



## ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST and PROFICIENCY EXAM GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

The English Placement Test is administered to determine students' English proficiency level. Students who score at least 70.00 are entitled to take the Proficiency in English Exam (PIE).

In the PIE exam, candidates must score at least **40% or above** in each section (writing, listening and reading, grammar, and speaking). Additionally, candidates must achieve a total score of at least **65.00** for associate and undergraduate programs, **70.00** for postgraduate programs, and **80.00** for the English Language Teaching postgraduate program to be considered successful in the Proficiency in English exam and proceed to the course stage in their programs.

Candidates who do not achieve the required scores in the Proficiency in English exam will continue in the English Preparatory Program based on their scores.

Candidates are required to attend all sessions of the Proficiency in English exam. Candidates who fail to score the minimum score in the PIE exam continue the English preparatory program based on their scores.

### ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST - 23.01.2025

The exam lists for the IDBS will be announced on January 22, 2025, after 6:00 PM on our SFL website: (<https://sfl.ieu.edu.tr/en/announcements/type/all>).

The English Placement Test will take place on January 23, 2025. Please follow the schedule below:

Date	Exams	Time
23 JANUARY 2025	English Placement Test (ID Check) <b>Candidates are required to be in the exam room at 09.00 for ID Check.</b>	09:00-09:20
	<b>PLACEMENT TEST</b> Duration: 60 minutes	09:20-10:20
	Announcement of Placement Test Results and Proficiency in English Exam List on the SFL website ( <a href="https://sfl.ieu.edu.tr/en/announcements/type/all">https://sfl.ieu.edu.tr/en/announcements/type/all</a> ).  * Candidates whose Placement Test score is 70,00 or above qualify to take the Proficiency in English Exam.  *Candidates whose Placement Test score is below 70.00 will be placed in the Prep Program.	12.00

### WARNINGS AND REMINDERS

The exam consists of 75 multiple-choice questions and lasts 60 minutes.

Each question has four answer options.

Incorrect answers do not affect the score of correct answers.

An optical form is used for the exam. Therefore, candidates must bring a pencil and an eraser with them.

To take the exam, candidates are required to bring their İzmir University of Economics Student ID and/or an official ID (identity card, passport, or driver's license). Candidates without proper identification will not be admitted to the exam.

For security reasons, electronic devices (such as mobile phones, AirPods/EarBuds, etc.) must remain turned off and kept in an inaccessible location during the exam. Mobile phones cannot be used under any circumstances, even to check the time. Any attempt to use a mobile phone will be considered cheating.



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### PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH EXAM (PIE)

The English Proficiency Exam (İYS) aims to determine whether candidates possess the level of English proficiency required to continue their education in their faculties.

The English Proficiency Exam consists of two main components: written and spoken. These components are administered on two separate days.

The exam lists for candidates eligible to take the PIE exam will be announced on the School of Foreign Languages website (<https://sfl.ieu.edu.tr/en/announcements/type/all>) on January 23, 2025, at 12:00 PM.

In the PIE exam, candidates must score at least **40% or above** in each section (writing, listening and reading, grammar, and speaking). Additionally, candidates must achieve a total score of at least **65.00** for associate and undergraduate programs, **70.00** for postgraduate programs, and **80.00** for the English Language Teaching postgraduate program to be considered successful in the Proficiency in English exam and proceed to the course stage in their programs.

Candidates are required to attend all exam sessions (both written and oral).

Candidates who do not meet the success criteria of the PIE Exam will continue in the English Preparatory Program.

Date	Exams	Time
23 JANUARY 2025	Proficiency in English Exam (PIE) PIE Written Component <b>Candidates are required to be in their exam rooms at 12:15</b>	12.30-16.00
24 JANUARY 2025	Proficiency in English Exam (PIE) PIE Speaking Exam	09:00-16:00

### PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH EXAM COMPONENTS

<b>SESSION I: INTEGRATED WRITING</b> (30 points) (Duration: 80 minutes)  PART A: Filling in a table while reading PART B: Filling in a table while listening PART C: Writing an essay (250 – 400 words)	<b>SESSION III: USE OF ENGLISH</b> (25 points) (25 questions, 25 points) Duration: 60 minutes  PART 1: Cloze Tests (10 items) PART 2: Vocabulary (5 items) PART 3: Word Formation (5 items) PART 4: Sentence Transformation (5 items)
<b>SESSION II: LISTENING &amp; READING</b> (45 points) (Duration: 105 minutes)  <b>Listening (15 questions, 15 points)</b> 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  <b>Reading (30 questions, 30 points)</b> PART 1: Matching (6 items) PART 2: Insertion (5 items) PART 3: Multiple Choice (8 items) PART 4: Multiple Choice (11 items)	An optical form is used in the 2nd and 3rd sessions of the English Proficiency Exam.  Detailed information and sample materials regarding the English Proficiency Exam can be accessed at <a href="http://sfl.ieu.edu.tr">http://sfl.ieu.edu.tr</a> .



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The PIE speaking component of the PIE is a 12-minute structured interview between an interlocutor and a candidate. Each student will receive an appointment. The first student appointment is set for 13.30. The list of appointments will be announced on our SFL website on **January 23, 2025, at 12:00 PM**.

The first candidate will be admitted at 9:00 AM. Candidates will be admitted to the speaking exam individually, and the schedule, exam room, and waiting room for identity verification will be announced on **January 23, 2025, at 12:00 PM** at <https://sfl.ieu.edu.tr/en/announcements/type/all>.

The speaking part of the exam is designed as a structured interview aimed at assessing whether candidates possess the following skills:

- providing detailed answers to questions and delivering a coherent, purposeful, and meaningful speech,
- speaking with a natural fluency,
- demonstrating correct intonation and pronunciation for clear communication,
- using a variety of grammatical structures and vocabulary accurately and appropriately.

The speaking exam is audio-visually recorded.

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

The appointment 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

### WARNINGS AND REMINDERS:

- Candidates taking the exam are REQUIRED to have a valid photo ID (Student ID or National ID) with them. Students without an ID will not be allowed to take the exam.
- Since optical forms will be used during the exam, candidates must bring a soft-lead pencil and an eraser. Sharing pencils or erasers will be considered an attempt at cheating.
- Only candidates and exam officials are allowed in the exam rooms and corridors during the exam.
- Candidates must check their names and assigned exam rooms from the lists before the exam. Therefore, it is recommended that candidates arrive at the school at least 30 minutes before the exam begins.
- Electronic devices (such as mobile phones, smartwatches, etc.) must remain turned off and kept in an inaccessible location during the exam.
- Mobile phones cannot be used under any circumstances, even to check the time. Any attempt to use a mobile phone will be considered cheating.
- Candidates will not be allowed to leave the exam room during the first 15 minutes of the exam.
- During the exam, candidates are not permitted to leave the room for any reason, including restroom or water needs.
- Candidates may bring water with them if they wish.
- Talking or asking questions during the exam is strictly prohibited and will be considered an attempt to cheat.

We wish you success.

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