

C1 EXAM WRITING TASK

The C1 exam has two options for a writing task. You do only ONE task, which means you create one piece of writing with a word limit of 200-250.

You will see the following types of tasks:

Task 1 is always an argumentative essay related to your field of studies. You will be provided with one topic and you will need to argue for or against this topic. For example:

The increasing reliance on technology in engineering undermines traditional skills and craftsmanship. Discuss.

Task 2 can be one of the following types:

- 1) an article
- 2) a letter of application
- 3) a summary

The context for each type will be provided in the instructions. For example:

- 1) an article:

You have been invited to write an article for a special edition of an international magazine for engineering students. Analyse to what extent engineering education should adapt to rapid changes in technology. Express your opinions on this topic, supporting them with concrete arguments and examples.

- 2) a letter of application:

While browsing the university careers office website, you come across an internship opportunity that perfectly matches your field of study and interests. Excited about the chance to gain hands-on experience, you decide to apply. As part of your application, you need to write a cover letter that introduces you to the employer and persuades them that you are a strong candidate for the position.

In your cover letter:

- address the employer professionally and mention the specific internship you are applying for.
- explain why you are interested in this internship and how it relates to your studies or career goals.
- highlight relevant skills, coursework, or experience that make you a good fit for the role.

- 3) a summary:

As part of your research, you have come across an article that is relevant to your field of study. To keep track of key ideas and findings, you need to write a summary that captures the main points of the article in a clear and concise way. This will help you refer back to the information later and share it with others who may not have time to read the full text.

Write a summary of the article in **Reading Comprehension Task 1** in your own words, ensuring that it reflects the most important aspects of the original text.

This is a list of **resources** that can help you prepare for the writing task:

<https://www.masterclass.com/articles/how-to-write-a-good-argumentative-essay>

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/academic_writing/essay_writing/argumentative_essays.html

Writing a summary. Unit 2 in *English for Academics. A communication skills course for tutors, lecturers and PhD students*, Book 1. 2014.

<https://monicaoterogarcia-ingles-eoi.blogspot.com/2021/05/c1-writing-article.html>

<https://englishadvanced2.blogspot.com/2014/01/speakout-advanced-p-97-articles-extra.html>

<https://engxam.com/handbook/how-to-write-a-letter-of-application-fce-cae-cpe/>

Your task will be assessed on the basis of the guidelines in the resources provided above.