iZMİR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT OF BASIC ENGLISH 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR 24 AUGUST 2022 PROFICIENCY EXAM TEST SPECIFICATIONS / STUDENT'S COPY

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXAM

- The Proficiency Exam will take place on the day and at the time determined by the School of Foreign Languages. Therefore, no change in date or time can be requested due to any excuse.
- The exam will be administered <u>face-to-face</u> on campus in the SFL buildings.
- Students must be in the classrooms **ten minutes before the start time of the exam**. The exam will be conducted in **three sessions** consisting of several parts. Please see the details below:

Date	Component	Response Format	Skills Assessed	Number of Tasks / Questions	Total Mark	YOBS Mark	Allocated Time	
24 August	Vocabulary	* Multiple Choice (4-option)	Vocabulary Knowledge	1 task 10 questions	10	10	10.00-11.10	
2022	Reading	* Multiple Choice (4-option)	Reading Comprehensio n	5 tasks 25 questions	25	25	(70 min.)	
	BREAK (11.10-11.30)							
24	Use of English	* Multiple Choice (4-option)	Grammar Knowledge	4 tasks 25 questions	25	25	11.30-12.35 (65 min.)	
August 2022	Listening	* Multiple Choice (4-option)	Listening Comprehensio n	2 tasks 10 questions	15	15		
LUNCH BREAK (12.35-13.45)								
24 August 2022	Writing	* Open-ended	Writing an essay	1 task – writing an opinion essay	25	25	13.45-14.50 (65 min.)	

EXAM DESIGN

OVERALL DESIGN						
Purpose	To assess reading, knowledge of grammar, language functions, vocabulary, listening and writing in English in order to specify the students' proficiency levels.					
Test type	Proficiency Test					
Intended population	Undergraduate / Graduate students					
	Age: 18+					
	Nationality: Learners from Turkey in a majority					
	Non-native speakers of the target language					
	Mostly from similar educational / social background					
Intended decisions	The results will be used for proficiency purposes.					
Response format	Multiple Choice					
Language Level	B2 of The Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)					
Number of Test Components:	3					
Number of Tasks	13					
Number of items	76					
Time Allocated	200 minutes					
Order of items	Vocabulary and reading, Use of English and Listening, Writing					
	Items are in sequential order.					
Weighting of items	All items in the vocabulary, reading, use of English tasks are equally weighted (1 point each) while listening task items are 1,5 points each.					

Weighting of test components	Vocabulary:	10 test items making a 10% contribution to the total score				
components	Reading:	nding: 25 test items making a 25% contribution to the total score				
	Use of English:	25 test items making a 25 % contribution to the total score				
	Listening:	10 test items making a 15 % contribution to the total score				
	Writing	1 task making a 25% contribution to the total score				
Reporting type	Single test score out of 100					
ASSUMPTIONS REG	ARDING THE	TEST POPULATION				
Background Knowledge	The input is aimed to be within learners' background knowledge but not totally given; learners should not be able to answer questions from background knowledge without recourse to the input.					
Language Knowledge	Students are expected to be at B2 of The Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). [Item writer(s) will already specify the lexis, structures, and functions in accordance with the respective CEFR levels.]					
Lexical Range	Appropriate to level B2 of the CEFR					
	11 1	t will NOT consist of more than 10% of words from the higher levels.]				
Structural Range	Appropriate to	level B2 of the CEFR				
Functional Range	Appropriate to	level B2 of the CEFR				
SCORING						
General Statement	Automatically n	narked sheets				

	PART A: VOCABULARY					
TASK 1: Gap Fill						
TASK SETTINGS						
Purpose	To test learners' ability to recognise the correct use of vocabulary given in discrete contexts					
Response format	Multiple choice items (4-option)					
Known criteria	Answer Key [Note: Learners know there is an answer key with which their responses will be compared.]					
Weighting	All items worth 1 point (0 for incorrect response)					
Number of items	10 items					
Sample Test Item	"					
a) borrow b) lend	d c) take d) help PART B: READING COMPREHENSION SKILLS					
	TASK 1: Multiple Matching					
TASK SETTINGS						
Response format	Multiple choice (4-option)					
	[Matching the correct information for each paragraph]					
Known criteria	Answer Key					
	[Note: Learners know there is an answer key with which their selections will be compared.]					
Weighting	All items worth 1 point (0 for incorrect response)					
Number of items	5					
Intended operations	To test learners' ability to identify specific information in paragraphs					

TASK DEMANDS					
Input					
Discourse mode	Articles / Short stories				
	Exposition / Narration / Description / Argumentation				
Channel	Written, paper-based				
Text length	550-600 words				
Nature of information	Semi- authentic text / concrete				
Content knowledge	Text types familiar to students Familiar topics that interest learners but that do not overexcite or disturb				

SAMPLE TASK

For questions 11-15, answer by choosing from the sections of the article (I-IV).

