

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR WRITING - C1 ACADEMIC EXAM (15 marks)

TASK ACHIEVEMENT (maximum 4 points)	Content	All points covered with some expansion. Minor omissions accepted. The writing is of an appropriate length .
	Register	The writing is consistently formal, informal or neutral as dictated by the task .
	Effect on target reader	The reader clearly understands the message, is fully informed. The writing satisfactorily achieves the desired effect.
ORGANISATION (maximum 3 points)	General organisation	The organization is well-structured with a clear beginning, middle and end . It is divided into paragraphs . In letters and reports, the appropriate layout and writing conventions are observed.
	Cohesion	Information and ideas are clearly organised through the use of a reasonable to good variety of cohesive devices. There is very little repetition of the same phrases.
ACCURACY (maximum 4 points)	Grammar	The grammar is accurate in simpler structures . There may be some mistakes, especially with complex structures but they do not cause difficulty for the reader.
	Vocabulary	Vocabulary is used appropriately for the topic . The student demonstrates his/her ability to convey the message effectively though word choice may occasionally lack precision. Repetition is generally avoided.
RANGE (maximum 4 points)	Range	A good range of simple and a reasonable range of complex structures and vocabulary required for academic writing is used. The student is able to describe diagrams, processes and data contained in charts and tables as well as write an essay presenting a clear overview of their arguments..

MARKING PROCEDURE

Each category is marked, points awarded and then scores totalled.

However, if the writing fails to address the **topic** – only **ACCURACY** will be marked (i.e. student can be awarded **up to 4 points**).

WORD COUNT

At **C1 Academic level** Exam students are asked to write **200-250 words**.

The student is allowed to write 5% fewer words than required and 10% more words than allowed. If the task calls for 200-250 words - the writing should have no more than 275 words and no fewer than 180 words.

If the writing is **too short**, **1 point will be subtracted per 10 words under the minimum number** allowed. (in the above example - for every 10 words below 180)

If the writing is **too long**, **1 point will be subtracted per 10 words over the maximum number** allowed. (in the above example - for every 10 words over 275)