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1. Overview

As of January 2017, Cursos Internacionales de la Universidad de Salamanca and LanguageCert have joined forces to deliver the Professional Spanish language examinations LanguageCert USAL esPro worldwide.

The two organisations have cooperated to continue offering the Spanish BULATS test (Business Language Testing Service) under the new name LanguageCert USAL esPro. The test continues to be developed by Cursos Internacionales de la Universidad de Salamanca, but is administered through a new online platform provided by LanguageCert's mother organisation, PeopleCert.

The alliance signifies a great advancement in the field of language skills assessment, as it combines the expertise of Cursos Internacionales de la Universidad de Salamanca, leader in teaching and assessment of Spanish as a Foreign Language, with PeopleCert's unparalleled technological innovation in test development, administration and certification.

1.1. About LanguageCert USAL esPro

LanguageCert USAL esPro has been designed and abide by the most rigorous quality and reliability standards. It aims to evaluate the level of language skills of candidates who need to use Spanish for professional purposes.

LanguageCert USAL esPro does not require any previous business or professional experience and is intended for:

- non-native speakers of Spanish worldwide
- people needing Spanish for their everyday or working life
- students attending business courses in Spanish
- learners who require externally recognised certification of their command of the Spanish language at work place

1.2. About Universidad de Salamanca

Universidad de Salamanca is an academic point of reference for teaching Spanish language worldwide,. It was the first Spanish university to offer Spanish language and culture courses, when starting its Spanish as a Foreign Language programme in 1929. Academic and teaching work continues uninterrupted since then.

Through its Cursos Internacionales de la Universidad de Salamanca currently engages, in all fields related to Spanish as a Foreign Language: teaching students and teachers, producing materials for learning and teaching, and assessing language skills, nationally and internationally, while partnering with organisations to promote the Spanish language, and engaging in the award-winning work *"Campus de Excelencia Internacional"* for its committed work on Hispanic culture and values dissemination.

In 1997 Universidad de Salamanca, along with University of Cambridge, Alliance Française and Goethe Institut, developed a multilingual testing Service for the professional language, BULATS, sharing the online platform for the exams in English, Spanish, German and French. From 2017 forward, the Universidad de Salamanca Spanish BULATS test is administered through PeopleCert's platform under the new name LanguageCert USAL esPro.

1.3. About LanguageCert

LanguageCert is an Awarding Organisation dedicated to language skills assessment and certification. It is a subsidiary of PeopleCert, a global leader in the certification industry, that has been delivering millions of exams in more than 180+ countries.

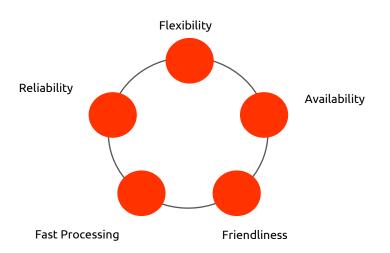
LanguageCert is a business name of PeopleCert Qualifications Ltd, a UK company which develops its own language qualifications and partners with renowned organisations worldwide to offer high-quality language skills assessment and certification to the global learners' community. For the delivery of its own qualification exams, as well as for examinations delivered in collaboration with its partners, LanguageCert deploys state-of-the-art, innovative and flexible exam administration technologies and systems developed by PeopleCert and tailor-made to each exam's specific requirements.

LanguageCert also benefits from 24/7/365 excellent customer service that PeopleCert offers to language schools, teachers and candidates, while always abiding by its core values: Quality, Innovation, Passion and Integrity.

This Handbook provides a comprehensive introduction to the

LanguageCert USAL esPro and aims to provide information and advice to candidates and centres. It also serves as a reference point

for teachers who prepare their candidates for the LanguageCert USAL esPro



• Flexibility of exam structure

Candidates may decide to take each of the LanguageCert USAL esPro tests separately, if they wish to, depending on the skills in which they need to be certified.. The LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading test is available both in Paper and Computer-based versions.

• Availability of Examination Dates

LanguageCert Approved Test Centres are in control of scheduling the date and time of the examinations and can hold examinations whenever it is suitable for them and their candidates.

• Friendliness

The tasks are sufficiently universal to suit all language learning styles and preparation methods. They are authentic tasks that replicates real professional life situations.

Fast processing

All candidates receive electronically a short feedback Test Report designed to demonstrate their performance per skill.

Provisional Computer-based results are available immediately after the candidate takes the Listening and Reading test, while

All candidates with score of 10 and above are awarded their Certificate which is mapped per CEFR Level according to their performance.

E-certificates are available upon release of final results, while hard-copy certificates are available shortly after.

Reliability

During the whole process of creation, development, administration and qualification, the LanguageCert USAL esPro tests meet the highest and most strict quality standards set by the University of Salamanca and PeopleCert, benchmarked against the criteria determined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE)

3. LanguageCert USAL esPro overview and content

LanguageCert USAL esPro offers the following three tests to cover all four language skills:

- LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading (Paper and Computer-based versions)
- LanguageCert USAL esPro Writing (Paper-based)
- LanguageCert USAL esPro Speaking (Paper-based)

Candidates may use the above tests in any combination to meet their specific needs. The tests include a series of tasks that evaluate candidate's ability to use Spanish in a way to develop the broad field of skills needed for effective communication in different contexts.