Your Beautiful Caribbean Holiday

It is said that for every individual dream of faraway sands there is a perfectly matching Caribbean island. For centuries — the Caribbean has enchanted and captivated the traveller with the combination of perfect beaches of dazzling white sands, palm trees shaking in the soft winds and a pace of life that is decidedly relaxed. We have selected four of the most popular islands: St. Lucia, Antigua, Jamaica and Barbados.

I. St. Lucia

A mystical island of volcanic mountains, St. Lucia is a charmed and charming place. Its scenic grandeur is second to none: secret bays of deep sand, sky-high mountain sides covered in dense forestry and whole valleys of banana groves make for dramatic scenery and yet they are upstaged for sheer rarity by its most famous landmark- the twin volcanic cones, called the Pitons. With a history as complex as its tropical greenery and perhaps the friendliest people in the Caribbean, it's difficult to know if they are a product of the island or the vital ingredient that makes it what it is. Either way, they welcome the visitor with a refreshing enthusiasm- and a spicy traditional cuisine. St. Lucia is undeveloped (as are its roads and services!) and while it remains unspoilt, it may spoil you for anywhere else.

II. Antigua

It's said that Antigua has a beach for every day of the year and its rocky coastline of deep inlets, long peninsulas and natural harbours certainly supports the theory. However, it's a legend that is difficult to prove, for visitors to the island are so quickly intoxicated with the gentle pace, infectious calm and general contentment, that no-one is inclined to do a count. One thing is certain, the coral island of Antigua has the finest shores of pink-white sand in all the Caribbean. Apart from the beach, there is plenty of sightseeing as Antigua's unsophisticated charm is spellbinding. In the capital, St. Johns, wooden balconies a century old overhang the street and the market is a battlefield where gossip is exchanged with goods.

III. Jamaica

As colourful as its history, as lively as its local reggae rhythm, and as scenic as any island you will find, Jamaica's magical magnet draws eager visitors to its shores in ever-increasing numbers. Woodland and waterfalls, history and tradition, sun and sports, modern Jamaica has it all. The sugar-white sands of the north coast resorts are legendary and bordered with offshore coral reefs, providing a wide choice of water-based activity, from snorkelling to jet skiing, scuba diving to parasailing. The landscape too, more than simply beautiful, lends itself to recreation. You can climb the water-smoothed steps of Dunn's River Falls, play golf on a number of world class courses, go rafting on the Rio Grande. So much more than sun and sand, Jamaica is the Caribbean encapsulated, a rich reserve of holiday resorts.

IV. Barbados

As British as cricket and afternoon tea, as historic as piracy on the high seas, as exotic as calypso and coral reefs, as Caribbean as you could wish, Barbados is a matchless mix of sunshine, sport and sophistication. The sunniest in a sea of tropical treasures, Barbados is blessed with beautiful beaches, where, centuries ago, smugglers and pirates used to land. The fashionable west coast is caressed by the cool Caribbean, while the eastern shoreline is battered by the crashing Atlantic surf. Those who enjoy land sports are well looked after, with championship golf and foodlit tennis courts and on warm Barbados evenings the 'millionaires' playground' of the West Indies comes alive with the characteristic music of steel bands, the cool sound of jazz and the more relaxed Latin American rhythms. Yet the island preserves a certain charm, gentility and sophistication, in classical colonial plantation mansions, in old-world values of courtesy and dress code and the time-honoured tradition of taking life slowly, so it lasts longer... Decide that 'rushing' is just something they make baskets from and you're well on the way to discovering the Barbados spirit.

Which island would you recommend for a holiday maker who...

