



ACERT English Language Exam CEFR Level B2

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RESULTS

PART ONE:	Listening Comprehension	_____ / 20 points
PART TWO:	Reading Comprehension	_____ / 20 points
PART THREE:	Use of English	_____ / 20 points
PART FOUR:	Writing	_____ / 20 points

Overall score: _____ / 80 points

Examiner's signatures: _____

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TASK 1

You will hear a conversation between Adam Garcia and Chris Castillo regarding their work with non-profit organizations. For questions 1–10, decide if the information in the statement is true (T), false (F) or not given (NG). Underline or circle your choice for each item. You will hear the recording twice (/10 points)

1. Chris Castillo has spent exactly ten years working in the visual arts field.
T | F | NG
2. The primary goal of "Spare Parts" is to reduce consumer and business waste through creative reuse.
T | F | NG
3. Chris first met the founder of Spare Parts while interning at a nonprofit called Artpace.
T | F | NG
4. Mary Cantu originally came up with the idea for Spare Parts while working as a school teacher.
T | F | NG
5. "Spare Parts" believes that labeling something as "trash" indicates a lack of creativity. **T | F | NG**
6. The Mini Art Museum exclusively displays replicas of works found in major contemporary museums.
T | F | NG
7. The Spare Parts board is currently comprised of nine members who manage long-term planning and finances.
T | F | NG
8. Spare Parts once received a donation of 30,000 VHS cases from a single business.
T | F | NG
9. Some school districts hire Spare Parts to provide art instruction because they lack dedicated art staff.
T | F | NG
10. Chris uses specialized volunteer recruitment software to staff the library's teen programs.
T | F | NG

Points: ____ /10

TASK 2

You will hear a presentation about *the Condor Country* game. For questions 1-10, complete each gap with **one or two words** from the recording. You will hear the recording twice (10 points)

1. The speaker notes that his job can be _____ at times.
2. In the game, players use a _____ program to increase bird numbers.
3. Once in the wild, condors need help with their _____.
4. The California Condor has a _____ wingspan.
5. In the early 80s, the species was on the _____ of extinction.
6. The recovery effort can be seen in _____.
7. Phase three is focused on the _____ of the birds.
8. The final goal is to achieve a _____ population.
9. The speaker uses the game to manage his son's _____.
10. The game highlights the _____ that California condors face.

Points ____ /10

TASK 1

Read the article about *'smart infrastructure'*. Five extracts have been removed from the article. Choose the sentences A–F that best fit each gap (1–5). Write the appropriate letter next to each number. There is one extract you do not need to use. In this task you score 2 points for each correct answer. (10 points)

Cities have always reflected the technology of their time. From Roman aqueducts to steel skyscrapers, engineering shapes how people live and move. Today, a new transformation is underway, driven by digital technology, sensors, and data. This transformation is often called *smart infrastructure*, and it is quietly redefining architecture, civil engineering, and transportation. **(1)** _____

At the heart of smart infrastructure is the idea that physical structures can collect and respond to information. Roads, bridges, and buildings are now equipped with sensors that measure traffic flow, structural stress, air quality, or energy use. These sensors generate huge amounts of data, which engineers and city planners can analyze in real time. **(2)** _____

One important application can be seen in modern transportation systems. Smart traffic lights can adjust their timing depending on traffic density, reducing congestion and emissions. In public transport, real-time tracking improves reliability and passenger experience. **(3)** _____ This integration is especially important as electric vehicles become more common and require new charging infrastructure.

Architecture is also evolving alongside these technologies. Smart buildings are designed to optimize energy consumption by automatically controlling lighting, heating, and ventilation. Advanced materials and digital design tools allow architects to simulate how buildings behave under different conditions before construction even begins. **(4)** _____

However, smart infrastructure is not without challenges. Cybersecurity has become a critical concern, as connected systems can be vulnerable to attacks. In addition, engineers must ensure that data is used ethically and that technologies remain accessible to all citizens. **(5)** _____ As future engineers and researchers, today's students will play a key role in shaping cities that are not only smarter, but also safer and more sustainable.

A. This allows cities to react faster to problems and plan maintenance before serious damage occurs.

B. As a result, cities are becoming more efficient, sustainable, and responsive to human needs.

C. By connecting vehicles, roads, and control systems, transportation becomes safer and more efficient.

D. Despite these benefits, many traditional cities still rely on outdated infrastructure systems.

E. This approach reduces costs, improves comfort, and lowers the environmental impact of urban spaces.

F. Solving these issues requires collaboration between engineers, policymakers, and computer scientists.

Points: _____ /10

TASK 2

Read the text about self-healing materials and decide if the information in the statements is true (T), false (F) or not given (NG). Underline or circle your choice for each item. (10 points)

In recent years, scientists and engineers have developed a new generation of materials capable of repairing themselves after being damaged. Known as self-healing materials, these innovations could transform industries such as construction, aerospace, transport, and electronics. By increasing durability and reducing maintenance costs, they offer practical solutions to long-standing engineering challenges.

The concept was inspired by natural systems. Human skin, for instance, can recover after injury, and certain plants are able to repair internal damage caused by environmental stress. Researchers began exploring whether artificial materials could be designed to respond to damage in a similar way. As a result, they developed polymers and special types of concrete that contain microscopic capsules filled with healing agents. When cracks form, the capsules break open and release a chemical substance that reacts with air or moisture, sealing the damaged area.

