



DIPARTIMENTO DI INTERPRETAZIONE E TRADUZIONE

The OXFORD ONLINE PLACEMENT TEST

What is the test

The Oxford Online Placement Test **lasts 50 minutes**. During this time, you will have to answer about 45 questions: 30 questions on *Use of English* and 15 questions on *Listening comprehension*.

The number of questions and level of difficulty of the questions varies according to the progress you make during the test. The more questions you answer correctly, the more difficult the level will be and the less questions you will have to answer in the 50 minute-timeframe.

The *Use of English* questions will be *multiple choice* and *fill in the blanks*; they aim to evaluate your grammar and lexical knowledge, as well as your ability to understand brief dialogues (2/3 lines).

Once you have completed about 30 *Use of English* questions, you will move onto the *Listening Comprehension* part of the test where you will have to complete a *fill in the blank test*; there is only one correct answer for each blank space.

The *Listening Comprehension* part of the test requires candidates to listen to a passage. You may listen to the same passage **only twice**. You cannot pause the passage. Both British and American English are used in this part of the test.

NOTA BENE: MAKE SURE you complete the test correctly

The test is considered valid only if you have responded to every question assigned to you within the 50 minutes. **NOTA BENE:** YOU are advised to pay close attention to the available time to them: it is necessary to see the "end of test" screen by the 49th minute, otherwise the test will be marked at **ZERO** by the 50th minute.

Your available time will appear on the top right corner of your screen in mm:ss. A popup will appear when candidates are in their last 15 minutes of the test.

Once a question has been answered, candidates cannot go back and correct their answers at a later stage.

Those who complete their test before the available time is up must wait until the end of the 50 minutes period.

At the end of the test, candidates will be able to check their results by following the instructions that we provided.

NB: The test will be completed only after answering ALL the questions. A non given answer is considered as a mistake; it is necessary to complete the test, so in case you do not know an answer we suggest to click on the 'next' button and go to the next question or, if you are short of time, go up to the END of TEST clicking next.

What to do in case of:

- **No/interrupted internet connection:** should you have a problem with the internet connection, please alert a member of staff via skype chat.

NB: the system constantly saves any work done by the candidate. Even if there is a long interruption, neither the questions already answered nor the time available to complete the test will be modified.

HOW TO GET PREPARED FOR THE OOPT

To get prepared for the OOPT we suggest you practice on online or book exercises meant for level C1 tests such as the CAE or the IELTS. Do pay particular attention to the Use of English and the Listening comprehension sections of these test practice exercises. As for the Listening comprehension section, we also suggest you to practice listening to BBC/CNN (or other channels) radio and TV news and broadcast as well as watching films/TV series with no subtitles.