



School of Health Sciences

## WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Course: **English: Proficiency**

Sub-course: **Grammar and Written Proficiency**

Course code: **EN247G**

Credits for written examination: **3.0**

Date: **December 5, 2025**

Examination time: **8:15-11:30**

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Teachers concerned

Aid at the exam/appendices: **None**

Other

Instructions

- Take a new sheet of paper for each teacher.
- Take a new sheet of paper when starting a new question.
- Write only on one side of the paper.
- Write your name and personal ID No. on all pages you hand in.
- Use page numbering.
- Don't use a red pen.
- Mark answered questions with a cross on the cover sheet.

Grade points (grammar part): **Pass/E 45; D 49; C 53; B 60; A 68 (Maximum: 75)**

**Examination results should be made public within 18 working days**

*Good luck!*

Total number of pages **8**

**EN247G – EXAM in Grammar and Written proficiency**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID no: \_\_\_\_\_

This exam consists of two parts: grammar and written proficiency. For the **grammar part**, you answer a number of questions concerning standard grammar in the English language. Please write your answers here in the test form. The maximum score in this part is 75 points with 45 points required for a passing grade (E). Note that all given answers must be clearly written. When in doubt—in terms of the clarity of the answer—no point(s) will be awarded.

For the **written proficiency** part—where you write an essay on one out of three topics—your grade will be based on correctness, vocabulary, and style. Paragraphing and sentence structure are also included here.

You have to pass both the grammar and the proficiency part in the same exam. The results of the two parts will be brought together into an overall result according to the ECTS grading scale (A–F). When the grade difference between the two parts is one or three steps, the grammar part will be regarded as more important.

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**Your score:** \_\_\_\_\_ **points (grammar part)** \_\_\_\_\_

GRAMMAR		PROFICIENCY		OVERALL	

GRAMMAR

**A. Language register**

1. What kind of language register is usually used for: (3 points)

- a) Business letters \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Letters of complaint \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Most blogs \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Sentences and clauses**

2. Identify the five different clause elements in this sentence by writing the names of the clause elements and the parts of the sentence they consist of on the blank lines. (5 points)

*Last Christmas, I gave you my heart.*

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3. What kind of sentence problem is there in the sentence below: run-on sentence, comma splice, sentence fragment? State the sentence problem, and rewrite the sentence in the correct form by changing the phrase, removing one or more words, or adding a part. (3 points)

*Because it's really late now.*

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**C. Punctuation and capital letters**

4. Which punctuation mark should you use in the following cases? Write the name of the punctuation mark on the blank lines. (4 points)

a) After a salutation (Hi Ariana\_) \_\_\_\_\_

b) After an indirect question (She asked if I was tired\_) \_\_\_\_\_

c) To mark as a quote (\_I have a dream\_) \_\_\_\_\_

d) To separate two words in a noun phrase (A three\_day trip) \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Nouns and articles**

5. The noun “fish” has two plural forms. Which are they and what’s the difference? Explain.  
(2 points)

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6. Are the words below (usually) countable or uncountable nouns? Write C for countable and U for uncountable. (6 points) *IMPORTANT NOTE: For this question, incorrect answers will result in minus points whereas no answer (a blank line) results in 0 points.*

a) airplane \_\_\_\_\_ d) translation \_\_\_\_\_  
b) friend \_\_\_\_\_ e) ukulele \_\_\_\_\_  
c) homework \_\_\_\_\_ f) work (=job) \_\_\_\_\_

7. What are the plural forms of the following singular nouns? (6 points)

a) aircraft \_\_\_\_\_  
b) flamingo \_\_\_\_\_  
c) ox \_\_\_\_\_  
d) species \_\_\_\_\_  
e) Vietnamese<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
f) woman \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> “Vietnamese” here refers to the people—not the language.

8. The noun “cactus” has two plural forms: “cacti” and “cactuses.” Why? Explain. (2 points)

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9. Article or no article. Choose between **a / an / the / -** (= no article) and insert that article (or “-” if no article should be used) on the blank lines. (6 points)

- a) Aitana Bonmati is \_\_\_\_\_ awesome soccer player.
- b) Barack Obama was \_\_\_\_\_ president at the time of Russia's first war against Ukraine.
- c) I stayed at \_\_\_\_\_ Bee Hostel in Amsterdam.
- d) My daughter and I cycled through \_\_\_\_\_ Central Park in New York.
- e) Susie loves \_\_\_\_\_ music by Mozart.
- f) They read it in \_\_\_\_\_ *New York Times*. (=A newspaper in the US)

#### E. Adjectives and adverbs

10. Compare the following adjectives and adverbs: the positive—the comparative—the superlative. If an adjective/adverb for logical reasons can't be compared, just write “can't compare.” (5 points)

- a) dead \_\_\_\_\_
- b) fun \_\_\_\_\_
- c) handsome \_\_\_\_\_
- d) overrated \_\_\_\_\_
- e) worn \_\_\_\_\_

**F. Pronouns, numbers, conjunctions, and prepositions**

11. What pronoun can we use (and do we usually use today) when we don't know the gender of a person?  
And what is the reflexive pronoun based on that word? (3 points)

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12. Should the numbers in the phrases below (in standard writing) be spelled out or written as numerals?  
Choose one of the two alternatives (in bold type) on either side of the slash symbol by circling or  
underlining the right alternative. (4 points) *IMPORTANT NOTE: For this question, incorrect answers  
will result in minus points whereas no answer results in 0 points.*

- a) **1,217** / One thousand two hundred seventeen people applied for the job.
- b) Around **10** / **ten** % of the people in the world have blue eyes.
- c) He has two sisters and **14** / **fourteen** brothers.
- d) She has **12** / **twelve** guitar picks.

