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# **CAMBRIDGE B2 FIRST BOOKLET**

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# B2 FIRST: A VERY USEFUL CERTIFICATE

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- ◆ Grammar
- ◆ Listening comprehension
- ◆ Reading comprehension
- ◆ Speaking

# B2 FIRST EXAM FORMAT

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

1

**Multiple-choice cloze**

- 8 questions
- 1 mark for each correct question
- Synonyms, collocations, phrasal verbs...

2

**Open cloze**

- 8 questions
- 1 mark for each correct question
- Pronouns, articles, Modals, Conjunctions...

3

**Word Formation**

- 8 questions
- 1 mark for each correct question
- Nouns, adjectives, opposite meanings...

4

**Key Word Transformations**

- 6 questions
- Up to two marks for each correct question
- Comparatives, phrasal verbs, speculation, conditionals, infinitives Vs ing...

# READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

## Reading: 3 PARTS

5

**Multiple-choice**

- 6 questions
- 2 marks for each correct answer
- A,B,C or D

6

**Gapped-text**

- 6 questions
- 2 marks for each correct answer
- Reading comprehension

7

**Multiple Matching**

- 10 questions
- 1 mark for each correct answer
- Phrasal verbs, set phrases, idioms...

# WRITING

## 2 PARTS

Time allowed: 1 hour 20 minutes

5

**Essay (Compulsory)**

- 140-190 words
- Notes
- Your own idea

6

**Writing task**

- 140-190 words
- Article, review, report, Letter/email (choose 1)
- Organisation, connectors and modifiers

# LISTENING

## 4 PARTS

Time allowed: 40 minutes

1

**Multiple-choice cloze**

- 8 questions
- 1 mark for each correct question
- Prepositions, causatives, conditionals...

2

**Sentence completion**

- 10 questions
- 1 mark for each correct question
- Pronouns, articles, Modals, Conjunctions...

3

**Multiple Matching**

- 5 questions
- 1 mark for each correct question
- Match Speakers with statements

4

**Multiple Choice**

- 7 questions
- 1 mark for each correct question
- Key words, paraphrase

# SPEAKING

## 4 PARTS

Time allowed: 14 minutes per pair of candidates (20 minutes per group of 3)

1

Interview

- 2 minutes
- 1 mark for each correct question

2

Long Turn

- 10 questions
- 1 minute 30 seconds per candidate

3

Collaborative Task


- 3 minutes (2+1)
- 1 mark for each correct question

4

Discussion

- 4 minutes
- 1 mark for each correct question



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..... Multiple-Choice Cloze

Choose the right answer:

I could not answer your phone call because I was .....a meeting.

- A) in
- B) on
- C) at
- D) among

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..... Multiple-Choice Cloze

Choose the right answer:

It just takes ..... time to learn to use it.

- A) little
- B) a little
- C) few
- D) a few

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 Open Cloze

Fill in the gaps in the text with one word. More than one answer may be possible.

The 1794 Flowing Hair Silver Dollar may sit atop the rankings of the most expensive coin ..... (1) sold, at least ..... (2) now. Some experts believe that it was the first silver dollar struck ..... (3) the U.S. Mint. The front features a profile of Lady Liberty with flowing hair, ..... (4) the reverse shows an American eagle. .... (5) than 1,800 of these coins were ever produced, and one expert puts the number of remaining coins at between 120 and 130, so it's quite rare. The coin sold ..... (6) auction for just over \$10 million in 2013.

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|----|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 1) | a) on    | b) ever | c) never | d) that   |
| 2) | a) of    | b) to   | c) as    | d) for    |
| 3) | a) to    | b) on   | c) at    | d) by     |
| 4) | a) while | b) as   | c) but   | d) nor    |
| 5) | a) Less  | b) Few  | c) Fewer | d) Little |
| 6) | a) in    | b) on   | c) at    | d) to     |



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 Key Word Transformation

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

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People think he is the thief.

**IS**

He ..... the thief.

\*

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 Word formation

Use the word given in capitals at the end of the line to form a word that fits in the gap.

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 Nurses complain of being overworked and ..... (PAY)

\*

 B2 First  
 Word formation

Use the word given in capitals at the end of the line to form a word that fits in the gap.

\*

None of us is completely ..... —we all knew something like this could happen. (blame)

\*



 B2 First  
 Word formation

Use the word given in capitals at the end of the line to form a word that fits in the gap.

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He shook his head in ..... (Believe)

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 Essay

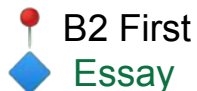
Is it better to shop in local businesses or in department stores?

Notes

Write about:

1. Service
2. Range of products
3. ... (your own idea)



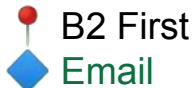


Every country in the world has problems with pollution and damage to the environment. Do you think these problems can be solved?

Notes

Write about:

1. Transport
2. Rivers and seas
3. ... (your own ideas)



You receive this email from your English speaking friend:

From: Craig

To: you

Hi, Paul!

How's it going?

Guess what? Next month I'm coming to your city! I'm so excited! I'll be there for 2 weeks. My flight is arriving on the 12th at 18:20. How about meeting up and have some fun? Are there any concerts or exhibitions worth seeing? What places do you recommend to visit? How's the weather like over there? What clothes should I wear? What's the best way to get around your city? Would you like me to bring you something from my country?

I'm looking for hotels to stay right now, but they look quite expensive. Any advice on how to get cheap accommodation?

I'm looking forward to seeing you.

Answer his email

- \* Welcome him
- \* Offer him some ideas to do
- \* Say how you feel

# SPEAKING (PART 1)

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 Speaking (Part 1)

1. What is your name?
2. What is your surname?
3. How do you spell it?
4. Where are you from?
5. What's the best place to spend a free afternoon in your town/city/village?
6. Tell us about a day you've really enjoyed recently.
7. Do you use the internet to learn new things?
8. Where would you most like to go on holiday in future?
9. Tell us about a film you really like.
10. What do you enjoy doing with your friends?
11. What's the most exciting thing you've ever done?
12. Is there a sport or hobby you enjoy doing?
13. Do you plan to study anything in the future?
14. Do you have any pet? What are their names? If not, would you like to have one?

# NOTES