- 11) enjoys different kinds of music?
- a) I b) II
 - c) III d) IV
- 12) enjoys eating peppery food?
- a) I b) II
- c) III
- d) IV
- 13) wants to meet the local population?
- a) I b) II
- c) III
- - d) IV
- **14)** wants to do a lot of water sports?
- a) I b) II
- c) III
- d) IV
- 15) wants to see the best pink-white sand?
- a) I b) II c) III d) IV

TASK 2: Heading					
TASK SETTINGS					
Response format Multiple choice (4-option) Matching the correct headings with the paragraphs.					
Known criteria	Answer Key [Note: Learners know there is an answer key with which their selections will be compared.]				
Weighting	All items worth 1 point (0 for incorrect response)				
Number of items	5				
Intended operations	To test learners' ability to identify specific information in paragraphs				

SAMPLE TAS	SK					
Read the tex	t and	choose the suitable heading for paragr	aphs A	E. There are EXTRA three options. (5:	x1=5 points)	
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	I. A Shocking History V. Gender Discrimination					
	II.	The Battle of the Sexes	VI.	Forming Routines		
	III.	Which is More Important: IQ or EQ?	VII.	The Memory Problem		
	IV.	How Much Do We Know?	VIII.	What Causes the Difference?		
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16. Which of the following is the correct heading for paragraph A? a) I b) IV c) III d) VII

TASK 3: Discourse Completion					
TASK SETTINGS					
Response format	Multiple choice (4-option) Inserting sentences into the suitable places in the text.				
Known criteria	Answer Key				

	[Note: Learners know there is an answer key with which their selections will be compared.]					
Weighting	All items worth 1 point (0 for incorrect response)					
Number of items	mber of items 5					
Intended operations	To test learners' ability to follow contextual cues in a text					
TASK DEMANDS						
Input						
Discourse mode	Articles / Short stories					
	Exposition / Narration / Description / Argumentation					
Channel	Written, paper-based					
Text length	250-300 words					
Nature of information	Semi- authentic text / concrete					
Content knowledge	Text types familiar to students					
	Familiar topics that interest learners but that do not overexcite or disturb					
SAMPLE TASK						
Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question (21-25), choose the correct answer (I-VIII). There are EXTRA three options. (5x1=5 pts.)						
different. The actors are	When a film is successful, it's usually the actors who get all the attention in the media, but at the Oscars this is different. The actors are just one part of what makes a film successful. Behind the scenes, there is a hard-working team that makes it all happen. One thing shouldn't be forgotten. 21)					
One of the most importa	ant people behind the scenes is the director. The director's job is to give directions to the actors					
All films need good photography to help develop the story. 23) He or she makes sure that the photography supports the story. He or she has a lot of responsibility and leads the teams in charge of lighting and cameras.						
24) He or she is the person who needs to understand exactly what the director wants and design the most suitable costumes. The costumes have to be comfortable so the actors can move easily, but at the same time they need to match the characters the actors are playing. It's a job that requires imagination, research and you have to know how to make things!						
It could be said that the most important person in the creation of a film is the producer. Without a producer there would be no film at all! The producer steers the film through all its stages and is the person who finds the money to finance the whole film. 25) During the whole filming process, it is the producer's job to make sure that everything goes well.						

- I. There are some world-wide known directors whose films are followed by many because of this.
- II. He/she is just as important as the big stars and the Oscars recognise many of these people who we never usually consider
- III. Shooting a film is collaborative and stressful work
- IV. The cinematographer is the person who is in charge of shooting the film
- **V.** Another essential person that we often forget about is the costume designer the person who designs what the actors wear.
- VI. Despite the huge popularity of the film sector, some actors are underpaid.
- VII. Costume design is an essential part of shooting a film.
- VIII. He or she also works closely with many other people behind the scenes

21) a) I	b) II	c) III	d) IV	e) V	
		TASK	4 - 5: Reading	Comprehension	
TASK SET	TINGS				
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TASK SETTINGS	1 A3K 4 - 5. Reading Complehension			
Response format	Multiple-choice (4-option)			
Known criteria	Answer Key [Note: Students know there is an answer key with which their responses will be compared.]			
Weighting	All items worth 1 points (0 for incorrect response)			
Number of texts	2			
Number of items	10			
Intended operations	To test learners' ability to: derive the probable meaning of unknown words from familiar contexts understand straightforward factual texts on familiar topics understand which word or phrase a pronoun refers to identify key information in a simple academic text identify the main topic and related ideas in a structured text			
TASK DEMANDS				

TASK DEMANDS					
Input					
Discourse mode	Articles / Short stories				
	Exposition / Narration / Description / Argumentation				
Channel	Written, paper-based				
Text length	450-550 words				

Nature of information	Semi- authentic text / concrete
Content knowledge	Text types familiar to students
	Familiar topics that interest learners but that do not overexcite or disturb

SAMPLE TASK

Read the text and choose the correct option for questions 26-30. (5x1=5 points)

200,000 miles from the earth, the crew of the third manned mission to the Moon faced an astronaut's worst nightmare: an explosion on the spacecraft. It is the plot of the Oscar-winning film Apollo 13, but it's also a true story of survival against the odds.