| Test | Part/Duration | Type of task | | | |
|---|---------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | | Understanding short conversations or monologues. | | | |
| | | Taking down phone messages orders, notes, etc. | | | |
| | Listening (50 minutes) | Listening for gist, identifying topic, context or function. Short monologues/ dialogues. | | | |
| | | Listening to extend speech for detail and inference. Monologue/dialogue. | | | |
| | | Understanding notices, messages, timetables, adverts, leaflets, graphs, etc. Multiple-choice task. | | | |
| | | Grammar and vocabulary. Gapped sentences with multiple-choice task. | | | |
| LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening an Reading | | Newspaper or magazine article, advert, leaflet, etc. Long text with multiple choice task. | | | |
| (Paper-based) | | Grammar. Medium-length text, open cloze. | | | |
| | Reading | Reading for specific information. Four short texts with matching text. | | | |
| | (60 minutes) | Grammar and vocabulary. Medium-length text with multiple-choice cloze. | | | |
| | | Grammar. Medium-length text, open-cloze. | | | |
| | | Grammar and vocabulary. Gapped sentence with multiple-choice task. | | | |
| | | Reading for gist and specific information. Newspaper o magazine article, report, etc. Long text with multiple- choice task. | | | |
| | | Error correction task. Medium-length text. | | | |
| LanguageCert USAL esPro | Part 1 - 15 minutes | Email (50–60 words) | | | |
| Writing | Part 2 - 30 minutes | Report or letter (180–200 words) | | | |
| LanguageCert USAL esPro | Part 1 – 4 minutes | Interview | | | |
| Speaking | Part 2 – 4 minutes | Presentation | | | |

Table 1. LanguageCert USAL esPro overview

3.1. LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading (Paper-based)

The LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading (Paper-based) test lasts 110 minutes and evaluates listening and reading skills, and knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. The test includes the following question types:

- Multiple choice: candidates read a text or listen to a recording and then answer questions. Each question has three or four options, only one of which is correct.
- Cloze: candidates are given a text with gaps, where words or phrases are missing. There are two types
 of 'cloze':
 - multiple-choice cloze to choose from the four options given
 - o open cloze to select the right word for the gap
- Gapped sentences: candidates are given individual sentences with one word missing each. They choose the correct word to fill the gap from the four options given.

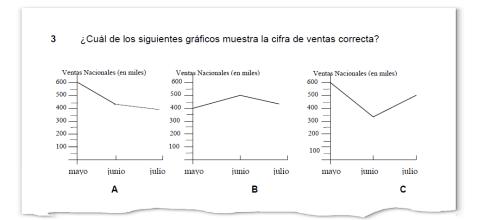
The test is divided into two parts: Listening and Reading

3.1.1. Listening

| Part | Type of task | # questions |
|--------|---|-------------|
| Part 1 | Understanding short conversations or monologues. | 10 |
| Part 2 | Taking down phone messages orders, notes, etc. | 12 |
| Part 3 | Listening for gist, identifying topic, context or function. Short monologues/ dialogues. | 10 |
| Part 4 | Listening to extend speech for detail and inference. Monologue/dialogue. | 18 |

3.1.1.1. Understanding short recordings (10 questions)

You listen to 10 short recordings (each about 20 seconds long) and try to understand what the people are talking about, or who is talking or what they are trying to say in each one. You have to choose the correct answer from three options (A, B or C). For the first five questions the three options are pictures. You will hear the recordings twice. In the example below, you have to listen and decide which graph the speaker is talking about.



3.1.1.2. Taking down messages, notes, etc. (12 questions)

You listen to three recordings. For each one, you have a form, a note or notes to complete, using the information you hear. You need to listen carefully, as you will hear each recording only once.

| | Usted va a escuchar tres conversaciones telefónicas. Complete los espacios numerados en los textos con la información adecuada. Oirá cada conversación una sola vez. |
|------------|---|
| | <u>insaje</u> Uno <u>sguntas</u> 11 – 14 |
| | Lea el <u>siguiente texto.</u> Usted escuchará a una persona que está haciendo un pedido por teléfono . |
| | |
| OF | IDEN DE PEDIDO |
| | IENTE: mbre: Vicente (11) Sánchez |
| | ipresa: Papelería – Librería (12) |
| Те | ección: Paseo de la Estación, 1 Salamanca léfono: (923) 22 43 54 Fax: (923) 99 45 40 DIDO: |
| DE | oducto: 500 (13) estilográficas y 300 recambios de tinta negra. cici: 10 euros / unidad y un euro cada recambio. |
| Pre Pre | dio de pago: (14) |

3.1.1.3. Understanding short recordings (10 questions)

It consists of two sections, with one recording and five questions in each one. Each question is about 20 seconds long. The whole recording is 2 minutes long. You have to listen and try to understand what the people are talking about, or who is talking or what they are trying to say in each one. In the example below, you hear five people talking. There are nine different options to choose from (A-I). You have to listen to each person talking and decide they most like about their work. You need to listen carefully as you will hear the five questions only once. In the real test, there is a second task like this one.

| | ntas 23 – 27 | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|----------|
| gu: De per Se esp | sta de su trabajo?". spués de escuchar a cada rsona. | a una de ellas, o a lista A – I, y e | onder a la pregunta "¿Qué es lo q decida qué es lo que más le gusta scriba la letra correspondiente en | i a cada |
| Ejemp | lo:I | | | |
| | | Α | viajes al extranjero | |
| | | в | tiempo libre | |
| 23 | Persona 1 | c | sueldo | |
| 24 | Persona 2 | D | trabajar por cuenta propia | |
| 25 | Persona 3 | E | idiomas | |
| 26 | Persona 4 | F | ambiente de trabajo | |
| 27 | Persona 5 | G | creatividad | |
| | | н | conocer a gente nueva | |
| | | 1 | proximidad al domicilio | |

3.1.1.4. Understanding a longer recording (18 questions)

It consists of three sections (three recordings). In each one, you listen to a longer conversation or presentation and you have to answer detailed questions about what the people are saying. There are six questions for each recording, and for each question you choose from three options (A, B or C). You will hear the recordings twice. In the example below, find the first three questions for this recording. Remember that there will be three more questions to answer for this section and two more recordings to listen to, each with six questions which you have to answer.

