

## Level C1

### Sample Test

#### Task One

*On the website of the European Union moderators are asking whether it would be possible to introduce English as the lingua franca (common language) in Europe. Write a post (around 200 words) on the site and include the following:*

- *the advantages of a common language*
- *the difficulties of acquiring a common language*
- *how a common language would influence the different generations*
- *what may be the reason behind English taking over the world*

Dear readers!

I think English would be perfect for a common language. It is easier to learn than other languages, for example German, and also if everybody could speak English well, you could communicate with anyone in Europe. You could travel anywhere without being scared about how you can make yourself understood.

In my opinion for some people it's very hard to acquire a new language. Someone who never even heard or learnt English before cannot learn it easily. To acquire a new language takes a lot of time. You have to study every day, go on classes, and it's better if you practise it regularly.

Adults usually have a job. They have to go to their workplace almost every day, and if they have children, they need to take care of them. Next to these things they don't have much time to learn. Kids learn faster, so it wouldn't be a big trouble for them to learn a new language.

English became a world language. I think it is taking over the world because it's one of the easiest languages, and owing to the political power of the English speaking countries. Nowadays in schools, probably every student has a class where they study English.

(205 words)

#### Assessment

FORMAL ACCURACY	WRITTEN ACCURACY	VOCABULARY	STYLE	COMMUNICATIVE EFFECTIVENESS
<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
adequate use of grammatical structures required at this level, some inaccuracies in morphology and syntax, but this does not hinder comprehension	instances of punctuation and spelling mistakes however, these do not impair comprehension	activation of vocabulary adequate for the topic, adequate range with some errors not impairing comprehension	ideas and sub-topics are organized effectively, clear and logical organization of thoughts, coherent text and appropriate style	adequate elaboration and coverage of all the bullet points, effective elaboration of thoughts and opinion relevant to the topic

## Task Two

*An American communication company calls for entries to an essay competition on the role of the Internet. Share your thoughts on this topic in an essay (around 200 words). Write about the following:*

- *the opportunities and forms of virtual communication*
- *the effects of the web on personal contacts*
- *the reliability of the information gathered from the internet*
- *internet and data protection*

In this world internet turned out to be the thing that controls us. It's like a key that opens any door. You can listen to music, study or keep contact with your friends and family. You can share your personal things on it.

Old people say that chatting on our phones ruins personal contacts. I wouldn't say so. I meet my friends just the same as I used to and I can talk to them even when we can't be together. Not to mention those who are far away from us. Social media is the thing that connects this big world.

Personally internet never failed me when I was looking for some information. When there is something connecting to a school subject that I don't know, I can find what I'm looking for instantly. It's useful for basically anything I bet you can't tell me something that Google can't find.

Of course internet has its dark side for example there's cyberbullying. There are many young people who don't know how to keep their personal life away from the web. You should never share anything that might not be safe and never forget that what's on the internet, stays there forever. You always have to be careful.

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### Assessment

FORMAL ACCURACY	WRITTEN ACCURACY	VOCABULARY	STYLE	COMMUNICATIVE EFFECTIVENESS
4	4	4	5	5
adequate and effective use of syntactic/morphological devices and structures required at this level	fully meaningful sentence construction and paragraphing, some inconsistencies in punctuation	activation of vocabulary adequate for the topic, adequate range with some errors not impairing comprehension	ideas and sub-topics are organized effectively, clear and logical organization of thoughts, coherent text and appropriate style	adequate elaboration and coverage of all the bullet points, effective elaboration of thoughts and opinion relevant to the topic