### Diploma / Structure of the examinations

#### A1: Basic user (No. of training hours required by CIEP for A1: 120h)

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 1h20  
  - **Written comprehension** (about 20 min)  
    - Answer several questionnaires testing comprehension, based on 3 or 4 very short recordings relating to daily life situations (each recording is listened to twice)  
  - **Maximum duration of each recording:** 3 mins  
  - **Written comprehension** (30 mins)  
    - Answer several questionnaires testing comprehension, based on 4 or 5 written documents relating to daily life situations

- **Written composition** (30 mins)  
  - Examination in 2 parts:  
    - complete a sheet, a form  
    - compose simple sentences (post cards, messages, lists...) on subjects of daily life  
  - Oral presentation (5 - 7 mins / 10 mins for preparation)  
    - Examination in 3 parts:  
      - directed conversation on a given subject  
      - exchange of information - simulated dialogue

- **Maximum duration of each recording:** 5 mins  
  - short recorded documents relating to daily life situations  
  - written documents relating to daily life situations

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 2h30

#### A2: Basic user (No. of training hours required by CIEP for A2: 150h, total No. of training hours: 270h)

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 1h40  
  - **Oral comprehension** (about 25 mins)  
    - Answer several questionnaires testing comprehension, based on 3 or 4 short recorded documents relating to daily life situations (each recording is listened to twice)  
  - **Maximum duration of each recording:** 5 mins  
  - **Written comprehension** (30 mins)  
    - Answer several questionnaires testing comprehension, based on 3 or 4 written documents relating to daily life situations

- **Written composition** (45 mins)  
  - Compose 2 short written documents (friendly letter or message):  
    - describe personal events or experiences  
    - write to invite, to thank, to request, to inform, to congratulate...  
  - **Oral presentation** (6 - 8 mins / 10 mins for preparation)  
    - Examination in 3 parts:  
      - directed conversation on a given subject  
      - structured monologue  
      - conversation focused on a given situation

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 1h

#### B1: Independant user (No. of training hours required by CIEP for B1: 210h, total No. of training hours: 480h)

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 1h45  
  - **Oral comprehension** (about 30 mins)  
    - Answer several questionnaires testing comprehension, based on 3 recorded documents relating to daily life situations (each recording is listened to twice)  
  - **Written comprehension** (35 mins)  
    - Answer several questionnaires testing comprehension, based on 2 written documents:  
      - extract the useful information from a text on the basis of a specific question  
      - analyze content of a general interest document

- **Written composition** (45 mins)  
  - Express a personal opinion on a general theme (essay, mail, article...)  
  - **Oral presentation** (about 15 mins / 10 mins for preparation)  
    - only for the third part of the examination  
    - Examination in 3 parts:  
      - directed conversation on a given subject  
      - conversation focused on a given situation  
      - express a point of view with help of a controversial document

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 1h

#### B2: Independant user (No. of training hours required by CIEP for B2: 300h, total No. of training hours: 780h)

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 2h30  
  - **Oral comprehension** (about 30 mins)  
    - Answer several questionnaires testing comprehension, based on 2 recorded documents:  
      - interview, news bulletin (listened to only once)  
      - informal lecture, conference, speech, documentary, radio or television broadcast (each recording is listened to twice)  
  - **Written comprehension** (5 mins)  
    - Maximum duration of each recording: 8 mins

- **Written composition** (1h)  
  - Answer several questionnaires testing comprehension, based on 2 written documents:  
    - informative text about France or a French-speaking country  
    - argumentative text  
  - **Written composition** (1h)  
    - Formulate a personal opinion on a topic and argue its merits in an essay  
    - Formulate a personal opinion on a topic and argue its merits in an essay (participation in a debate, formal letter, critical article)

- **Oral presentation** (about 20 mins / 30 mins for preparation)  
  - (about 20 mins / 30 mins for preparation)  
  - Explain and defend a point of view with help of a controversial document

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 30 mins

#### C1: Experienced User (No. of training hours required by CIEP for C1: 350h, total No. of training hours: 1,130h)

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 4h  
  - **Oral comprehension** (about 40 mins)  
    - Answer questionnaires testing comprehension of recorded documents:  
      - One long recording (interview, class, conference...) of approximately 8 mins (with the possibility to hear recording twice)  
      - Several brief broadcasts (news flash, polls, advertisements...) (recording listened to one time only)  
  - **Written comprehension** (50 mins)  
    - Maximum length of the recording: 10 mins  
    - Answer a comprehension questionnaire based on a text (literary or newspaper article, of 1,500 to 2,000 words)

- **Written composition** (2h30)  
  - Summary of approximately 1,000 words of several written documents  
  - Essay based on content of the documents  
  - Candidate may opt for one of two areas: arts and humanities or science  
  - **Oral presentation** (30 mins / 1h for preparation)  
    - Oral presentation based on several written documents followed by a discussion with the jury.  
    - 2 fields available to the candidate: arts and humanities or science

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 3h30

#### C2: Experienced User (No. of training hours required by CIEP for C2: 350h++, total No. of training hours: 1,480h++)

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 3h30  
  - **Oral comprehension and composition** (30 mins / 1h for preparation)  
    - Divided into 3 parts:  
      - Presentation of personal views regarding theme/problem developed in document  
      - Debate with the jury  
      - 2 fields available to the candidate: arts and humanities or science

- **Written comprehension and composition** (3h30)  
  - Write a structured text of approximately 2,000 words (article, editorial, report, speech...) based on a folder of documents  
  - 2 fields available to the candidate: arts and humanities or science

- **Total duration of the collective examinations:** 3h30

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