

## EAB ADVANCED EXAMINATION ORAL PART - CANDIDATE'S NOTES

*These notes are to give you an understanding of what to expect in the Oral exam.*

The exam has these three parts:

1. Conversation in Esperanto on everyday matters with the examiner (10-15 minutes.)  
(max. 40 marks)
2. The candidate will read to him/herself a short story, or passage of non-technical prose, of about 200 words in Esperanto, and after assimilating it will repeat the subject matter in his/her own words, in Esperanto, without further reference to the text. The text will be chosen by the examiner. (max. 40 marks)
3. The candidate will read aloud and then translate into English a non-technical prose passage in Esperanto (about 120 words) selected by the examiner. (max. 20 marks)

The total score has max. 100 marks, and 75% is required for a pass.

### During the exam:

For section 1, you will have a conversation with the examiner — in Esperanto, of course — on general topics. They might ask you how long you've been learning the language and which Esperanto activities you've participated in, which Esperantists you know, which books you've read, your favourite hobby — in effect, they'll be giving you an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to speak the language. They'll also note how good your pronunciation is.

For section 2, you'll be given a short story or other suitable text, and after reading it to yourself you'll be asked to recount it in your own words. This gives you an opportunity to show that you've understood what the text is about, and to express those ideas yourself. It is not a memory test and you should not try to reproduce the text word-for-word.

For section 3, you'll be given a suitable section of prose, which you must read aloud in Esperanto, and then translate into good English.

The diploma attests that the candidate "*posedas la lingvon*", so to gain it you have to be able to speak everyday Esperanto — not perfectly, but moderately fluently and without serious errors. The pass-mark for success in the spoken part is 75%.

### Telephone Exam

Ideally, the exam should occur face to face; either you will visit the examiner, or you will agree with them a suitable time and place to meet. Nevertheless, if that's not possible, the exam can be conducted over the telephone. You will have to make and pay for the telephone call — that cost is not part of the exam fee;

Obviously, for a telephone exam you and the examiner need copies of the texts for sections 2 and 3 in front of you — so agree beforehand about using a book/magazine that you both have, a suitable Esperanto-language website that you can both access, or arrange to receive the text from the examiner at the start of the exam by e-mail. If you agree to use a book/magazine or website, the examiner will only reveal the precise chapter or page at the time of the exam; this is so that a candidate cannot gain an unfair advantage by studying the text intensively in advance.

### Extra Practice

If you are not confident at speaking Esperanto, why not get some practice by using the EAB members' "telephone Buddy" scheme? See <http://www.esperanto-gb.org/eab/member.htm>.



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