



## THE APTIS TEST

- \* Aptis consists of five components, core (grammar and vocabulary), reading, listening, writing and speaking.
- \* Candidates decide which components need, so they may decide to take 2, 3 or 4 papers. The grammar and vocabulary paper is always compulsory.

There are 15 possible combinations. Here is the structure of the Aptis test:

Test	Test design	Activity	Format
<b>Core</b> 25 minutes	Part 1	Grammar	Sentence completion. 3-option multiple choice.
	Part 2	Vocabulary	Word matching (similar meaning). Match words to definitions. Sentence completion. Word pairs or word combinations. (words commonly used together). Sets of 5 target words with 10 options.
<b>Reading</b> 30 minutes	Part 1	Sentence comprehension	Choose words to complete sentences. 3-option multiple choice.
	Part 2	Text cohesion	Put sentences into the correct order to make a story. 7 sentences jumbled up.
	Part 3	Short text comprehension	Choose the best word from a list to make a sentence. 10 options and 7 spaces.
	Part 4	Long text comprehension	Match headings to paragraphs. 7 paragraphs and 8 headings.
<b>Listening</b> 55 minutes	Type 1	Word and number recognition	Listen to a phone message to identify specific information.
	Type 2	Identifying specific information	Listen to monologues or conversations and identify specific information. 4-option multiple choice.
	Type 3	Inference	Listen to monologues and conversations and identify the attitude, opinion or intention.
<b>Writing</b> 50 minutes	Part 1	Word-level writing	Answer a series of five text messages 1-5 words per answer
	Part 2	Short text writing	Write personal information. 20-30 words.
	Part 3	Three written responses to questions	Respond to written questions on a social network-type website. 30-40 words for each question.
	Part 4	Formal and informal writing	Write an informal email to a friend and a formal email to an unknown person. 40-50 words for the informal email. 120-150 words for the formal email.
<b>Speaking</b> 12 minutes	Part 1	Personal information	Respond to three personal information questions. 30 seconds for each response.
	Part 2	Describe, express opinion and provide reasons and explanations	Describe a picture and answer two additional questions of increasing difficulty. 45 seconds for each response.
	Part 3	Describe, compare and provide reasons and explanations	Describe two contrasting pictures and answer two additional questions of increasing difficulty. 45 seconds for each response.
	Part 4	Discuss personal experience and opinion on an abstract topic	Answer three questions on an abstract topic. 1-minute preparation time. 2-minutes response time.