 30 min.), Writing (2 hours), Verification Exercise (1 hour 30 min.), Listening (40 min.), Speaking (19min.) In whole exam lasts about 6 hours. Proper execution of each module brings 20%. The certificate is not issued if scored less than 60%. From 80 to 100% equivalent assessment of A (Excellent) from 75 to 79 - B (good), and from 60 to 74 - C (satisfactory, put). CPE certificate is recognized by many universities in the UK, as well as the consideration of documents on certain types of immigration visas.

- However, the most important test in the field of visa has been and remains the IELTS (International English Language Testing System). This exam can be taken, with the level of Intermediate (average) or higher. Everything depends on the delivery of the goals and requirements for points. For example, some universities are satisfied with assessment 6, while others require 8-8.5. The main reasons for the IELTS is a desire to study in prestigious foreign university, the desire to obtain a residence permit or citizenship, and work in an English speaking country (Canada, Australia, USA, UK, New Zealand). There are two types of IELTS: general (General) and academic (Academic). They differ from one another complexity, and academic examination for studying at the university a bit more complicated general intended to migrate. IELTS test system consists of four parts: Reading (1 hour), Writing (1 hour), Listening (. 30-35 minutes), Speaking (. 15-20 minutes) The written part consists of two parts: a letter and an essay in 250 words on a given topic. Estimates in the IELTS range from 0 (non-commissioned) to 9 (professional). As mentioned earlier, it is often enough to 5-6 points, depending on the goals and requirements of the place, and some schools require the result of 8-9. Today the IELTS exam is held in many countries of the world and the number of candidates for the delivery is growing every year.