- **A.** Was it doomed from the beginning? The scientists at Houston were in charge of getting the spacecraft to the Moon and back. They had scheduled for the April 1970 lift-off for 13 minutes after the 13th hour. They had also planned the moon landing itself for the 13th day of the month. For those who believe in bad luck, perhaps the only thing missing was a Friday. Scientists aren't supposed to be superstitious, though, and despite minor problems on lift-off, Apollo 13 started its journey.
- **B.** Two days into the mission, the three-man crew faced catastrophe. They had been carrying out routine checks when there was a loud bang. Warning lights were starting to flash furiously. Looking out into space, they could see a trail of gass the spacecraft was leaking oxygen. They sent out a short message to the scientists back on Earth: "Houston we've had a problem here!" At first, they thought that a meteor had hit them, but they later found out that a short-circuit had caused an oxygen tank to explode. Whatever the cause, they knew there was no time to lose. Their electricity supply in the command module depended on that oxygen and pretty soon they will run out of both.
- C. The only solution was to conserve oxygen by moving from the command module into the lunar module the section of the spacecraft that would have landed on the Moon. Now though, they were using it as a kind of lifeboat. With its own power supply, oxygen and water, the three men could survive in the lunar module and return to Earth. There was another problem though. In an enclosed space like a lunar module, the carbon dioxide the crew was breathing out was dangerous. The equipment to clear the air of carbon dioxide was only built for two people. Now <u>it</u> had to cope with three. Amazingly, crew managed to put together an adapter that reduced the carbon dioxide to a safe level.
- **D.** There was one final *obstacle*. The lunar module wasn't strong enough to re-enter the Earth's atmosphere, so the crew had to transfer back into the damaged command module. To everyone's relief, the crew of Apollo 13 splashed down safely in the South Pacific Ocean on April 17th. It was a space flight that would go down in history. Although the crew didn't land on the Moon, NASA still considers the mission a success. The Apollo 13 disaster was proof that their highly-trained astronauts could deal with anything that could go wrong.

26. The text is mainly about	
a) the bad effect of the number 13b) an explosion on a spaceship	c) the Oscar-winning film Apollo 13 d) a journey to the Moon
27. The word 'it' in paragraph C refers to a) another problem b) the equipment c) carbon dioxide level d) the crew with a lifeboat	
28. The word 'obstacle' in paragraph D is closes a) responsibility b) similarity	t in meaning to c) safety d) difficulty

a) usin	nauts survived by g the lunar module as a lifeboat c) repairing the command module of the less oxygen d) creating a new oxygen supply		
	SESSION II: USE OF ENGLISH & LISTENING		
	PART A - USE OF ENGLISH		
	TASK 1- Gap Fill		
TASK SETTI	NGS		
Purpose	To test learners' ability to recognise the correct usage of various grammatical forms and structures given in discrete contexts		
Response format	Multiple choice (4-option)		
Known criteria	Answer Key [Note: Learners know there is an answer key with which their responses will be compared]		
Weighting	All items worth 1 point (0 for incorrect response)		
Number of items	mber of 13 items		
Sample Test Ite	m		
Choose the cor	rect option to complete the sentences in questions 1-13. (13x1=13 points)		
. This is the pizza I've ever had. a) worst b) worse c) bad d) badly			
	TASK 2: Error Identification		
TASK SETTIN	GS		
To test learners' ability to recognise the error in various grammatical forms are structures given in discrete contexts			
Response format Multiple choice items (4-option)			
Answer Key Known criteria [Note: Learners know there is an answer key with which their response compared.]			
Neighting	All items worth 1 point (0 for incorrect response)		
Number of item	s 7 items		
Sample Test Ite	jii		

Each sentence in the following paragraph (questions 14-20) has four <u>CAPITALISED</u> words / phrases. One of them contains a grammatical mistake. Choose the correct option that shows the mistake. (7x1=7 points)

14. In this framework, it explores the interconnection and biodirectional relationship **a**) <u>BETWEEN</u> human and nature, and at the same time deals **b**) <u>OF</u> various problems **c**) <u>SUCH</u> as the climate crisis as a problem **d**) <u>THROUGH</u> the concept of ecosophia. **15.** It focuses **a**) <u>ON</u> issues like unexpected changes in **b**) <u>THE</u> climate, the damage caused by the material wastes **c**) WHEN people **d**) <u>USE</u> to live, to the ecological system.

