

ESOL Skills for Life: Level 1

Exam Structure Summary

Speaking & Listening (Oral interview with Trinity examiner)

1. Individual Component (up to 10 mins)
 - Task 1: Exchange of information about personal past events (up to 4 mins)
 - Task 2: Presentation – describing a process (up to 3 mins)
 - Task 3: Role play – formal requests for factual information, descriptions and comparisons (up to 3 mins)
1. Group Component (up to 15 mins)
 - Task 4: Problem solving – dealing with common everyday problems and giving advice and suggestions (up to 15 mins)

Reading (Reading exam taken under controlled exam conditions)

1. Trinity Test. Short answer reading paper (30 items)
 - Task 1: Explanatory text (8 items)
 - Task 2: Two Informational (vocational) texts (8 items)
 - Task 3: Descriptive text (8 items)
 - Task 4: Persuasive text (6 items)

Total time allowed: 60 mins

Writing (Writing exam taken under controlled exam conditions)

1. Writing paper (3 tasks)
 - Task 1: Write a record of extended personal data for official purposes (e.g. annual appraisal form) (approx. 200 words)
 - Task 2: Write a formal report making comparisons between, e.g. countries lifestyles, jobs (e.g. an article differences between treatment of elderly people in two countries you know (approx. 300 words)
 - Task 3: Write an informal letter setting out a problem (factual or fictional) and asking for advice (e.g. a letter about problems with your accommodation) (approx. 150 words)

Total time allowed: 100 mins

Level 1 Pass Marks

	Total Possible Marks	Pass Mark
Speaking and Listening	60	40
Reading	30	20
Writing	45	30