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BCCETM

Basic Communication
Certificate in English

Official Past Examination Form A

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Explanation of BCCE™ Official Scoring

The four sections of the Basic Communication Certificate in English (BCCE™) examination are scored using an advanced mathematical model (Rasch). For each section of the BCCE™ examination, raw scores are converted into scaled scores ranging from 0 to 1,000.

The passing score for each section is 650 out of 1,000. The scores for each section will be combined and then averaged to give a total possible average scale score of 1,000 for all four sections. Candidates who achieve an averaged total scaled score of at least 650 out of a possible 1,000 will pass the test, regardless of the number of sections they have passed.

For the Listening and GVR sections, scaled scores are not simply the percentage of correct answers because the ability of examinees and the difficulty of an item have been incorporated in the scores. Similarly, for the Speaking and Writing sections, the difficulty of the task as well as the leniency and/or severity of the rater have been incorporated in the scaled scores. Scaled scores allow each administration of the examination to be equated with one another, ensuring that the ability required to pass or to achieve a high score remains the same from one administration to the next.

Interpreting Official Past Examination Form A Raw Scores

The Basic Communication Certificate in English (BCCE™) has been mapped to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) at the B1 level. The content of the Official Past Examination Form A is a sample of the possible content to be found in any BCCE examination. Consequently, candidates receiving high scores in the Official Past Examination Form A are not guaranteed to achieve the same scores in a live BCCE administration.

The following raw score guides are provided so that candidates can assess the likelihood of passing each section in a live BCCE™ administration.

LISTENING SECTION:

If the Listening section was taken under exact examination conditions, then raw scores can be interpreted as follows:

Scores 22 and above: You are likely to pass this section under BCCE examination conditions, but it may be best to have further lessons or practice before registering for the examination.

Scores 18 – 21: You have a chance of passing this section under BCCE examination conditions, but it is recommended that you have further lessons and more practice before registering for the examination.

Scores 17 and below: You are not likely to pass this section under BCCE examination conditions and should spend more time improving your English listening skills before registering for the examination.

GRAMMAR, VOCABULARY, AND READING SECTION (GVR):

If the GVR section was taken under examination conditions, then the following raw scores can be interpreted as follows:

Scores 53 and above: You are likely to pass this section under BCCE examination conditions, but it may be best to have further lessons or practice before registering for the examination.

Scores 45 - 52: You have a chance of passing this section under BCCE examination conditions, but it is recommended that you have further lessons and more practice before registering for the examination.

Scores 44 and below: You are not likely to pass this section under BCCE examination conditions and should spend more time improving your English language skills before registering for the examination.

WRITING SECTION:

If the Writing section was taken under exact examination conditions, then the sum of the raw scores of both tasks can be interpreted as follows:

Scores 29 and above: You are likely to pass this section under BCCE examination conditions, but it may be best to have further lessons or practice before registering for the examination.

Scores 22 - 28: You have a chance of passing this section under BCCE examination conditions, but it is recommended that you have further lessons and more practice before registering for the examination.

Scores 21 and below: You are not likely to pass this section under BCCE examination conditions and should spend more time improving your English writing skills before registering for the examination.

[Candidates should refer to "Writing Section Benchmark Set Sample Tasks (May-June 2011)" for Writing section scoring rubrics and benchmarked samples]

SPEAKING SECTION:

If the Speaking section was taken under exact examination conditions, then the following raw scores can be interpreted as follows:

Scores 15 and above: You are likely to pass this section under BCCE examination conditions, but it may be best to have further lessons or practice before registering for the examination.

Scores 12 - 14: You have a chance of passing this section under BCCE examination conditions, but it is recommended that you have further lessons and more practice before registering for the examination.

Scores 11 and below: You are not likely to pass this section under BCCE examination conditions and should spend more time improving your English writing skills before registering for the examination.

[Candidates should refer to "Writing Section Benchmark Set Sample Tasks (May-June 2011)" for Speaking section scoring rubrics]

Listening Section

- 1 A
- 2 B
- 3 A
- 4 A
- 5 C
- 6 C
- 7 B
- 8 C
- 9 A
- 10 B
- 11 C
- 12 B
- 13 A
- 14 A
- 15 B
- 16 A
- 17 C
- 18 C
- 19 B
- 20 C
- 21 C
- 22 B
- 23 A
- 24 A
- 25 A
- 26 B
- 27 A
- 28 A
- 29 C
- 30 C

GVR Section

- 31 D
- 32 A
- 33 C
- 34 C
- 35 D
- 36 C
- 37 D
- 38 D
- 39 B
- 40 D
- 41 B
- 42 D
- 43 C
- 44 A
- 45 C
- 46 D
- 47 C
- 48 C
- 49 C
- 50 C
- 51 C
- 52 C
- 53 D
- 54 D
- 55 B
- 56 A
- 57 A
- 58 D
- 59 B
- 60 D

- 61 C
- 62 B
- 63 B
- 64 D
- 65 B
- 66 D
- 67 B
- 68 B
- 69 C
- 70 B
- 71 A
- 72 D
- 73 D
- 74 D
- 75 D
- 76 B
- 77 A
- 78 B
- 79 A
- 80 D
- 81 A
- 82 C
- 83 B
- 84 B
- 85 D
- 86 D
- 87 B
- 88 C
- 89 C
- 90 A

- 91 B
- 92 A
- 93 C
- 94 C
- 95 D
- 96 B
- 97 B
- 98 D
- 99 D
- 100 C
- 101 D
- 102 C
- 103 A
- 104 A
- 105 D



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