TASK 3: Dialogue Completion		
TASK SETTINGS		
Purpose	To test learners' ability to recognise the correct use of functions given in a dialogue	
Response format	Multiple choice items (4-option)	
Known criteria	Answer Key [Note: Learners know there is an answer key with which their responses will be compared.]	
Weighting	All items worth 1 point (0 for incorrect response)	
Number of items	2 items	

Sample Test Item

Choose the correct option to complete the dialogues in questions $21-22$. ($2x1=2$ point	Choose the	e correct option t	o complete the	dialogues in	questions 21-22.	(2x1=2)	noints
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21.	Tenny: Can v	ou give me so	ome advice on c	hoosing a pro	ogram for my n	naster s degree?

Sylvia: _____

Jenny: What do you mean by that? Money?

Sylvia: Well, that too. But more important will be time, energy and effort.

- a) Would you like some other things?
- b) Yes, but I need to know how much you are ready to give.
- c) Well, it depends on whether you can afford it or not.
- d) Forget it! You're sufficiently well qualified as you are.

TASK 4: Sentence Completion

TASK SETTINGS		
Purpose	To test learners' ability to complete the given sentences grammatically and meaningfully.	
Response format	Multiple choice items (4-option)	
Known criteria	Answer Key [Note: Learners know there is an answer key with which their responses will be compared.]	
Weighting	All items worth 1 point (0 for incorrect response)	
Number of items	3 items	

Sample Test Item

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences in questions 23-25. (3x1=3 points)

- 23. Above all his many talents, Ray Charles, had the ability to interpret and sing songs in such a way ______.
 - a) of being the person most responsible for developing soul music
 - b) that he became one of the most successful African-American artists of the 20th century
 - c) to be compared to his contemporaries
 - d) when he was carrying the feelings in his words to the listeners

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	PART B - LISTENING			
TASK SETTI	NGS			
Response format	Multiple choice (4-option)			
Known criteria	Answer Key [Note: Learners know there is an answer key with which their responses will be compared] No partial credit			
Number of tasks	2			
Number of items	5 in each task (10 in total)			
Weighting	All items worth 1,5 points (0 for incorrect response)			
Time constraints	1 minute for reading the instructions and reviewing the questions 30 seconds before the second play of the recording 1,5 minutes before the start of the second task			
Intended operations	 To test learners' ability to: identify the main points in short talks on familiar topics, if delivered slowly and clearly. identify key details in a simple recorded dialogue or narrative. identify key details (e.g. name, number) in factual talks on familiar topics, if delivered in clear standard language. 			

TASK DEMA	ASK DEMANDS		
Input			
Discourse	Dialogue / conversation or monologue / talk		
mode	Narration / Exposition		
	Description / Argumentation / Instruction		
Channel	Auditory		
Length	3-4 minutes		
Nature of	Semi-authentic/concrete		
information			
Content	Familiar topics that interest learners but that do not overexcite or disturb		
knowledge			
Variety of	Standard British or Standard American		
accent	European English		
Number of	1 or more in each task depending on the discourse mode		
speakers			
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Sample Task Item

You will hear different people talking in different situations. Choose the correct option for questions 26-30. You will hear the recording $\underline{\text{twice}}$. (5x1,5=7,5 points)

26. You hear a husband and wife discussing what to call their new baby. What name do they choose?

a) Stuart

c) Steven

b) Gregory

d) Micheal

SESSION III: WRITING

TASK - Writing an Opinion Essay

TASK SETTINGS

Response format	Open-ended
Time Allocated	65 minutes
To test learners' ability to:	
Word Limit of Response Minimum 350 words	
Response format	Open-ended
SCORING	
Type of Scale	Analytic (see Appendix 1)
Sample Test Item	
Topic: " <u>Do you think it is</u>	ed opinion essay of minimum 350 words in four paragraphs. a good idea for students to get a job?" n with specific reasons/points and details.

APPENDIX 1

Students' papers are to be evaluated out of **25** with an analytic rubric. The rubric includes following components:

Content	6 points
Organization	4 points

Vocabulary	6 points
Sentence Structure & Language Use	7 points
Mechanics	2 points

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Check the table below for additional notes on marking:

PROBLEM	MARKING
Plagiarism See example cases of plagiarism below:	The response will be marked <u>'0'</u> points out of 25.
a. Copying parts or sentences from internet sources or any printed sourcesb. Copying parts or sentences from another student	
'Off-topic' response	The response will be marked <u>'0'</u> points out of 25.
A response below 350 words The response is in the essay format but shorter than the minimum word limit.	1 point will be subtracted from the overall mark.
Ineligible for grading - The response is not in the essay format and too short.	The response will be marked <u>'0'</u> points out of 25.