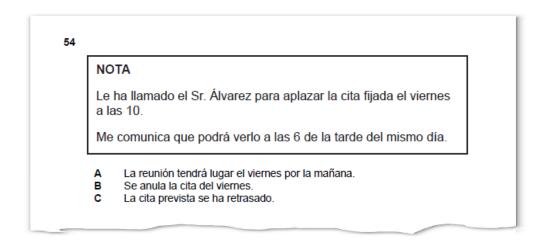
| | ión Tres untas 45 – 50 | 0 |
|----------|---------------------------|---|
| • P A | ara las pregu | uchar un reportaje sobre los derechos del viajero. ntas 45 – 50, señale la respuesta correcta rodeando con un círculo la letra o considere apropiado en cada caso. os veces. |
| 45 | | ón informa de que los sectores que han presentado más reclamaciones le los viajeros son: |
| | A B C | los transportes públicos. las agencias de viajes. los parques de atracciones. |
| 46 | Según la g | rabación, las quejas de los usuarios están relacionadas con: |
| | A B C | el tamaño de las agencias de viajes. la variedad de los servicios. las alteraciones en las condiciones del viaje. |
| 47 | En la graba | ación se dice que la agencia ofrecerá a sus clientes: |
| | A B C | todas las condiciones por escrito. descuentos en los viajes. un seguro gratuito. |
| | | |

3.1.2. Reading

| Section | Type of task | # questions |
|-----------|---|-------------|
| Part 1 | | |
| Section 1 | Understanding notices, messages, timetables, adverts, leaflets, graphs, etc. Multiple-choice task. | 7 |
| Section 2 | Grammar and vocabulary. Gapped sentences with multiple-choice task. | 6 |
| Section 3 | Newspaper or magazine article, advert, leaflet, etc. Long text with multiple choice task. | 6 |
| Section 4 | Grammar. Medium-length text, open cloze. | 5 |
| Part 2 | | |
| Section 1 | Reading for specific information. Four short texts with matching text. | 7 |
| Section 2 | Grammar and vocabulary. Medium-length text with multiple-choice cloze. | 5 |
| Section 3 | Grammar. Medium-length text, open-cloze. | 5 |
| Section 4 | Grammar and vocabulary. Gapped sentence with multiple-choice task. | 6 |
| Section 5 | Reading for gist and specific information. Newspaper or magazine article, report, etc. Long text with multiple-choice task. | 6 |
| Section 6 | Error correction task. Medium-length text. | 7 |

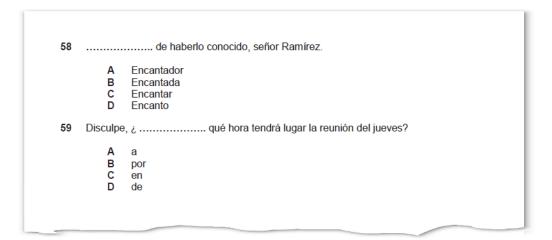
3.1.2.1. <u>Understanding notices and short extracts (7 questions)</u>

You read some common notices or extracts from letters, forms, adverts, leaflets, etc. You answer one question about each one. In the example below, you have to match the correct explanation (A, B or C) to the sentence.



3.1.2.2. Sentences with a gap (6 questions)

You have to complete each sentence using only one of the four choices (A, B, C or D) choosing the word which best completes each sentence.



3.1.2.3. Longer text with multiple-choice questions (6 questions)

You have to read a longer text and answer six multiple-choice questions. The questions test your general understanding of the text and your ability to find specific information. Read the text and see if you can answer the two questions of the example. In the real test the text will be longer, and you will have four more questions to answer.

| | 1 | La franquicia: una vía empresarial para jóvenes | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | ye una fórmula comercial en pleno desarrollo en España, donde se ntre un 2 y un 3 por ciento del comercio minorista. | | | |
| es un c oportur plantilla | estro país, se dan circunstancias que hacen de la franquicia un negocio muy atractivo: camino profesional para jóvenes que encuentran un mercado laboral en recesión, una inidad para personas que se han visto envueltas en procesos de regulación de las y una salida para aquellos pequeños comerciantes que no pueden competir con las es superficies. | | | | |
| iniciará negocio | i toda una ser o y ponerlo en | requicia solo debe encontrar un local. A partir de ahí, el franquiciador e de mecanismos para garantizarle la ayuda necesaria para abrir el marcha. La empresa franquiciadora le cederá su marca y todos sus s (logotipo, anagramas, rótulos, etc.), le facilitará el mobiliario, el particiador de la cederá su conservación de la cederá su marca y todos sus s (logotipo, anagramas, rótulos, etc.), le facilitará el mobiliario, el particiador de la cederá su conservación de la cederá su cederá su conservación de la cederá su c | | | |
| decora ademá | | erminados o, en su defecto, materias primas con las que fabricarlos y, las técnicas comerciales y de gestión ya experimentadas en otros red. | | | |
| decora ademá | s, le enseñará cimientos de la | las técnicas comerciales y de gestión ya experimentadas en otros | | | |
| decora ademá: estable | s, le enseñará cimientos de la | las técnicas comerciales y de gestión ya experimentadas en otros red. | | | |
| decora ademá: estable | s, le enseñará cimientos de la Según el t | las técnicas comerciales y de gestión ya experimentadas en otros red. lexto, la franquicia en España es una fórmula: | | | |
| decora ademá: estable | s, le enseñará cimientos de la Según el f A | las técnicas comerciales y de gestión ya experimentadas en otros red. lexto, la franquicia en España es una fórmula: poco desarrollada. | | | |
| decora ademá: estable | s, le enseñará ccimientos de la Según el 1 A B C | las técnicas comerciales y de gestión ya experimentadas en otros red. texto, la franquicia en España es una fórmula: poco desarrollada. de comercio al por menor. | | | |
| decora ademá estable 64 | s, le enseñará ccimientos de la Según el 1 A B C | las técnicas comerciales y de gestión ya experimentadas en otros red. texto, la franquicia en España es una fórmula: poco desarrollada. de comercio al por menor. que ha crecido entre un dos y un tres por ciento. | | | |
| decora ademá estable 64 | s, le enseñará cimientos de la Según el t A B C En el texto | a las técnicas comerciales y de gestión ya experimentadas en otros red. texto, la franquicia en España es una fórmula: poco desarrollada. de comercio al por menor. que ha crecido entre un dos y un tres por ciento. o se dice que la franquicia es una buena vía empresarial para: | | | |

