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Level C1-C2

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About ALCE C1-C2

The ALCE C1-C2 exam, developed by the Hellenic American University, is a standardized test designed for candidates seeking certification of their English language proficiency as a second or foreign language at the advanced (C1) and proficient (C2) levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

The exam assesses communicative competence in all four skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. It also includes activities testing candidates' grammatical knowledge. There is no separate vocabulary section, as vocabulary is assessed through activities within the entire test.

The ALCE C1-C2 certificate is internationally recognized as proof of English language proficiency at C1 and C2 levels.

Why Choose the ALCE C1-C2 exam?

Content & Level

- Designed to ensure fair assessment of all candidates worldwide
- Combines C1 and C2 levels, offering candidates more opportunities to demonstrate their skills as competent or proficient users
- Assesses all four language skills
- All parts of Listening heard twice
- Ample time for Writing
- Short duration Speaking test
- Breaks between sections of the examination

Accessibility

- Candidates can take the exam anywhere in the world
- Offered both in-person and online globally
- Individual accommodations available for candidates with special needs

Certification

- Recognized internationally as an American certification exam
- Accepted in both public and private sectors in many countries
- Can be used for academic, employment, or other professional purposes
- Levels are aligned with CEFR through internationally accepted academic standards
- Successful candidates receive a certificate for C1 or C2 levels, with detailed score reports for each exam section and an overall score

Academic Support

Support Materials

- Full sample tests, available in print and digital formats, including recordings for listening sections
- Comprehensive preparation books available for purchase
- Detailed descriptions of the structure and content of each task are provided to assist candidates in preparing strategically

Academic Presentations

- On-site seminars/workshops
- Webinars



Exam Duration, Format, and Content ALCE C1-C2

Section	Duration	Description	# Questions
Listening Comprehension	approx. 40 minutes	Part 1: A monologue and a dialogue, each heard twice, followed by three written questions. Candidates choose the correct answer from three short answer options.	6
		Part 2: Interview: A dialogue heard twice, with seven questions related to the main idea of each part of the interview. Candidates choose the correct answer from three short written answer options.	7
		Part 3: Group Discussion: A presenter describes a proposal, and four speakers express their views on it. The discussion is heard twice and followed by ten questions. Candidates choose the correct answer from three short written answer options.	10
		Part 4: Talk: A monologue heard twice, accompanied by seven questions with three answer options.	7
Reading & Use of Language	75 minutes	Task 1: A text: five out of ten sentences contain a linguistic error. Candidates decide which five sentences are incorrect focusing on the underlined parts of each sentence.	10
		Task 2: Two short cloze-type texts, each with five multiple choice questions. Candidates fill in the gaps in the texts by choosing one out of four possible answers.	10
		Activity 3: Candidates read a text with seven paragraphs accompanied by ten questions. The first seven questions relate to the main idea of each paragraph while the remaining three questions compare information found in all the paragraphs. Candidates choose the correct answer from four answer choices.	10
		Activity 4: Candidates read a text, usually of a scientific nature, accompanied by ten questions with four options in each. The questions test understanding of the text and also include questions related to vocabulary comprehension.	10
		Activity 5: An argumentative text followed by ten multiple-choice questions with four possible answers each. The first six questions relate to the views expressed in the text while the remaining four relate to elements of discourse as far as the development and coherence of the text are concerned.	10
Writing	45 minutes	Candidates choose between two topics. The topics can be developed into an argumentative essay, where candidates argue for or against a subject, using at least two of the provided prompts.	1 Task
Speaking	approx. 8 minutes	Task 1: Introduction Candidate responds to non-sensitive personal questions.	3 Tasks
		Task 2: Topic-related questions Candidate responds to two or three questions related to the topic using helpful ideas provided (prompts) if they wish.	
		Task 3: Role play Candidates are presented with a controversial issue on a given topic and are asked to choose a side and argue effectively using helpful ideas provided (prompts) if they wish.	



ALCE C1-C2 examination administration

In-person exams are held at authorized test centers, typically with written sections on Saturday or Sunday and speaking sections on the same or nearby dates.

Online exams are administered upon request, with the written and speaking sections conducted on the same day. Candidates can take the digital test from the comfort of their homes.

For more information, contact your language school.

ALCE C1-C2 Scoring

The results of the ALCE C1-C2 exam are reported for each of the four sections: Listening, Reading and Use of Language, Writing, and Speaking.

Candidates who achieve a scaled score of at least 55 on a scale of 25 to 100 receive the ALCE certificate at C1 level, while those who achieve a scaled score of at least 74 on the same scale receive the ALCE certificate at C2 level.

Sample ALCE C1-C2 examination Certificate



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