International Islamic University Malaysia

English Proficiency Test (EPT)
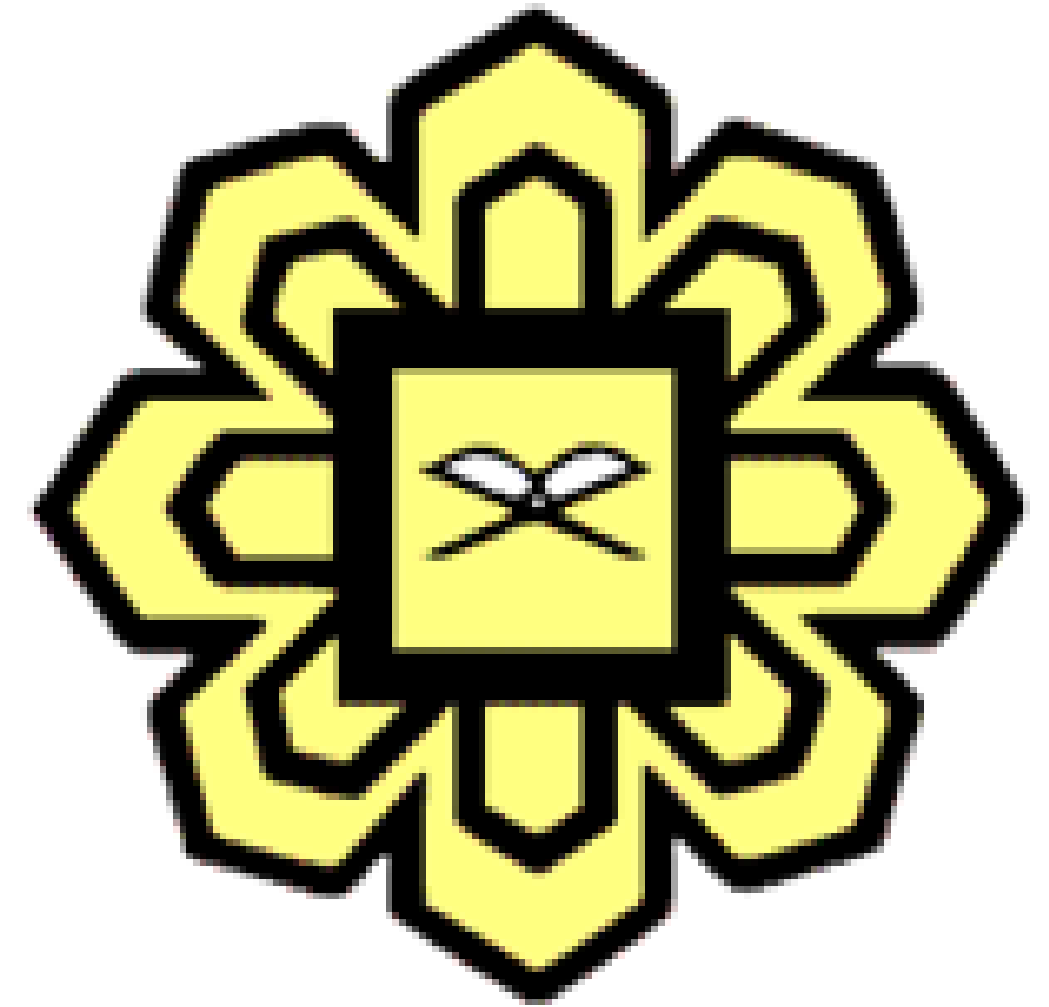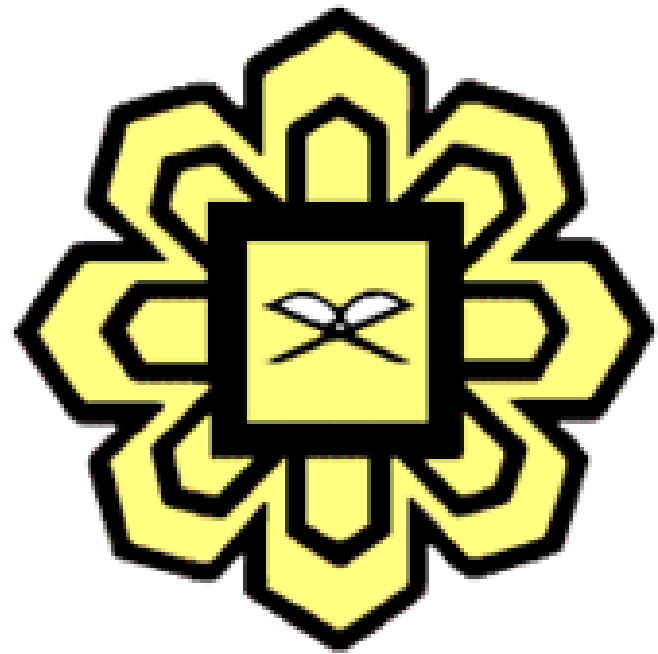
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INTRODUCTION