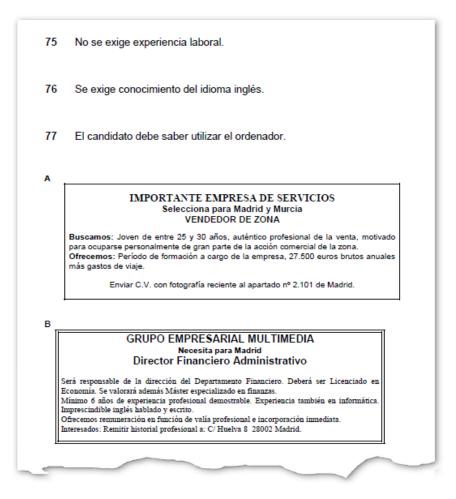
3.1.2.4. Filling gaps in a text (5 questions)

You have to read a text in which there are some missing words (gaps). For each gap, you have to write the correct word to complete the sentence. You must write only one word in each space. This type of exercise tests your grammatical knowledge of Spanish.

| N | IARÍA SÁNCHEZ |
|--|--|
| María Sánchez ha sido elegida la jo | ven empresaria del año. |
| realizó sus estudios de Empresarial | emania, país (70)el que nació y es. Después (71)trasladó a arketing en la Universidad de Madrid. |
| dos años en el mundo de los negoci (73) considera muy p | resarial y creó <i>Hogarcas</i> , empresa aración de artículos para el hogar. Hoy, con apenas os, tiene más de 600 empleados a los oreparados y eficientes. <i>Hogarcas</i> , con 68 tiendas España, prevé una facturación de 37 millones de |

3.1.2.5. Finding information in short texts (7 questions)

You read four short texts, such as adverts, product descriptions, etc. Then you match different sentences with each of those texts. There are seven sentences and four texts (A, B, C or D), so you may have to use each text more than once. In the example below, you have to read the sentences and match each one to one of the texts. In the real exam, there will be two more texts and four more sentences.



3.1.2.6. Filling gaps in a text with options (5 questions)

This type of exercise tests your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. You have to read a text with five words missing. There is a choice of four words (A, B, C or D) for each gap and you have to choose the best answer. The example below is part of an extract with three of the five questions. Choose the best word to fill each space from the four choices given for each gap.

| 16 | stin | nado socio/a: | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| r F S S | Sin a nove mpea soluc Fe a ncept Recu | embargo, a pe dades y replet s tenido algún dido enviarnos ionarlo. djuntamos un fi tación entre lo: erda que para l | sar de q a de ofer problema tu soli olleto con socios d peneficiar | ue te hemos e tas, no hemos a con la recepa citud. En est todos los títul el club para que | enviado o recibido ción de la e caso, los más da e (84) ajas que f | a ningún (82) a revista o qui; por favor, há | nuestra zás algu íznoslo (rimestre ilizar tu p | |
| (L F F | láma Para Nos s Espei | anos hoy misma o. Universo Musia erán muy útile: | o envían al tu pre . Haznos | os tu solicitud o sencia en el clu llegar tus como | cuanto (8 b es muy entarios. | | r ello, tu colabora | |
| (L F F F | láma Para Nos s Espei | anos hoy misma o. Universo Musia erán muy útile: ramos tus notia | o envían al tu pre . Haznos | os tu solicitud o sencia en el clu llegar tus como ovechamos esto | cuanto (8 b es muy entarios. | importante. Por Gracias por tu c iidad para enviar | r ello, tu colabora | opinión y sugerencias ción. |
| (L F F F C | láma regal Para los s Spei | anos hoy misma o. Universo Musia erán muy útile: ramos tus notia | o envían al tu pre . Haznos | os tu solicitud e sencia en el clu llegar tus comu ovechamos este El dir | cuanto (8 b es muy entarios. a oportun | importante. Por Gracias por tu c iidad para enviar | r ello, tu colabora rte un sa | opinión y sugerencias ción. |
| (L F F F C | láma regal Para los s Spei Cordi | anos hoy misma o. Universo Musia erán muy útile: ramos tus notia ialmente, | o envían al tu pre Haznos ias y apro | os tu solicitud e sencia en el clu llegar tus come ovechamos este El dir | cuanto (8 b es muy entarios. a oportun rector de | importante, Por Gracias por tu d iidad para enviar el Club | r ello, tu colabora rte un sa D | opinión y sugerencias ción. ludo. |

3.1.2.7. Filling gaps in a text (5 questions)

You have to read a text in which five words are missing and think of a word to fill each gap. Read the text below and try to think of the right word to fill each of the gaps.

| Estimado cliente: | da an an da cada la cas c a ana la da castra da c |
|---|--|
| en nuestra organización al solicitar i | |
| Esperamos que (87) conozca y disfrute de todas sus ven | plena satisfacción al usarla y le invitamos a que tajas. |
| | nos un breve recorrido (88)nuestras |
| | nás de poder adquirir todo (89) que |
| | le (90), podrá pagar sus viajes y oner a punto su automóvil. Podrá utilizar todos taias. |
| En Corty le damos nuestra más si que a partir de ahora sus mejores | incera bienvenida. (91) seguros de compras serán también más cómodas y sencillas. |
| Tenga siempre a mano su nueva Ta Atentamente, | arjeta, le abrirá un mundo de servicios y de ventajas. |
| | Julio Inglés |
| | Director de Publicidad |

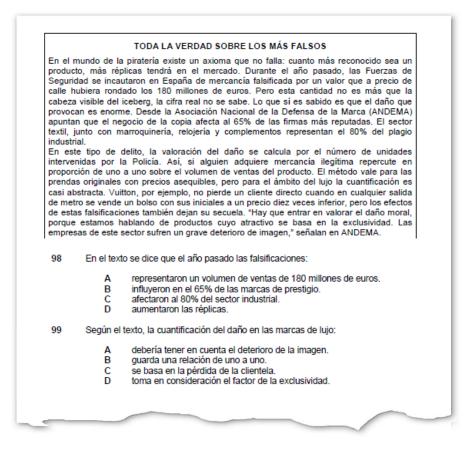
3.1.2.8. Sentences with a gap (6 questions)

You have to choose the right word or phrase to fill a gap in a sentence. There are four choices (A, B, C or D) for each question. Have a look at the two questions below and see if you can decide which word you need to complete each sentence. In the real exam, there will be four more questions like these for you to answer.

