

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*
- Oral comprehension** (about 20 min)
 - ↘ Answer several questionnaires to test comprehension, focused 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

• 25 points for each session out of 100 • Minimum grade for passing the diploma : 50/100 • Required grade per examination : 10/50

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

• 25 points for each session out of 100 • Minimum grade for passing the diploma : 50/100 • Required grade per examination : 10/50

B1: Independent 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 25 mins)
 - ↘ Answer several questionnaires testing comprehension, based on 3 recorded documents relating to daily life situations (each recording is listened to twice)
 - Maximum duration of each recording : 6 mins*
- 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

• 25 points for each session out of 100 • Minimum grade for passing the diploma : 50/100 • Required grade per examination : 10/50

B2: Independent 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)
 - Maximum duration of each recording : 8 mins*

- Written comprehension** (1h)
 - ↘ Answer several questionnaires of 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

• 25 points per session out of 100 • Minimum grade for passing the diploma : 50/100 • Required grade per examination : 10/50

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)
 - Maximum length of the recording: 10 mins*
- Written comprehension** (50 mins)
 - ↘ Answer a comprehension questionnaire based on a text (literary or newspaper article, of 1,500 to 2,000 words)

- Written composition** (2h30)
 - ↘ Divided into 2 parts:
 - 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*

• 25 points per session out of 100 • Minimum grade for passing the diploma : 50/100 • Required grade per examination : 10/50

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:
 - Report on the contents of an recorded document (with the possibility to hear recording twice)
 - 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*

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• 50 points per session out of 100 • Minimum grade for passing the diploma : 50/100 • Required grade per examination : 10/50