

# VCC LANGUAGE COMPETENCE CERTIFICATION

FOR B2 LEVEL

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PART	Max number of points	TIME (minutes)	SCORE
1. READING AND GRAMMAR	45	60	
2. WRITING	25	80	
3. LISTENING	25	25	
4. SPEAKING	25	15	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>180</b>	

## B2 Sample KEY

### Part 1 Reading and Grammar

#### Task 1

Read the text and for each questions (1-5) choose the best answer A, B, C or D.

#### PERIPHERALS

Peripherals are usually defined as external devices which give the computer a wider range of functions and capabilities. Take the computer mouse, for example. Without it, navigating through applications or operating systems would be a real nightmare.....

#### Example:

0. How are peripherals usually defined ?

- A. As External devices    B. Internal devices    C. Side devices    D. Range devices

#### Task 2

Read the text and choose the best title for each of the paragraphs (A-G). Write the letters in the spaces provided. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

#### WHAT ARE THE WORST WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH WITH END-USERS?

You should ask yourself the following question: "Do I keep the users in my network informed and listen carefully to their problems? Am I really helpful?" If so, than why is it that they seem not to read your emails or instructions included? Well, obviously there is some problem with communication. Technically-minded people have a tendency to treat others who are not so much into the technical stuff as idiots and let them feel it. It is absolutely the worst thing that can happen to any administrator. Here is a list of things that each admin should definitely avoid:

#### 0. RUDE BODY LANGUAGE

Kind words cannot very often hide your real feelings, especially when they are accompanied by rolling your eyes, mumbling some words under the breath or trying to suppress smirks when asked to change a cartridge in the printer. If you are often asked to perform such tasks, you should try to educate the user instead, but do it in a sensitive and friendly way.

#### Task 3

You are going to read the text about three types of network topologies. Match the questions (1-10) to the sections of the article (A-C). Some letters may be used more than once.

Which topology:

Example:

0.	has a central point called a hub	C
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<b>A</b> Bus Topology
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<b>B</b> Ring Topology
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<b>C</b> Star Topology
The idea behind the star topology is that there is one central point (called a hub or a switch) to which every other node on the network is connected. This hub controls or manages the network and the peripheral devices are recognized as its clients. The signal from any device on the network must pass through the central hub. Its main function is to repeat the signal. The star topology is frequently chosen by administrators due to the fact that it is quite easy to implement and extend. Additionally, a failure in one of the nodes does not lead to the network shutdown. However, if the central hub fails, the whole network will stop working.

Task 4

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. Use 2 up to 5 words including the word given. Do not change this word.

Example:
0. It was unusual for me to drive on the right when I first came to France. <b>USED</b>
I _____ was not used to driving _____ on the right when I first came to France.

Task 5

Use the word in capitals at the end of each of the following sentences to form a word that fits in the blank space.

0. Real _____ <b>FRIENDSHIP</b> _____ is more valuable than money. <b>FRIEND</b>
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### Task 6

Read the text and complete the blanks with the most suitable words (A,B, C or D).

#### A proper diet

We (0) \_\_\_\_\_ be careful with the food we eat every day. Our diet should be balanced and varied .....

0.      A. can                      B. should                      C. used                      D. mustn't

### Task 7

Complete the text. Write **one** word in each of the blanks.

<p><b>Packaging</b></p> <p>Some packaging materials 0. are environmentally friendly. For example, glass .....</p>
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## Paper 3 Listening

### Task 1

Listen to the conversation and mark the sentences TRUE or FALSE. You will hear the recording twice.

Example:

		TRUE	FALSE
0.	The conversation takes place in a restaurant.	X	

### Task 2

Listen to the programme and supply the missing words. You need to supply between 1-3 words in each of the blanks. You will hear the recording twice.

<p><b>Example:</b></p> <p>0. By using easy to guess passwords people give hackers _____ easy access _____ to our computer system.</p>
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### Task 3

Listen to the conversation and choose the best answer A, B or C. You will hear the recording twice.

Example:

Q. How many people can you hear in the recording?

A. One.

B. Two.

C. Three.

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## Paper 2 Writing

### Task 1

You want to go to a Summer Diet Camp. You got this leaflet from a young person in the street.

Read the offer and the notes you have made with additional questions. Then using all your notes, write an e-mail with your questions.

### Summer Diet Camp

If you want to lose weight, then our summer diet camp offer is what you are looking for!

- We run our camps in the mountain region with hilly landscape and breathtaking views.

What is the name of the place?

how far from facilities?

- Available dates are from 01.07. – 31.07. and 01.08.2014 – 31.08.2014

deadline?



Write your e-mail asking the questions you have about the offer. Use between **120-150** words.

To: Summer Diet Camp Office
Sent: 3rd June 2018
Subject: Summer Camp

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## Task 2

Choose one of the topics given below and write your answer between **120-180** words.

1. The local authorities want to ban cars from the city centre. You have been asked, as a representative of inhabitants, to write a report presenting opinions of the inhabitants on the issue. In your report specify whether more inhabitants are for or against the solution and give your personal recommendation

**Write a report.**

2. You have seen this announcement in a film magazine

<p>Film reviews wanted</p> <p>Have you recently seen a film where the main character behaved in a surprising way ?</p> <p>Write us a review of the film, explaining what the main character did and why in your opinion it was surprising. Specify if you would recommend the film to other people.</p>
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**Write your review.**

3. You have had a conversation in your class about the role of the Family in young people's lives. Your teacher has asked you to write a composition giving your opinion on the following topic.

*Families are becoming less and less important in the lives of the contemporary youth.*

**Write your composition**

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## Paper 4 Speaking

### Visual material Set 1

#### PART 1 & 2

#### STUDENT A

Talk for about 2 minutes about similarities and differences between the photographs (1 and 2).

#### PICTURE 1





**PICTURE 2**



**STUDENT B** : When your partner has finished say which of the situations you like better and why.

### Task 3

Now, you are going to work together for about 3-4 minutes.

Imagine you work as managers in a local restaurant which is trying to attract more customers. Below are some of the suggestions you are considering.

<b>New Menu (special Menu for children)</b>	<b>Change interior design</b>	<b>Distribute discount coupons</b>
<b>Put the offer on websites like Groupon</b>	<b>Build a small playground outside the restaurant</b>	<b>Increase the size of portions</b>

Talk about each of the suggestions and say how successful they may be. Then, decide which would be the best solution which would attract the greatest number of customers.