3.1.2.9. Understanding a longer text (6 questions)

| 92 | Cuando I | legaron a un acuerdo ya demasiado tarde. |
|----|----------|--|
| | Α | estaba |
| | B C | llegaba era |
| | Ď | hacía |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| 02 | La sudan | |
| 93 | Le orden | é a Antonio que cuanto antes. |
| | Α | llamaba |
| | B C | llamaría llamara |
| | D | llamó |
| | | |
| _ | _ | |

You read a longer text, such as part of a business report, a newspaper article, etc. Then you answer some detailed questions on it. You have to choose from four options (A, B, C or D) for each question. The example below shows you part of an article and two of the six questions. Remember that there will be four more questions like these in the real exam.



3.1.2.10. Correcting errors in a text (7 questions)

You have to read a text which is at least seven lines long. Some lines have errors in them. If the line is correct, you put a tick (\checkmark) on your answer sheet. If there is a wrong word in the line, you write the correct word on your answer sheet. In the example below, see if you can find any errors in lines 104–106. Remember that there will be four more lines to check in the real exam.

 Estimado Señor Bernal:

 104

 Queremos informarle de que el próximo 1 de enero nuestras oficinas,

 105

 que hasta ahora eran funcionando en la calle Mayor, 2, serán trasladadas a la calle Colón, 3.

 106

 Las razones que nos han obligado a adoptar este decisión no han sido otras que intentar

3.2. LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading (Computer-based)

The LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading (Computer-based) test includes a large number of questions, covering all levels of language proficiency (from basic to advanced). Questions appear on the computer's screen and candidates need a keyboard and a mouse to respond. The test's adaptive feature depicts the use of state-of-the-art assessment technology, given the fact that the questions are automatically selected based on the right or wrong responses provided by the candidate. In other words,

the questions become progressively easier or more difficult, adapting uniquely to each candidate's skills (i.e. if the candidate gives a wrong answer, an easier question follows; if the candidate gives a correct answer, the next question will be more difficult).

The Computer-based adaptive test offers:

- a shorter in length testing session than the Paper-based version, since a smaller number of questions is needed to determine the candidate's level.
- test lasts ≃60 minutes, while the Paper-based lasts 110 minutes, and evaluates reading and listening skills, knowledge of grammar and vocabulary, as the Paper-based version.

The test includes the following question types:

3.2.1. Listening

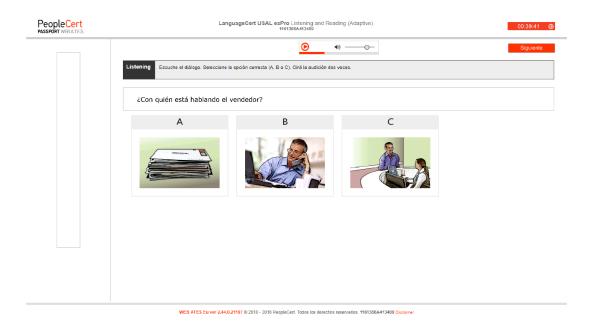
3.2.1.1. Short text with multiple choice options

Based on the recording you hear, you will have to read questions and respond to them by selecting one of the available options. Note that there may be more than one question per page, so make sure to scroll down.

| PeopleCert PASSPORT WEB ATE.S. | LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading (Adaptive) 00:32:32 0 |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| | O ■ Sigurente |
| | Listening Escuche el dálogo. Después, seleccione la opción correcta (A, B o C). Otrá cada audición dos veces. |
| | LLAMADA TELEFÓNICA. |
| | ¿Qué hace Miguel en el centro de formación? |
| | A Es un amigo del Sr. Martínez. |
| | B Un compañero de trabajo del Sr. Martínez. |
| | C Un familiar. |
| | La mujer le pide a su compañero que: |
| | A Porque la llamada se interrumpe. |
| | B Porque ha marcado mal el número. |
| | C Porque la mujer no puede olife. |
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3.2.1.2. Multiple choice with an image

Based on the recording you hear you have to respond to a question by selecting the image you think is correct.



3.2.2. Reading

3.2.2.1. Understanding signs and short messages

You will read common signs or extracts from letters, forms, adverts, leaflets, etc. You will answer a question about each one. In the example below, you have to match the correct explanation (A, B or C) to the meaning of the sign.

| PeopleCert PASSPORT WEB ATE S | LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading (Adaptive) 1141356A413400 | 00:29:56 🗿 |
|----------------------------------|---|------------|
| | Reading Les el siguiente anuncio. Seleccione la opción correcta (A. B o C). Les el siguiente texto. Elja la opción correcta (a, B o C). MANTENER ESTE CONTENIDO N LUGAR FRESCO Y FUERA DEL AL CANCE DE LA LUZ. A El contenido debe estar congelado. B El contenido debe estar congelado. C El contenido debe permanecer a una temperatura constante. | Siguiente |
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3.2.2.2. Sentence with a gap

You complete each sentence by selecting the correct option from the four options provided (A, B, C or D).

