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Introduction

Practice Tests for KET (Student's Book) contains four complete tests to help students prepare for the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES) Key English Test (KET). The book offers thorough practice in all the written and oral papers of the test and helps students to develop the skills they need in order to pass the exam.

A Teacher's Edition of *Practice Tests for KET* is also available, and contains all the Students' Book material with over-printed answers, as well as tapescripts of the recorded material for the Listening Paper and suggested guidelines for the Speaking Paper. Audio CDs and cassettes with the recorded material for the Listening Paper accompany the Practice Test books.

About KET

KET, which is the first level in the UCLES five-level series of examinations leading up to the Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE), offers a basic qualification in English and can be taken as a first step for students who want to move on to Cambridge Level Two (PET) and other UCLES exams. KET tests competence in all four language skills (Reading,

Writing, Listening and Speaking) and represents what may be achieved after approximately 180-200 hours of study.

At this level learners should be able to cope with simple texts and the language used in basic, predictable everyday situations, either in their own or a foreign country.

The kinds of texts that the learner should be able to deal with at this level include street signs and public notices, forms, posters, brochures, city guides and simple instructions, as well as personal messages in the form of letters or postcards. In addition, they are expected to extract basic information from written texts taken from newspapers and magazines, and listening texts in the form of radio broadcasts and public announcements. In familiar contexts, KET candidates can also ask simple questions for further information, and can express their own likes and dislikes in simple terms.

The KET syllabus is designed to ensure that the test reflects the use of language in real life and corresponds to an active and communicative approach to learning English, which nonetheless recognises the need for clarity and accuracy.

KET Format

In KET there are four skills components in **three** Papers as shown below:

Paper 1		<i>(1 hour 10 mins)</i>	
Reading	5 parts	40 marks	} =60 weighted to 50
Writing	3 parts	20 marks	

Paper 2		<i>(approx. 25 mins + 8 mins transfer time)</i>	
Listening	5 parts	25 marks	

Paper 3		<i>(8-10 mins)</i>	
Speaking	2 parts	20 marks weighted to 25	

PAPER 1

READING AND WRITING

(1 hour and 10 mins)

READING

This part of the paper has five tasks with a total of 40 questions, drawn from authentic sources.

Part 1 – Signs

Five multiple-choice questions (3 options)

Five matching questions

Test focus: gist understanding of real-world notices

Part 2 – Definitions

Matching 5 definitions to 8 items in a lexical set

Test focus: reading and identifying appropriate vocabulary

Part 3 – Verbal Exchange Patterns

Five multiple-choice questions (3 options)

Five matching questions

Test focus: reading and identifying appropriate response

Part 4 – Factual Text

Seven multiple-choice questions (3 options)

OR seven Right/Wrong/Doesn't say questions

Test focus: reading for main idea(s) and detail

Part 5 – Factual Text

Cloze passage with eight multiple-choice questions (3 options)

Test focus: reading and identifying appropriate structural word

WRITING

This part of the paper has three tasks with a total of 20 questions, based on giving and responding to information, form filling and note writing.

Part 6 – Notes, Short Message, Letter

Cloze passage with ten gaps

Test focus: reading and writing down appropriate word (focus on structure and vocabulary)

Part 7 – Form-completion

Completing five gaps on a form

Test focus: reading and writing down appropriate words or numbers (focus on content and accuracy)

Part 8 – Continuous Writing

Writing a short note or message (20-25 words)

Test focus: ability to communicate a given message (focus on appropriacy, structure, vocabulary and cohesion)

PAPER 2

LISTENING (approx. 25 mins. + 8 mins to transfer answers)

This paper has five parts with a total of 25 questions. The texts are written to simulate real spoken language, and candidates hear each recording twice.

Part 1 – Five Short Dialogues

Five multiple-choice questions (3 options)

Test focus: listening to identify information

Part 2 – Conversation

Five matching questions

Test focus: listening to identify information

Part 3 – Conversation

Five multiple-choice questions (3 options)

Test focus: listening to identify information

Part 4 – Conversation

Completing a set of notes by filling five gaps with words or numbers

Test focus: listening and writing down information

Part 5 – Factual Monologue

Completing a set of notes by filling five gaps with words or numbers

Test focus: listening and writing down information

PAPER 3

SPEAKING

(8 - 10 mins)

This paper consists of two parts, and is taken by candidates in pairs with two examiners present. One of the examiners acts as an interlocutor and the other one as an assessor.

Part 1 – Personal Information

The examiner asks each candidate in turn for personal factual information, such as where he/she lives, about school, etc. Students are also asked to spell a word.

Part 2 – Simulated Situation

Part 2 can be of two types. In type A each candidate, in turn, is given a prompt card on a given topic which he/she uses to ask his/her partner five or six questions. In type B one candidate has an information card on a given topic, and the other candidate a question card. When five or six questions have been asked on this topic, candidates are given new cards and their roles are reversed.

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