All students entering the International Islamic University Malaysia are given language tests in English and Arabic. The English Proficiency Test (EPT) is designed to place each student in the appropriate English class to suit his or her current level of English.

EXEMPTION FROM EPT

Exemption from EPT also can be given for students who have graduated (First Degree) from the following English-speaking countries:

UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA. (Certificates from other than these 5 countries are not accepted).

* For exemption matters, please email your certificate to temu@iium.edu.my

EXEMPTION FROM EPT

Other accepted certificates are as follows:
- **Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): Minimum Grade C**
- **Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): Minimum Grade B**
- **International Baccalaureate Standard Level (SL & HL): Score of 5 in English**
- **European Baccalaureate: Score of 70% in English**
- **IDEXCEL PTE - Scores of 50 and above**

English Language IGCSE:
- **English as First Language- Grade C**
- **English as Second Language - Grade B**

IELTS, TOEFL & MUET SCORES FOR EXEMPTION

EXEMPTION FROM EPT (IELTS/ TOEFL/MUET)

	PROGRAMME	IELTS Skill Band WTG	RDG	LSTG	SPKG	Overall Band OB	TOEFL Internet-based	Computer-based	Paper-based	MUET MIN. WRTG SCORE	OVRL OLD SCORE	OVRL NEW SCORE
UG	All English Medium Programmes (BIIF, Engin, Econs , Acd, HS, Laws)	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6	80	213	580	Band 4.0 Score 53	4.0	4.5
	ARCOM, BARB, MALCOM, ISED, BAHIM, All RK courses	5	5	5	5	5.5	71	196	525	Band 3.0 Score 31	3	3.5
	ENCOM, BENL, TEASL	6	6	6	6	6.5	95	240	587	Band 4.5 Score 65	5.0	5.0
PG	Science & Technology					5	60	173	500	3	3	3.5
	Arts					6	79	213	550	4	4	4.5
	PhD Law & Master of Comparative Law	5.5				6	79	213	550	Band 4 Min. Score 50	4	4.5
	PhD & Master with Arabic as Medium of instruction/thesis written in Arabic, with 'Research Mode" only					3	30	113	425		2	2.5
	Master of Arts in Teaching Arabic for Specific Purposes- KLM					4	30	113	425		3	3
	Master of Education (Teaching of Arabic to Non-Arabic Speaker)- KOE					3	30	113	425		2	2.5
	PhD Arabic Studies for Specific Purpose-KLM					3	30	113	425		2	2.5
	Master of Science, Islamic Banking and Finance with Arabic as a medium of instruction (Approval must be granted from the Institute)					3	30	113	425		2	2.5
	All Dentistry Programmes					6					4	4.5
	Clinical Specialist Training - KOM					5	60	173	500		3	3.5
	Master of Protective Security Management & Master of Business Intelligence Analysis					5	R11-13 W10-11	R13-15 W13-15	R44-47 W43-46		3	3.5
	Master of Arts in Teaching of English for Specific Purposes -KLM					6.5	92	232	575		5	5
	PhD English Studies for Specific Purpose- KLM					7	100	250	600		5	5
	Master of Education (Teaching English as a Second Language)- KOE					7	100	250	600		5	5
	PhD/M. HSc. Eng. Language Studies/ English Literary Studies					7	100	250	600		5	5

