

### **Exam description**

The exam is written and divided into two parts: Reading Comprehension and Grammar. In the first part, there is a scientific passage with 20 multiple choice questions testing general comprehension skills, key vocabulary and referents. In the second part, there are 6 multiple choice and 54 completion/transformation exercises on various aspects of B2 level grammar (total number of questions: 80).

Students are given one hour and 15 minutes to complete the entire exam and are evaluated on a pass-fail basis (idoneità). To pass candidates must answer 53/80 questions correctly.

### **The following grammar topics may be included on the exam:**

The present simple

The present continuous (including action and non-action verbs)

The past simple: regular and irregular verbs

The past continuous

The past perfect

The future forms: *going to* for intentions and predictions; the present continuous for future arrangements; *will/won't* for predictions; promises, offers, and decisions

The present perfect simple

The present perfect continuous

Conditionals (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Reported speech

The passive form (all tenses)

Modals: *can, could, be able to* (ability and possibility); *must, have to* (obligation); *may, might* (possibility); *should, shouldn't* (advice); *must, may, might, might not, can't* (deduction)

Relative clauses (defining and non-defining): *who, whose, which, where, that*

The comparative and superlative

Gerunds and infinitives

Articles (use of definite, zero and indefinite articles)

Prepositions of time and place (*at, in, on*)

Prepositions of movement (*towards, along, across, under, around, through, into, over, up, down, past, out of*)

Common verb/preposition and noun/preposition combinations

Quantifiers

Problem structures: *suggest, recommend, allow, advise, enable, make possible, likely, unlikely, appear, seem*

nominal groups

the infinitive of purpose

uncountable and countable nouns

transition signals (linkers)