13. Fill out the blanks with the correct prepositions. (4 points)

- a) Congrats \_\_\_\_\_ your promotion.
- b) There's a spider \_\_\_\_\_ the ceiling.
- c) She lives \_\_\_\_\_ 18 Spa Street.
- d) She was born \_\_\_\_\_ Valentine's Day.

## G. Verbs

14. While “and” and “as well as” may logically seem to be synonyms, they’re grammatically different. Explain how and use a sentence or two sentences to explain. (3 points)

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15. Give the simple past and the present perfect form of the following verbs (two words on each line). (5 points)

a) break \_\_\_\_\_

b) drive \_\_\_\_\_

c) grow \_\_\_\_\_

d) lose \_\_\_\_\_

e) win \_\_\_\_\_

16. Choose the correct verb complement (=the second verb) in the verb phrases below. (6 points)  
*IMPORTANT NOTE: For this question, incorrect answers will result in minus points whereas no answer results in 0 points.*

a) Guess winter makes you **wish** / **wishing** summer will come soon.

b) I hope **to go** / **going** to China next summer.

c) I started **to play** / **playing** piano when I was sixteen.

d) She stopped **to spend** / **spending** money on traveling.

e) They denied **to have** / **having** had a coffee without paying for it.

f) This is it. But I’m looking forward **to see** / **to seeing** you again later.

### Subject-verb agreement

17. Decide whether the verb phrases should be in the singular or the plural in the sentences below. Underline or circle the correct form of the verb—written in bold type in the singular before the slash symbol and the plural after it. (6 points) *IMPORTANT NOTE: For this question, incorrect answers will result in minus points whereas no answer (a blank line) results in 0 points.*

- a) A number of people **is** / **are** coming to Dalarna in summer. Rightly so!
- b) Either our children or the dog **has** / **have** eaten the cake. (Use the proximity rule)
- c) Her dad or her sister **has** / **have** taken the car.
- d) Spain **is** / **are** going to win with this solid lead after Aitana's two goals.
- e) The number of people visiting Spain last year **was** / **were** more than 90 million.
- f) The police **is** / **are** going to solve the case, I'm sure.

### H. Tenses

18. Which is correct: "William Shakespeare wrote *Romeo & Juliet*" or "William Shakespeare has written *Romeo & Juliet*"? Or are both possible? Explain your answer. (2 points)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> William Shakespeare (c. 23 April 1564 – 23 April 1616) was an English playwright, poet and actor. He is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist. He is often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon" or simply "the Bard".

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PROFICIENCY

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For the proficiency part, you write an essay of 350–450 words on one of the topics below. State the number of words you have used at the end of your essay.

Make sure your grammar, vocabulary, spelling, use of capital and lowercase letters, and punctuation are as correct as possible. Grading is to a great extent based on correctness. However, it is not solely the number of errors—or lack of errors—that will decide a grade; vocabulary, variation, style, and structure are also important. Furthermore, think about the word limit.

**1. Equal rights or women's rights?**

Although we're slowly moving in the direction of a more equal world—we're still not there. Men get better paid, do less household work, and are more often than women selected for powerful positions in companies, organizations, and governments. Men also, in some cultures, take it upon themselves to decide about abortions, dress codes, and other matters that mainly (or physically) concern women. What are the main problems regarding equal rights and women's rights today the way you see it? In your home country and globally. How can we as a society best ensure that gender is a biological thing only? Feel free to add your own experiences or those of people you know. Discuss.

**2. Pets, animals, people**

Dogs and cats as well as many other pets and farm animals have for thousands of years adapted to living with humans. Most people treat their animals well, and pets and farm animals seem to be happy with the lives they have, from tail-wagging dogs to mooing cows. But some animals are kept in captivity or at least controlled by humans for different reasons: to "act" in spectacular shows, to be easy targets for game hunting—or to save an endangered species. Where do we draw the line between what right people have to use animals for our own purposes? And how can we regulate that? Discuss.

**3. Shopping online or in a store**

Shopping today has changed greatly compared to some years ago. Online shopping seems to grow more and more while physical stores in downtown areas may struggle for their survival. On the other hand, shopping malls with convenient—and free—parking also seem to take over from the traditional stores in the city center. What is your opinion about shopping, for yourself and in general? Buying things you need online, going to a mall, or walking around in small shops in the downtown area? Discuss your views, and also add your thoughts about what shopping will be like in the future if you want to. Discuss.

Good luck ☺

*Stefan*