

Examen de Certificación B1 – Examen Escrito

Información para candidatos

Destreza: Expresión escrita

Duración: 45 minutos

Número de tareas: 2

1ª Parte:

Consiste en un texto como, por ejemplo, describir una experiencia o exponer una opinión.

La redacción debe tener entre 140-180 palabras.

El tiempo recomendado para esta tarea es de 25 minutos.

2ª Parte:

Consiste en escribir un email, formal o informal.

La redacción debe tener entre 130-160 palabras.

El tiempo recomendado para esta tarea es de 20 minutos

Se aconseja tomar notas o realizar un esquema antes de escribir la redacción, y se proporcionará papel para este propósito.

Ejemplos de tareas y modelos de respuestas. 1ª Parte, entrada para un blog.

1ª Parte: Blog entry

You have a travel blog for foreign visitors to Spain. You recently spent a day somewhere outside Madrid.

Write an entry for your blog in which you:

- describe your day.
- recommend the place.
- tell your readers about a possible problem.

Write a **blog entry** of between **140-180 words**.

Use the title "A PERFECT DAY IN".

Ejemplo de redacción

A perfect day in the mountains

Welcome back to my blog! Today I'm going to tell you about a wonderful day I spent in the mountains north of Madrid.

My boyfriend and I got the train from Madrid to the little town of Cercedilla. From there we walked along the Camorritos road into the woods. We did an easy 3-hour walk, ate our sandwiches beside a little river and had a nap on a sunny rock. After that, we went back into the town for coffee and cakes in one of the cafés.

We had a great time. If you don't know this area you really should go one day. It's so close to Madrid, but it feels like a different world. The scenery is amazing, the air is clean and you are in contact with nature. There are easy walks for lazy people like me and much harder ones for experienced walkers.

There is one thing you should remember: to wear walking boots. If you don't your feet will suffer and you won't enjoy your day in the mountains.

(174 palabras)

1ª Parte: Redacción

Your university has been having problems with graffiti on university property. Write an article for the student magazine in which you:

- introduce the topic.
- give your opinion about this situation.
- suggest different forms of self-expression.

Write your **article** in between **140-180 words**.

Use the title: "GRAFFITI: A PROBLEM FOR US ALL".

Ejemplo de redacción

Graffiti: A problem for us all

We have all seen that our university is quite dirty at the moment. There is a lot of graffiti everywhere. Every week the walls are cleaned and every Monday there is more. At the weekend we have our famous outdoor parties and some of us want to paint and write on the walls.

The problem is that this is very expensive for the university. There is an economic crisis at the moment, so I think the university should use its money to buy books and equipment, not to clean walls.

Some people say that graffiti is art, but if you want to show your art to the world, there are other ways of doing it. Next February, there is an exhibition of students' art in the main building. It is open to all Madrid University students. And if you want to express an opinion, you can write an article for this magazine. You don't need to write on the university walls.

So please, help to keep the university clean. We need this money for more important things!

(177 palabras)

2ª Parte: Correo electrónico (informal)

You have a friend in Canada called Chris, but you haven't been in contact for a few months.

Write an email to Chris in which you:

- explain why you haven't been in contact.
- ask about Chris' new job.
- suggest a meeting in the future.

Write your **email** using between **130-160 words**. Do not include any addresses or dates.

Start like this:

Hi Chris,

Ejemplo de correo electrónico (informal)

Hi Chris,

I'm sorry I haven't written to you for so long.

I've been very busy with university work. You know, June is a crazy month for students because we have our exams then. Anyway, my exams have finished (I passed them all) and I now have time to write to you.

So, how is your new job at the bank going? I hope that you are happy and are earning lots of money! It must be better than your old one in the pub. I know you hated serving beer all day.

By the way, I have news for you. This September I am coming to Canada to study English for two weeks, from 1st to 15th. So, what about meeting up one weekend? You can be my tour guide and show me around the sites.

See you soon and take care.

Juan

PS. Remember to keep one weekend free in September for me!

(144 palabras)

2ª Parte: Correo electrónico (formal)

You are thinking of going to Edinburgh in summer to study English.
You have seen an advertisement on-line for the Loch Ness English Academy Summer School.
Write an e-mail to the Director of Studies of the academy (Mrs Graham) and

- say what level of English you have at the moment and mention the number of hours a week you want to study
- ask for information about timetables, prices and numbers of students per class
- ask for information about sports facilities at or near the academy
- ask for suggestions about how to find cheap accommodation in the neighbourhood

Write your **email** using between **130-160 words**. Do not include any addresses or dates.

Start like this:

Dear Mrs Graham,

Ejemplo de correo electrónico (formal)

Dear Mrs Graham,

I have seen an advertisement for your Academy and I´m writing to ask you about your English courses.

I have just passed the B1 Certification exam at the University of Andalusia and I want to continue studying during the summer. Can you tell me the timetable for classes of my level in the morning? I would like three hours of classes a day, if possible between 09.00 - 12.00p.m. Are there classes at that time?

Could you tell me the cost of a month´s course please? I also want to know how many students are in each class. I hope the classes are small because I need speaking and pronunciation practice.

Is there is a gym at the academy or a sports centre in the neighbourhood, so I can do some sport?

Also, I need a room to rent for the month. Can you help me with accommodation?

Thank you in advance for your help.

Lucas Peña

(159 palabras)