One of the most promising applications can be found in civil engineering. Bridges, roads, and tunnels are constantly exposed to temperature changes, heavy traffic, and water infiltration. Even small cracks can gradually expand and weaken the structure. Over time, water may enter these cracks and cause steel reinforcement bars inside the concrete to corrode. Self-healing concrete has the potential to extend the lifespan of infrastructure and significantly reduce repair costs.

In the aerospace industry, lightweight self-healing composites are being tested to improve aircraft safety. Minor damage caused by stress or impact could be repaired automatically before it develops into a serious structural problem. Similarly, in electronics, researchers are experimenting with flexible materials that can restore electrical connections after being bent or stretched.

Despite these exciting possibilities, the technology is still developing. Production costs remain relatively high, and scientists are working to improve both efficiency and environmental sustainability. Large-scale implementation may take time, but many experts believe that self-healing materials represent a major breakthrough. If successfully developed, they could contribute to safer, longer-lasting, and more sustainable infrastructure worldwide.

1. Self-healing materials were developed after scientists observed natural biological processes.
T / F / NG
2. These materials are already widely used in most construction projects.
T / F / NG
3. Some self-healing materials contain microscopic capsules filled with chemicals.
T / F / NG
4. Temperature changes can contribute to structural damage in bridges and roads.
T / F / NG
5. Corrosion of steel reinforcement can occur when moisture seeps into concrete cracks.
T / F / NG
6. Self-healing materials completely eliminate the need for infrastructure maintenance.
T / F / NG

7. Self-healing materials in aerospace are primarily intended to reduce fuel consumption rather than address structural damage.
T / F / NG
8. Flexible components are being developed to recover their electrical function after physical stress.
T / F / NG
9. The environmental impact of self-healing materials has already been fully resolved.
T / F / NG
10. Experts agree that self-healing materials will replace all traditional materials in the future.
T / F / NG

Points: _____ /10

TASK 1

For questions 1-5, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN. You must use between TWO and FIVE words, including the word given. (5 points)

1

Despite the technical problems, she managed to finish the presentation on time.
SUCCEEDED

She _____ the presentation on time despite the technical problems.

2

She asked, "*Is it necessary to submit the application today?*"
WHETHER

She asked _____ necessary to submit the application today.

3

They didn't invest in new technology, so they lost market share.
WOULD

They _____ market share if they had invested in new technology.

4

He didn't remember that he had already met the interviewer before.
FORGOT

He _____ the interviewer before.

5

A professional designer redesigned their website last month.
HAD

They _____ last month.

Points: _____ /5

TASK 2

Complete the gaps in sentences 1-5 using the correct form of the word given in brackets.
(5 points)

1. The device was considered _____ because it did not function properly during testing.
(RELY)
2. Due to a technical _____, the experiment had to be repeated.
(FAIL)
3. The university provides special support for students with physical _____.
(ABLE)
4. The project cannot begin without official _____ from the local authorities.
(APPROVE)
5. Many city hospitals are dangerously _____ during the winter months.
(CROWD)

Points: ____/5

TASK 3

Complete the sentences below with the correct option: a, b or c. (5 points)

1. Researchers _____ a new solution to the problem, but they are still testing it.
a. have developed b. have been developing c. develop
2. The new software _____ at the moment, so the system is temporarily unavailable.
a. is being updated b. is updating c. has updated
3. If the temperature _____ any further, the experiment will have to be stopped.
a. rises b. will rise c. would rise
4. If engineers _____ the warning signs earlier, the failure could have been avoided.
a. noticed b. had noticed c. would notice
5. Have you tried _____ the system and turning it on again?
a. restarting b. to restart c. restart

Points: ____/5

TASK 4 Complete sentences 1-5 with ONE word. (5 points)

1. She has been _____ on her thesis for three months.
2. If I _____ known about the deadline, I would have submitted the application earlier.
3. The experiment turned _____ to be more successful than expected.
4. He didn't _____ to enjoy public speaking when he was younger, but now he does it confidently.
5. The meeting was called off _____ to a technical problem.

Points: ____/5

Choose ONE of the following tasks. Write between 150 and 250 words. (20 points)

1. Many first-year students feel stressed and unprepared during their first semester at university.

As a member of the Student Council, write a **proposal** to the university administration suggesting ways to support new students.

In your proposal:

- describe the main problems first-year students may experience (for example: heavy workload, difficulty making friends, accommodation problems, time management),
- suggest practical solutions (such as mentoring programmes, workshops, social events or online support tools),
- explain how your suggestions could help students feel more confident and succeed academically,
- briefly say how the university could introduce these changes.

Make up any information that you need to complete the task.

2. You have discovered a summer internship opportunity at a company related to your field of study. However, the advertisement does not provide full details about responsibilities or required qualifications. Write a **formal email** to the company's HR department.

In your email:

- introduce yourself and briefly describe your academic background,
- explain why you are interested in the internship,
- request further information about responsibilities, required skills and application deadlines,
- express your motivation and availability for an interview.

Make up any information that you need to complete the task.

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Task achievement 0-5 points	Coherence and cohesion 0-5 points	Vocabulary 0-5 points	Grammar 0-5 points	TOTAL 20 points