

Examples of typical entrance test exercises.

I. Use of English.

- Gapped text (1) - multiple choice questions testing vocabulary.

Example:

George Orwell did not expect to be a successful writer. In fact, he (1) much of his life anticipating failure. In an essay about his schooldays, he wrote that until he was about thirty he always planned his life with the (2) that any major undertaking was about to fail. He wanted success and worked hard to (3) it but he was never quite able to give up the (4) that his efforts would always come up short.

1 A took	B spent	C had	D followed
2 A forecast	B trust	C expectation	D reliance
3 A reach	B achieve	C fulfill	D manage
4 A impression	B notion	C judgment	D awareness

- Gapped text (2) – **one** grammatically correct word to be inserted in each gap according to the context.

Example:

After the tragedies of Bradford and Brussels, the world of football has been watching the work being carried out at Oxford United's new ground – the first ...**such**...(1) work to be carried ... **out** ...(2) since new safety regulations were called ...**for**...(3).

- Gapped text (3) – filling in the gaps by forming words from the given related words.

Example:

1 act, 2 apply, 3 impress, 4 fortune

I've heard of really unusual interviews, where the interviewer starts by lying down on the floor, and then waits for the person's (1) ...**reaction**... to his behaviour. Apparently, the successful (2) ...**applicant**... is the one who gets down on the floor and does the same thing! First (3) ...**impressions**... mean a lot to interviewers, which can be very (4) ...**unfortunate**...

- Correction of errors. Either the whole line is correct or there is one word in the line which does not fit in the context.

Example:

The comet Hale-Bopp

Comets wander through deepest space. Occasionally, ✓
and for only a ~~so~~ short time, we are privileged to view
this wonderful natural phenomenon ~~as~~ from earth.

II. Reading comprehension.

Multiple-matching, gapped text to fit missing paragraphs into the gaps, multiple-choice questions.

Recommended study literature.

Osborne, Ch.: FCE Practice Tests (with key). Heile, Cengage Learning 2009

Osborne, Ch. - Nuttall, C.: CAE Practice Tests (with key). Heile, Cengage Learning 2009

Harrison, M. - Kerr, R.: CAE Practice tests. Oxford University Press 2008

Or any FCE/CAE reading/use of English preparation tests/exercises