



OXFORD TEST OF ENGLISH

* The OTE exam consists of four components, reading, writing, listening and speaking.

* Here is the structure of the OTE exam:

Paper	Part	Task type and format	Task focus	Number of questions
Reading (30 mins.)	1	Multiple choice	Identify main message, purpose and detail	6
	2	Multiple matching	Expeditious reading. Identify specific information, opinion and attitude	6
	3	Gapped text	Identify text structure and organizational features of a text.	6
	4	Multiple choice	Identify: attitude / opinion, purpose, reference, the meanings of words in context and global meaning.	4
Writing 45 mins.	1	Compulsory task: Email 80-130 words	Giving information Expressing and responding to opinions and feelings Transactional functions such as inviting, requesting or suggesting	1
	2	One task to be selected from a choice of two. 140-190 words	Option 1: Essay. Expressing and responding to opinions and developing an argument. Option 2: Article/Review. Describing, narrating, expressing feelings and opinions and recommending.	1
Listening 30 mins.	1	Multiple choice	Identify specific information.	5
	2	Multiple choice	Identify specific information.	5
	3	Multiple choice	Identify stated opinion and implied meaning.	5
	4	Multiple choice	Identify attitude / feeling / opinion, gist, function / reason / purpose, speaker relationship, topic and type/genre.	5
Speaking 13 mins.	1	Interview: Answer eight audio-only questions on everyday topics.		10/20 seconds for each response
	2	Voicemail message: Leaving two voicemail messages - each message lasts 40 seconds with 20 seconds' preparation time.		20 seconds preparation time 40 seconds for each response
	3	Talk: Give a short talk on an issue or scenario with picture prompts for one minute, with 30 seconds' preparation time.		30 seconds preparation time 1-minute response time.
	4	Follow-up questions: Answering six questions related to the Part 3 talk.		25/30 seconds for each response