| PeopleCert passport web ates | LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading (Adaptive) 1111360-413409 CO/3113 | 5 🛈 |
|---------------------------------|---|-----|
| | Reading Piense la palabra o expresión más apropiada para completar la frase. Seleccione la opción correcta (A, B, C o D). Reading Piense la palabra o expresión más apropiada para completar la frase. Seleccione la opción correcta (A, B, C o D). La entrevista de trabajoel próximo lunes A con te B con ti C con tú D contigo | |
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3.2.2.3. Longer text with multiple-choice questions

You will read a longer text and answer multiple-choice questions by choosing one of the available answers (A, B or C).

| POPLECENT SPORT WEBATES. | LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and F 1161380A413409 | 00:03:4 00:03:4 |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| | Reading Lea el siguiente texto. Seleccione la opción correcta (A, B o C). | Siguie |
| | La franquicia: una vía empresarial para jóvenes | ¿Cuándo pueden cambiar las empresas el emplazamiento de sus puestos? |
| | La franquicia constituye una fórmula comercial en pleno desarrollo en España, donde se estima que acapara entre un 2 y un 3 por ciento del comercio minorista. En nuestro país, se dan circunstancias que hacen de la franquicia un | A Cuando quieran cambiar de edificio. |
| | negocio muy atractivo: es un camino profesional para jóvenes que encuentran un mercado laboral en recesión, una oportunidad para personas que se han visto envueltas en procesos de regulación de | B Cuando otro encargado de puesto acceda a intercambiar su puesto. |
| | plantilias y una salida para aquellos comerciantes que no pueden competir con las grandes superficies. Para montar una franquicia sólo debe encontrar un local. A partir de ahí, el franquiciador iniciaria toda una serie de mecanismos para garantizarle la avuda necesaria para abrir el neocoto y operior en marcha. La | C Cuando la organización lo permita |
| | empresa franquiciadora le cederá su marca y todos sus distintivos comerciales (logotipo, anagramas, rótulos, etc.), le facilitará el mobiliario, el decorado, productos terminados o, en su defecto, materias primas con las que fabricarlos y además, le enseñará las | 2. ¿Cuál de estos artículos se puede vender en un puesto a un cliente? |
| | técnicas comerciales y de gestión ya experimentadas en otros establecimientos de la red. Usted deberá seguir todas las normas de la cadena. Tendrá que | A Bocadillos. |
| | compensar al franquiciador mediante un pago inicial, y además mensualmente deberá realizar el pago de un tanto por ciento sobre la facturación. | B Zumo de frutas. |
| | El franquiciador consigue un crecimiento rápido con menores costes, ya que, por ejemplo, el personal y los locales no son suyos, sino que pertencen a cada franquiciado. Además, si se realiza una buena selección de éstos, podrá disponer de personas que gestionen mucho | C Paquetes de arroz. |

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3.2.2.4. Filling gaps in a text

You will read a text in which there are missing words (gaps). For each gap, type a correct word to complete the sentence. Use only one word in each space.

| PeopleCert PASSPORT WEB ATLES. | LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading (Adaptive) 00:19:16 0 |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| | Siguiente |
| | Reading Lea el siguiente fexto y escriba la palabra adecuada para completarios espacios en bianco. |
| | Hija de emigrantes españoles en Alemania, país el que nació y realizó sus estudios de Empresariales. Después |
| | trasladó a España para hacer un Máster de Marketing en la Universidad de Madrid. A los 24 años, inició su carrera empresarial y creó Hogarcas, empresa a la venta y reparación de artículos para el hogar. Hoy, con apenas dos años en el mundo de los negocios, tiene más de 600 emplea- ^a |
| | dos a los considera muy preparados y eficientes. Hogarcas, con 68 tiendas repartidas toda inserver una toda España, prevé una |
| | facturación de 37 millones de euros. |
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3.2.2.5. Finding information in short texts

You will read three short texts, such as adverts, product descriptions, etc. For each question, you need to select the text (A, B or C) that matches the sentence. You may have to choose each text more than once.

| PeopleCert PASSPORT WEB ATES | LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading (Adaptive) 11613664413400 | |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| | Reading Lea el siguiente texto. Seleccione la opción correcta (A, B o C). | Siguiente |
| | IMPORTANTE EMPRESA DE SERVICIOS Selecciona para Madrid y Murcia VENDEDOR DE ZONA | 1. Si usted no come carne, ¿quê menú debe elegir? |
| | Buscamos: Joven de entre 25 y 30 años, auténtico profe- sional de la venta, motivado para ocuparse personalmente de gran parte de la acción comercial de la zona. Ofrecemos: Período de formación a cargo de la empresa, 27.500 euros brutos anuales más gastos de viaje. Enviar C.V. con fotografía reciente al apartado nº 2.101 de Madrid. | В Мелú 2. С Мелú 3. |
| | | Si usted quiere comer un menú sin pagar más por el vino, puede elegir entre |
| | | A menú tradicional y menú de temporada. |
| | | B menú de temporada y gran menú castellano. |
| | | C menú tradicional y gran menú castellano. |
| | | |

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3.2.2.6. Fill the gaps in a text

This type of exercise tests your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. You will have to read a text with five words missing. There is a choice of three options (A, B or C) for each gap and you have to choose the best answer.

| PeopleCert | LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening and Reading (Adaptive) | |
|-------------------|---|--|
| PASSPORT WEBATES. | 1161386A413409 | |
| | Reading Lea el siguiente taxto. Seleccione la opción correcta (A, B o C) para cada espacio María Sánchez ha sido elegida joven empresaria del año. Hija de emigrantes españoles en Alemania, país (1)el que nació y realizó su estudios de Empresariales. Después (2)trasladó a España para hacer un Máster de Marketing en la Universidad de Madrid. A los 24 años, inició su carrera empresarial y creó Hogarcas, empresa (3)a la venta y reparación de artículos para el hogar. Hoy, con apenas dos años en el mundo de los negocios, tiene más de 600 empleados a los (4)considera muy preparados y eficientes. Hogarcas, con 68 tiendas repartidas (5)toda España, prevé una facturación de 37 millones de euros. | I. I. B cuates C donde 2. Image: Control of the second |

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3.3. LanguageCert USAL esPro Writing test

The LanguageCert USAL esPro Writing test assesses writing skills and knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

The LanguageCert USAL esPro Writing test is divided into two parts.

| Content | Writing | Suggested duration |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Part 1 | Email (50–60 words) | 15 minutes |
| Part 2 | Report or letter (180–200 words) | 30 minutes |

The test lasts for 45 minutes. It is suggested that you spend 15 minutes on Part 1 and 30 minutes on Part 2.

