

## Exam Preparation Courses: CAE

### *Certificate in Advanced English*

CAE is an exam for advanced users of English. CAE is at Level C1 of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)*. This exam is aimed at people who can use written and spoken English for most professional and social purposes. It is widely recognised for work or study purposes.

### Is CAE for you?

Can you...

- use English in an effective way for business or study purposes?
- use English confidently and flexibly?
- produce well-structured, clear pieces of writing on complex issues?

If this describes your skills now, or describes the level of skills you are working towards, then CAE is the right exam for you.

### What will CAE do for you?

Cambridge ESOL is a department of the world-famous and historic University of Cambridge. Attaining one of its certificates is an achievement and a reward in itself. However, there are many other benefits to taking CAE:

- A CAE certificate is valid for life.
- CAE is truly international, recognised around the world for business and study purposes.
- Hundreds of employers, universities and government departments officially recognise CAE as a qualification in advanced English.
- Passing CAE gives you the confidence to take on the [Certificate of Proficiency in English \(CPE\)](#).

### What is involved in taking the CAE exam?

CAE has five papers:

#### *Reading: 1 hour 15 minutes*

You will need to be able to understand texts from publications such as fiction and non-fiction books, journals, newspapers and magazines.

#### *Writing: 1 hour 30 minutes*

You will have to show you can produce two different pieces of writing such as an article, a report, a proposal and a review.

*Use of English Paper: 1 hour*

Your use of English will be tested by tasks which show how well you can control your grammar and vocabulary.

*Listening: 40 minutes*

You need to show you can understand the meaning of a range of spoken material, including lectures, radio broadcasts, speeches and talks.

*Speaking: 15 minutes*

You will take the Speaking test with another candidate or in a group of three, and you will be tested on your ability to take part in different types of interaction: with the examiner, with the other candidate and by yourself.



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