

The Bachelor's English language entrance exam evaluates a candidate's general proficiency in English. The level of difficulty of tasks corresponds to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages level B1-B2.

Admission requirement:

- **Estonian language programmes** (BEBs/BEBk) a score of **50-74%**;
- **English language programmes** (IntBBA/IntBEB) a score of **75% or higher**.

The Bachelor's English language entrance exam can be taken only once, so please prepare well.

Duration of the exam **120 minutes**.

The exam includes tasks similar to these in any international language exam, e.g. IELTS, Cambridge First Certificate, TOEFL, etc.:

1) **listening comprehension** – you will be listening to a short speech/interview. Based on the speech/interview you will have to answer multiple choice questions and/or decide whether the given statements are true or false. You will hear the recording twice.

2) **reading comprehension** – you will be reading a short text/article. Based on the text /article you will have to answer multiple choice questions and/or decide whether the given statements are true or false.

3) **gap-filling with multiple choice answers** - you will have to complete sentences with the correct variant from the choices given. The task is based on knowing grammar (tenses, modal verbs, conditional sentences, gerund and infinitive, passive voice, indirect speech, etc.) and the use of collocations (common word combinations).

Examples:

The candidates _____ by the selection committee next week.

- a) are interviewed
- b) will be interviewed
- c) have been interviewed
- d) will have been interviewed

Correct answer: b) will be interviewed

If you want to pass that exam, I _____ you to start studying for it immediately.

- a) advice
- b) push
- c) convince
- d) advise

Correct answer: d) advise

4) **gap-filling on word-formation** – you will have to complete the sentences with the correct word formed from the word given.

Example:

- a) She was the only _____ for the job. APPLY

Answer: She was the only applicant for the job.

- b) He saw her in the crowd but suddenly she _____. APPEAR

Answer: He saw her in the crowd but suddenly she disappeared.

5) **key-word transformation** - you will have to complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. You must use between two and five words and use the word given. You are not allowed to change the given word.

Example:

My sister is not old enough to get a job.

too

My sister is _____ get a job.

Answer: My sister is too young to get a job.

6) **a short essay of about 200-220 words** - Choose one topic out of the two choices given. The choices include topics in areas such as education and studies, travelling and international experience, technology, the Internet and social media, languages and cultures, achievement and success, environment and pollution, etc.

The essay should present, explain and support your opinion on an issue. The response will be graded on the quality of your writing, this includes the development of your ideas, the organization of the content, and the quality and accuracy of the language used to express ideas.

The following websites give an overview of the international English language proficiency tests and could help you practice for the EBS English language entrance exam:

<https://www.ets.org/toefl/test-takers/ibt/prepare/tests/>

<https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/take-ielts/prepare/free-ielts-practice-tests>

<https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/first/preparation/>