3.3.1. Part 1: Email

In Part 1 you have to write a short message, fax, letter or email using the information given. It is important to cover all the points given in the instructions. You should write 50–60 words for your answer. In the Part 1 example below, you have received a letter and you have to write a reply to Manuel Barrientos.

| | e de la programación de nuestra Semana de orientación profesional, estamos |
|--------------|--|
| | lo conferencias con empresarios y gente del mundo de los negocios. El s que nuestros estudiantes conozcan más de cerca la profesión. ¿Podríamos |
| | usted el 21 de noviembre a las 10:30 de la mañana? Le agradecería que, sa fecha, me comunicara el tema de su presentación. Los estudiantes |
| están intere | esados en recibir cualquier consejo que les ayude al empezar a trabajar. |
| Givecesital | ía algo especial para su conferencia? |
| Atentamen | ite, |
| Manuel Ba | urrientos |
| | |
| Responda a | la carta de Manuel Barrientos: |
| | Aceptando la invitación |
| | Sugiriendo un posible tema sobre el que hablar |
| | Diciéndole al Sr. Barrientos qué necesita para su conferencia |
| | |

3.3.2. Part 2: Report or letter

A letter or a report format is required. Again, you need to cover all the points given in the instructions, but this time the answer should be longer (180–200 words) and needs to be written in an appropriate style. Have a look at the two tasks below and think about the answers you could write.

Tarea A

Su empresa le ha pedido que escriba una carta informal, a modo de guía, dirigida a los nuevos trabajadores contratados. El objetivo es ayudarles a familiarizarse con el funcionamiento de la empresa.

Escriba una carta a los nuevos empleados.

Infórmeles sobre:

- Jornada laboral
- Ropa de trabajo
- Oportunidades de formación y promoción

y sobre cualquier otro aspecto que considere importante.

Tarea B

Su empresa está decidiendo si necesita volver a equipar las oficinas. El gerente de su departamento le ha encargado redactar un informe sobre el material del que disponen y, además, sugerir cualquier mejora.

Escriba un informe dirigido al gerente de su departamento en el que describa el material y los equipos con los que cuentan.

Haga referencia a:

- La importancia de los distintos equipos y materiales
- Su funcionamiento actual
- Cambios que considere necesarios

y a cualquier otro aspecto que le parezca importante.

3.4. LanguageCert USAL esPro Speaking test

The LanguageCert USAL esPro Speaking test assesses your spoken Spanish in a professional context. The table below shows you what the test involves:

| Content | Speaking | Duration |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Part 1 | Interview | About 4 minutes |
| Part 2 | Presentation | About 4 minutes |
| Part 3 | Information Exchange and Discussion | About 4 minutes |

3.4.1. Part 1: Interview

In Part 1, you need to be able to talk about your background, education, job, studies, career plans or personal interests.

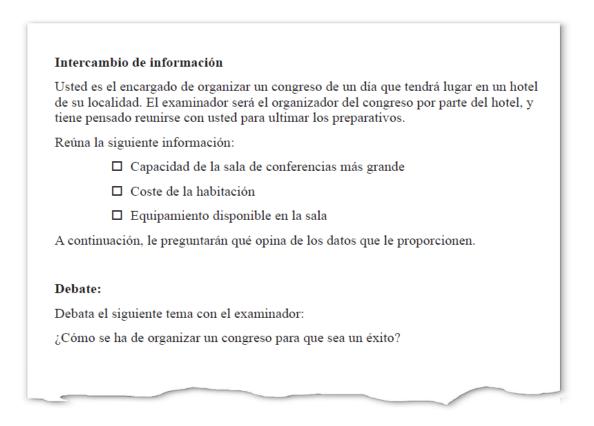
3.4.2. Part 2: Presentation

In Part 2, you have to give a short presentation about a work-related topic. You have to choose one of three topics which the examiner will give you and talk for 1 minute. You have 1 minute to read the three topics, choose one and make some notes about what you want to say. The examiner will ask you a question after you have finished speaking. Below are some examples of the kind of topics you might get in Part 2.

| Tarea A |
|--|
| Describa una reunión de trabajo importante a la que haya asistido. |
| Debe mencionar: |
| Dónde fue |
| □ Sobre qué fue |
| Por qué fue importante |
| ¿Cuáles fueron los momentos más interesantes? |
| |
| Tarea B |
| Describa a una persona con la que disfrute trabajando en equipo. |
| Debe mencionar: |
| A qué se dedica esa persona |
| Qué tipo de trabajo realizan juntos |
| Por qué le gusta trabajar con esa persona |
| ¿Cambiaría algo de esa persona? ¿Por qué?/ ¿Por qué no? |
| Tarea C |
| |
| Describa el criterio que sigue su empresa para contratar a sus proveedores. |
| Debe mencionar: |
| Quién elige a los proveedores de su empresa |
| Qué espera la empresa de sus proveedores |
| Qué sucede cuando la empresa no está satisfecha con el trabajo de un proveedor |
| ¿Qué piensa su empresa de sus proveedores? |
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| |

3.4.3. Part 3: Information Exchange and Discussion

In Part 3, you have to role-play a situation with the examiner and then participate in a discussion on a similar topic. The examiner will give you some instructions about the task and you have 1 minute to read them. If you don't know so much about the topic, you should remember that the important thing is to demonstrate your Spanish ability. Look at the example of a Part 3 task below and think about how you would ask for the information you need.



