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The Euro and EuroPro exams test communicative competence by testing success in real communication. Exam tasks are directly based on the Common European Framework of the Council of Europe. Passing the Euro or the EuroPro Exam indicates that the candidate can undertake a variety of real-life tasks in English.

Below is a table showing for each test: its name, the number of tasks, the time allowed and the number of available marks. Each of the tests is then described on the following pages.

In order to pass candidates are expected to achieve 60% of the total marks available, as well as getting 40% or more in each test. These thresholds will vary slightly from examination to examination depending of the difficulty of the tasks.

Test	Number of tasks	Time	Marks
Mediation (<i>Optional</i>)	2	ca. 35'	25
Reading	3	35'	25
Grammar & Vocabulary	3	ca. 40'	25
Writing	2	60'	25
Listening	3	ca. 35'	25
Speaking	4	10 + 20'	25
Total time / Marks available		Approx. 4 hrs + breaks	150

Mediation Part One

(Time: 20 minutes)

Translation Hungarian to English

The candidate receives a formal or semi-formal letter of about 80-90 words written in Hungarian. S/he has to translate the letter into English. The candidate may use a printed (i.e. non-electronic) dictionary.

Mediation Part Two

(Time: ca. 15 minutes)

Dialogue

The candidate hears a dialogue of 10 turns between two participants, a Hungarian (speaking in Hungarian) and an English speaker (speaking in English). The candidate writes down the main points of the conversation in the opposite language to the one s/he hears. The first two turns of the dialogue are examples.

Reading

(Time: 35 minutes)

Task 1 – Paragraph Headings

There are six paragraphs for which the candidate must find the most appropriate heading from a choice of eight paragraph headings. Two headings are not needed. An example is provided.

Task 2 – Scan Reading

The candidate reads four texts on a single topic and seven statements containing information from one of the texts. The candidate's task is to decide which section each statement comes from. An example is provided.

Task 3 – Multiple choice

The candidate answers seven multiple choice comprehension questions based on a single text of 350-450 words, normally an article, letter or narrative

Grammar and Vocabulary

(Time: ca. 40 minutes)

Task 1 – Dictation

The candidate listens to a recorded extended monologue of 80-120 words. S/he has to write down the text word for word. The text is heard three times, once all the way through with no break. The text is then heard again broken down into small units with each unit repeated once. The breaks between units allow time for writing. The first two reading pieces are written on the answer sheet as examples.

Task 2 – Multiple Choice Gap fill

The candidate receives a written text of 150-200 words with ten gaps where a single content word has been removed. For each gap, the task is to choose the correct word from four options. An example is provided.

Task 3 – Modified Cloze

The candidate receives a written text of 150-200 words with ten gaps where a single grammar word has been removed. A word bank of twenty words is provided. For each gap there is one correct word.

Writing

(Time: 60 minutes)

Task 1 – Transactional Task

The candidate reads several pieces of written or diagrammatic text (leaflets, notes, letters, maps, timetables) providing a context and information for the task. The candidate is asked to write 100 - 120 word transactional formal or semi-formal letter or email using the information provided.

Task 2 – Discursive Writing

There are three tasks from which the candidate chooses one. The candidate must write a ca. 150 word text within the genre specified. The type of text could be an article, a review, a report, a descriptive or narrative composition, or a discursive essay.

Listening

(Time: ca. 35 minutes)

Task 1 – Short conversations

The candidate listens twice to six short recordings made in the same location, and matches them with eight pictures, diagrams or short pieces of text, (e.g. a list, email extracts, advertisements).

Task 2 – Making notes

The candidate listens twice to an extended monologue. There are notes based on the text which contains nine gaps. Each gap requires a piece of information, which the candidate must write while listening in no more than three words.

Task 3 – Radio/TV Programme

The candidate listens twice to an excerpt from a radio or TV programme. S/he answers ten multiple choice questions while listening. The programme may be news, documentary or formal discussion.

Speaking

(Time: 10 minutes preparation + 20 minutes interview)

Candidates are examined in pairs. There are two examiners: one an interlocutor, the other an assessor. The candidate has ten minutes before the test for preparing Task 2. The candidate may use printed (i.e. non-electronic) dictionaries during the preparation period.

Task 1 – Interview

The interlocutor will ask the candidate one introductory question and then two questions on another topic. Topics include travel, work, family, sport, cinema, hobbies, education, relationships, housing, news and current affairs and the environment.

Task 2 – The Picture Story

The candidate receives a picture story with an opening line; the task is to tell the story. Before meeting the examiner, the candidate has had

ten minutes to prepare a story. The candidate may make notes in the preparation stage, but should not read aloud from a prepared script.

Task 3 – Situations

The candidate receives a cue card. The card describes a situation, the candidate's role in the situation and gives instructions. The candidate speaks, the interlocutor gives a scripted reply and then the candidate responds to the reply. Each candidate will have three cue cards. Candidates alternate in doing this task.

Task 4 – Communication Task

The candidates as a pair receive a topic card which contains a debatable point or question (e.g. what are some of the problems of living in a foreign country?). First they think of issues which answer the question or contribute to the debate. Then the candidates discuss, expand on and prioritise these issues. Task 4 is the only task in the speaking test in which the candidates talk to their partner.

The allocation of marks for Euro B2 Vantage

	Euro B2	Raw points	objective marks	subjective marks	total test marks	total exam marks
Written Examination	Mediation test (Optional)					
	Letter	19	7	5	12	15
	Dialogue	16	8	nil	8	10
	TOTAL				25	25
	Reading test					
	paragraph headings	6	6	nil	6	7,5
	making notes	7	7	nil	7	8,75
	multiple-choice reading	7	7	nil	7	8,75
	TOTAL				20	25
	Grammar & Vocabulary test					
	dictation	20	20	nil	20	12,5
	multiple-choice gapfill	10	10	nil	10	6,25
	modified cloze	10	10	nil	10	6,25
	TOTAL				40	25
	Writing test					
	transactional writing	25	nil	25	25	12,5
	extensive writing	25	nil	25	25	12,5
	TOTAL				50	25
Oral Examination	Listening test					
	short conversations	8	8	nil	6	6
	making notes	9	9	nil	9	9
	radio programme	8	8	nil	10	10
	TOTAL				25	25
	Speaking test					
	Speaking (all tasks)	25	nil	25	25	25
	TOTAL				25	25