Evaluation, Testing and Assessment Department

Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners (OEPTYL)

What is the Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners?
The Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners **OEPTYL** is designed to measure the speaking proficiency of young learners for whom English is a second or foreign language. The scores obtained from the test are used for placement decisions of Young Learners into the different levels of the SCE CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference)-aligned English Language conversation program or other oral communication programs.

What is the format of the Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners?
The Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners adopts a direct format where one candidate is assessed by one trained speaking examiner, who is called an examiner. The examiner is responsible for interacting with the candidate, administrating the tasks, and scoring the candidate's performance using an analytic rubric.

The Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners includes four tasks and requires approximately 15 minutes to complete. The tasks are organized from easy to challenging. The following table shows the test components, with the corresponding CEFR levels, and time required in some detail.

Tasks	Time (minutes)	CEFR Levels	Task Type
Task 1	2	Pre-A1-A1	Personal Information
Task 2	5	A1 - A2	Familiar Topic
Task 3	5	A2 - B1	Pictures Description
Task 4	3	B1 - B2	Extended Discussion

What is a passing score?
There is no passing score on the Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners. The test score is a measure of a test taker's language performance on the CEFR scale. The Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners score reflects the extent to which the test taker can orally use English in real life situations.

What are the actions that cancel an Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners score?
The Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners has strict policies to warrant equal opportunities for each test taker whereby they can show their best performance on the test. If any of the following cases occurs during the testing session, this may seriously affect test fairness. Consequently, the test taker may be not permitted to attend/continue his/her test and his/her scores may be cancelled. These cases include:
  • Impersonalizing a test-taker
  • Giving or receiving help of any kind
  • Using or sharing any testing aids including mobile phones, watch alarms, iPads, tablets or any similar electronic device that may cause disturbance
  • Using crib notes during the testing session

- Communicating with or signaling other test-takers or any outside parties by any way including – but not limited to – mobile phones, personal computers, the Internet or any similar electronic means
- Taking notes during the testing session
- Copying any test material
- Attempting to remove any test material outside the testing room
- Eating, drinking or smoking in the testing room
- Causing any disturbance for test takers whether before, during or after the testing session
- Leaving the testing room without official permission

Where is the Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners offered?
The Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners` can be offered inside the AUC School of Continuing Education in AUC Tahrir and/or New Cairo campuses.

What documents must a test taker bring on the test day?
To sit for an Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners testing session, the test taker must bring a hard or soft copy of his/her birth certificate.

When are the Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners results obtained?
Test takers may officially get the score in three working days if they register for a regular testing session or within 24 hours if they register for a "one-day" testing session.

How many times are test takers allowed to re-take the Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners?
Test takers who wish to re-take an Oral English Placement Test for Young Learners may re-take the test after a minimum period of two weeks- starting from the date of the last test session.

For more information:
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