Frequently asked questions

TELC PET

1 How many marks do I need in order to pass the exam?

To get the certificate, you must have

- at least 135 points out of 225 (60 %) in the written examination
- at least 45 points out of 75 (60 %) in the oral examination

In this exam your marks from each of the three papers are added together. You must have at least 70 % of the total marks to pass the exam.

2 Where do I write the answers?

You mark your answers straight onto the answer sheet, not in the test booklet. If you think "c" is the correct answer, for example, then mark your answer as follows:

If you think the statement is true, mark your answer sheet like this:



Use a 2B or soft-leaded pencil. Two pages of lined paper are provided to write your letter. You may write your letter in pen.

You mark all your answers straight onto the answer sheet. In Paper 2 (Listening) you write your answers on the question paper while you are listening and are given six additional minutes to transfer your answers to the answer sheet. If you think "A" is the answer, then mark your answer as follows:

A B C D

In Writing part 1 and in Listening part 3 you write in your answers like this:

2 more than 2

Use pencil to mark your answers and write your letter or story.

3 How many times can I hear the listening texts?

You hear part 1 of the listening test only once. You hear parts 2 and 3 twice.

You hear each listening text twice.

4 How much time do I have to look at the listening task before I hear the recording?

Part 1: You have about one minute to read the five questions.

Part 2: You have two minutes to read the statements.

Part 3: You have time to read each question before you hear the text.

Part 1: You have a few seconds to read each question before you hear the text.

Part 2: You have 45 seconds to look at the questions.

Part 3: You have 20 seconds to look at the notes.

Part 4: You have 20 seconds to read the statements.

5 How is the oral examination organised?

There are two candidates and two examiners. In the exam you should speak to the other candidate. The examiners supervise and say as little as possible. Before the exam, you are given material (photos, situations, etc.) on the topics you have to talk about in the exam and you are given 20 minutes to prepare. You can make notes on a piece of paper but you are not allowed to take them into the exam with you. When there is an odd number of candidates, one of the examiners acts as the partner of the last candidate.

There are two candidates and two examiners. In part 1 of the exam the examiner asks the candidates questions in turn. In the other parts you should speak to the other candidate. The examiners supervise and say as little as possible. When there is an odd number of candidates, there will be one group of three candidates.