4. Preparing for LanguageCert USAL esPro

The LanguageCert USAL esPro evaluates listening, reading, writing and speaking skills that are required for most purposes – not only in business.

If you are following a General Spanish course or preparing on your own to take LanguageCert USAL esPro, have a look at the following list of topics and situations which could be covered. Try to read or listen to material on these topics, as this will help you to prepare more effectively, so that you can feel confident when you take the test.

4.1. Topics and functions

| | Asking for and giving personal details |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| PERSONAL INFORMATION | (name, occupation, etc.). |
| | Asking about and describing jobs and responsibilities. |
| | Asking about and describing a company and its organization. |
| THE OFFICE, GENERAL | Arranging appointments/meetings |
| BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND ROUTINE | Planning future events and tasks. |
| | Asking for and giving permission |

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| | Giving and receiving instructions | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| | Predicting and describing future possibilities. | | |
| _ | Asking for and giving opinions | | |
| _ | Agreeing and disagreeing. | | |
| - | Making, accepting and rejecting suggestions | | |
| - | Expressing needs and wants. | | |
| _ | Discussing problems. | | |
| - | Making recommendations. | | |
| - | Justifying decisions and past actions. | | |
| ENTERTAINMENT OF CLIENTS, FREE TIME, RELATIONSHIPS WITH COLLEAGUES AND CLIENTS | Discussing interests and leisure activities. | | |
| | Inviting, accepting and refusing offers and invitations (Writing only). | | |
| | Thanking and expressing appreciation | | |
| | Apologising and accepting apologies | | |
| TRAVEL | Making enquiries, reservations, requests and complaints | | |
| HEALTH | Health and safety rules in the workplace. | | |
| LEISURE ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS AND SPORTS | Buying and selling. | | |
| | Understanding and discussing prices and delivery dates, offers and agreements. | | |
| PRODUCTS AND SERVICES | Asking for and giving information about a product or service | | |
| - | Making comparisons, expressing opinions, preferences, etc. | | |
| - | Making and receiving complaints | | |
| RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS | Descriptions and explanations of company performance and results, trends, events and changes. | | |
| A number of other topics in areas of general interest, su OTHER TOPIC AREAS food and drink, education (training, courses), consumer g shopping and prices, etc. may be included. | | | |

5. Overview of Assessment

5.1. Assessment in Paper-based and Computer-based (Adaptive) tests:

All the Speaking and Writing exams of LanguageCert USAL esPro are marked by the certified examiners of Cursos Internaciones de la Universidad de Salamanca. There are courses of criteria unification that are done periodically, in order to ensure the consistency and objectivity (impartiality) of the evaluation, following the CEFR guidelines.

For the Paper-based version, all candidates take the same paper-based test, regardless of their language proficiency.

For the Computer-based version, the questions adapt uniquely to the level of each candidate.

5.2. Understanding scores

The LanguageCert USAL esPro scores are presented on a scale of 0 to100 and are mapped to the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) as follows:

| CERF Levels | LanguageCert USAL esPro Scores |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| C2 | 90 – 100 |
| C1 | 75 – 89 |
| B2 | 60 – 74 |
| B1 | 40 – 59 |
| A2 | 20 – 39 |
| A1 | 10 – 19 |

There is no 'Pass' or 'Fail' mark. Test takers upon the completion of the LanguageCert USAL esPro test will receive:

- Test Report, which presents in a clear and easy-to-understand way
 - the candidate's overall score
 - o separate scores for every language skill taken Listening and Reading & Writing and Speaking
 - a summary of "Can Do" statements aligned with the CEFR levels. These are functional/situational statements that describe what a candidate would be expected to do at work place at a specific CEFR level in Spanish.
- **Certificate**, where the candidate's results corresponding to a level from A1 to C2 are presented, for scores of 10 or above

5.2.1. Calculation of the test score

The overall score of the LanguageCert USAL esPro Listening & Reading test is not simply an average of the individual scores of each test session (Listening, Reading), and it is calculated based on a specific scoring algorithm that identifies the candidate's language competence, as each test section carries a different weight. For example, if the Listening Score is 50 and the Reading Score is 60, the overall score will not necessarily be 55.

5.3. Sample Test Report & Certificate

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| | | Resultado global* | | 85 | C1 |
| | | Resultado comprensión auditiva | | 87 | C1 |
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5.4. Descriptions of competence at each level

| CEFR | Score | Can do statements | | | | |
|------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| C2 | 90 – 100 | Can use the telephone persuasively and effectively. Can understand all but the most specialised letters and documents. Can put points persuasively when dealing with clients, and speak effectively and at length in meetings. Can write most kinds of letters and reports and take dictation on non-routine matters. | | | | |
| C1 | 75 - 89 | Can use the telephone for most purposes. Can understand quickly most letters and documents, with some dictionary help. Can deal with clients effectively, handling matters outside their own field. Can write most letters and reports with few errors. | | | | |
| B2 | 60 - 74 | Can use the telephone with good understanding. Can understand most reports and non-routine letters, with dictionary help. Can deal with clients and resolve most problems in their own field. Can write more complex messages and non-routine factual letters, if work is checked. | | | | |
| B1 | 40 – 59 | Can use the telephone for routine messages (e.g. arrangements for a meeting). Can understand routine letters and information about familiar products or services. Can deal with clients on routine matters (e.g. taking orders) and engage in limite conversation (e.g. talking about personal interests). Can write factual messages and routine letters, if work is checked. | | | | |
| A2 | 20 – 39 | Can use the telephone for simple messages. Can state and understand simple messages or instructions. Can deal with clients by asking and responding to simple questions. Can write simple messages and letters following a standard model. | | | | |
| A1 | 10 – 19 | Can understand simple phone messages. Can follow short simple written instructions especially if they contain pictures. Can pass on simple messages of a routine kind. Can write a simple routine request to a colleague. | | | | |

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