

## Cambridge Advanced – Key changes for 2015

2015 exam		Old exam		Key differences
<b>Reading &amp; Use of English</b>  90 mins	<b>Part 1</b> 4-option M/C cloze 8 items	<b>Use of English</b>  60 mins	<b>Part 1</b> 12 items	4 fewer items shorter text
	<b>Part 2</b> Open cloze 8 items		<b>Part 2</b> 15 items	7 fewer items shorter text
	<b>Part 3</b> Word formation 8 items		<b>Part 3</b> 10 items	2 fewer items shorter text
			<b>Part 4</b> (Gapped sentences)	CUT
	<b>Part 4</b> Key word transformations 6 items		<b>Part 5</b> 8 items	2 fewer items
		<b>Reading</b>  75 mins	<b>Part 1</b> (M/C themed texts)	CUT
	<b>Part 5</b> 4-option M/C 6 items		<b>Part 3</b> 7 items	1 fewer item shorter text
	<b>Part 6</b> Cross-text multiple matching 4 items			NEW ITEM
	<b>Part 7</b> Gapped text 6 items		<b>Part 2</b> 6 items	
	<b>Part 8</b> Multiple matching 10 items		<b>Part 4</b> 15 items	5 fewer items shorter text
<b>Writing</b>  90 mins	<b>Part 1</b> compulsory (essay) 220-260 words	<b>Writing</b>  90 mins	<b>Part 1</b> letter or email 180-220 words	Genre is Essay (not letter/email) Output is longer
	<b>Part 2</b> choice of 3 No set text 220-260 words		<b>Part 2</b> choice of 4 (including set text) 220-260 words	Fewer genres (review; email/letter; report proposal); No set text
<b>Listening</b>  40 mins (approx)	<b>Part 1</b> 3-option M/C (3 short extracts) 6 items (2 per extract)	<b>Listening</b>  40 mins (approx)	<b>Part 1</b>	
	<b>Part 2</b> sentence completion (monologue) 8 items		<b>Part 2</b>	
	<b>Part 3</b> 4-option M/C (interacting speakers) 6 items		<b>Part 3</b>	
	<b>Part 4</b> Multiple matching (5 themed monologues) 10 items ; 2 tasks		<b>Part 4</b>	
<b>Speaking</b>  15 mins	<b>Part 1</b> Interview	<b>Speaking</b>  15 mins	<b>Part 1</b>	1 minute shorter
	<b>Part 2</b> Individual long turns		<b>Part 2</b>	
	<b>Part 3</b> Collaborative task (written prompts; instructions split into two)		<b>Part 3</b> (picture prompts; all instructions at once)	Written prompts instead of pictures; Task instructions split
	<b>Part 4</b> Follow up discussion		<b>Part 4</b>	1 minute longer
<b>Total timing:</b> c. 3 hours 55 mins		<b>Total timing:</b> c. 4 hours 40 mins		