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SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST and PROFICIENCY EXAM GUIDE



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EXCELLENCE IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION

The levels of students in the Preparatory Program are determined by the Placement Exam. Those who score at least 69.50 are entitled to take the Proficiency in English Exam (PIE). Those who obtain at least 64.50 in the PIE qualify to pass to their faculties.

ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST

English Placement Test consists of 75 questions and lasts 60 minutes.

This multiple-choice test provides four alternatives to choose from for each question.

Wrong answers do not cancel out correct answers.

Candidates are asked to bring a fine lead pencil and an eraser since optical forms will be used in the exam.

It is mandatory for candidates to bring a valid picture ID with them (student ID or any form of identification card). Students without a valid ID will not be able to take the exam.

Electronic equipment (mobile phones, MP3 Players, etc.) should be turned off and will be collected by the invigilator. All electronic equipment will be returned to the candidates back at the end of the exam. Mobile phones cannot be used even to check the time. Trying to use mobile phones will be considered as an attempt to copy.

English Placement Test will take place on **08.09.2014 (Monday)** between **09:30** and **10:30**.

Exam halls will be announced on <http://sfl.ieu.edu.tr>.

Candidates should arrive at the university at least 30 minutes before the test begins.

The test results will be announced on the same day on <http://sfl.ieu.edu.tr>.

Those candidates who score 69.50 and above are entitled to take the Proficiency in English Exam (PIE) on September 10-11, 2014.

Those students who score below 69.50 will be placed in the Preparatory Program.

PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH (PIE) EXAM

The aim of the PIE exam is to determine whether the students' proficiency is at a level which will enable them to follow and actively participate in the courses offered in their faculties.

The PIE exam has two components as a written exam and a speaking exam, which are administered on two consecutive days.

The list of the eligible candidates and the exam rooms are announced on <http://sfl.ieu.edu.tr>.

Proficiency in English Written Exam: 10.09.2014 (Wednesday)

The written component of the PIE is designed to assess candidates' academic reading, academic writing, and listening skills as well as their grammar and vocabulary knowledge.

It is mandatory for candidates to bring a valid picture ID with them (student ID or any form of identification card). Students without a valid ID will not be able to take the exam.

Electronic equipment (mobile phones, MP3 Players, etc.) should be turned off and will be collected by the invigilator. All electronic equipment will be returned to the candidates back at the end of the exam. Mobile phones cannot be used even to check the time. Trying to use mobile phones will be considered as an attempt to copy.

Candidates should arrive at the university at least 30 minutes before the exam begins. Candidates are not allowed to leave the exam room in the last 15 minutes.

The written component of the PIE exam accounts for 80% of the total PIE grade.

The written component of the exam is held in three sessions, and the total duration of the written exam is 245 minutes.

SESSION I: INTEGRATED WRITING

09:30-10:50

This part of the exam is 80 minutes long.

(30 points)

PART A: Reading and note-taking

PART B: Listening and note-taking

PART C: Writing an essay (275 - 350 words)

BREAK: 25 minutes

SESSION II: LISTENING AND READING

11:15-13:00

This part of the exam is 105 minutes long and there are two sections: Listening and Reading.

Listening (15 items, 15 points, 35 minutes)

PART 1: Matching (with one extra option) (5 items)

PART 2: Multiple Choice (4 options) (5 items)

PART 3: Multiple Choice (4 options) (5 items)

Each text is listened to twice.

Reading (30 items, 30 points, 70 minutes)

PART 1: Matching (2 extra options) (6 items)

PART 2: Insertion (2 extra options) (5 items)

PART 3: Multiple Choice	(4 options)	(8 items)
PART 4: Multiple Choice	(4 options)	(11 items)
BREAK: 60 minutes		

SESSION III: USE OF ENGLISH

14:00-15:00

This part of the exam is **60** minutes long.

(25 items, 25 points)

PART 1: Two Cloze Tests	(with 4 options)	(10 items)
PART 2: Vocabulary	(with 4 options)	(5 items)
PART 3: Word Formation	(with 4 options)	(5 items)
PART 4: Sentence Transformation	(with 4 options)	(5 items)

All the answers in Session II and Session III sessions are coded on the optical form. Therefore, candidates are asked to bring a fine lead pencil and an eraser.

Wrong answers do not cancel out correct answers.

Proficiency in English Speaking Exam: 11.09.2014 (Thursday)

The speaking component of the PIE is a 10-minute structured interview between an interlocutor and a candidate and is designed to assess candidates' ability to:

- expand their answers and produce relevant, coherent, and meaningful speech,
- speak fluently without unnatural hesitation and repetition,
- use correct intonation and pronounce individual sounds correctly so as to be understood clearly,
- use a range of grammar and vocabulary, both accurately and appropriately.

The speaking exam is audio-recorded.

The speaking component of the PIE exam accounts for 20% of the total PIE grade.

The appointment, the exam room and the waiting hall for each candidate is announced on <http://sfl.ieu.edu.tr> in advance.

The speaking exam is composed of the following parts:

- PART 1: Question and answer
- PART 2: Role-play
- PART 3: Decision-making
- PART 4: Extended Individual long turn

Students who score at least 64.50 (80% of the written component and 20% of the speaking component) are qualified to pass to their faculties.

Further information regarding the Proficiency in English (PIE) Exam can be found on <http://sfl.ieu.edu.tr>.

The exam results will be announced on Friday, September 12, 2014 on <http://sfl.ieu.edu.tr>.