EPT TEST STRUCTURE

TEST	DURATION
PAPER 1 (READING)	**90 MINUTES**
PAPER 2 (WRITING)	**60 MINUTES**

TEST CONTENT

Paper 1
Reading: 3 passages (40 questions)

Paper 2
Writing: 2 writing tasks

PASSING REQUIREMENTS

NEW CRITERIA FOR EXIT AND PLACEMENT (REVISED ADMISSION REQUIREMENT – EFFECTIVE SEMESTER 1, 2020/2021) Minimum requirements for exemption (479th Senate Meeting):

LEVEL	PROGRAMME	EPT BANDS		
		Skill Band		Overall Band
		Writing	Reading	
UNDERGRADUATE	All English Medium Programmes	5.5	5.5	6
	IRK,BARB, RK, ARCOM, MALCOM, BAHIM, ISED, TASL(Newly added)	5	5	5.5
	Usuluddin (RKUD)	5.0	5.0	5.5
	BENL, ENCOM & TEASL	6	6	6.5

LEVEL	PROGRAMME	EPT BANDS		
		Skill Band		Overall Band
		Writing	Reading	
POSTGRADUATE	ALL ARTS EXCEPT FOR MASTERS & PHD IN LAWS (Newly added)	5.5		6
	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY			5
	▪ Master/PhD of English Language Studies & English Literary Studies (KIRKHS) ▪ Master of Education in Teaching English as a Second Language (KOED) ▪ Master/PhD of Arts in Teaching of English for Specific Purposes (KLM)			7 7
	Master/PhD by research only (thesis in Arabic)/Arabic as medium of instruction			3

SCORING

SCORING: UNDERGRADUATE

BAND	CALCULATION
READING – BAND 0 TO BAND 9	EXAMPLE: BAND 7
WRITING – BAND 0 TO BAND 9	EXAMPLE: BAND 6
OVERALL BAND	(WRITING + READING) / 2 (7 + 6) / 2 = BAND 6.5 *Must achieve the minimum band requirement for each skill*
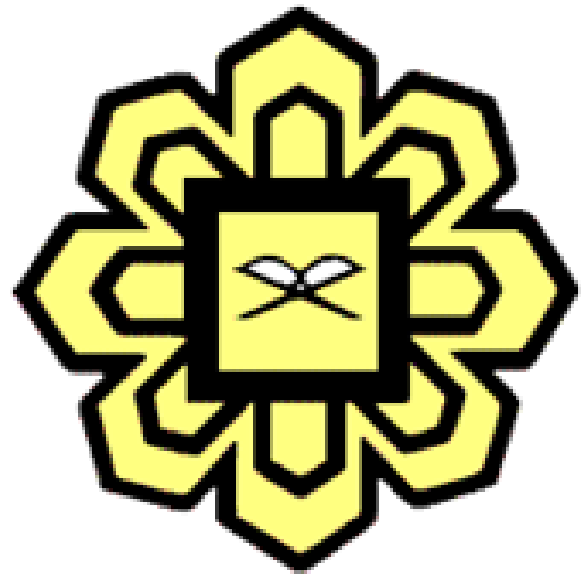
PLACEMENT

WRITING BAND (UG)/OVERALL BAND (PG)	PLACEMENT (ENGLISH COURSE)
BAND 0	LEED 0001
BAND 1 / BAND 1.5	LEED 0002
BAND 2 / BAND 2.5	LEED 0003
BAND 3 / BAND 3.5 - PG (THESIS FULL ARABIC)	LEED 0004 EXIT TO KULIYYAH
BAND 4 / BAND 4.5	LEED 0005
BAND 5 / BAND 5.5 - UG (ARABIC MEDIUM)	LEED 0006 EXIT TO KULIYYAH
BAND 6 - UG (ENGLISH MEDIUM) BAND 6.5-UG (ENGLISH MAJOR)	EXIT TO KULLIYYAH
BAND 7 - PG (ENGLISH MAJOR)	EXIT TO KULIYYAH

Documents TO BE PREPARED for the examination:

•Matric card/Temporary matric card

•Passport (or any other form of identification document with photo-I.D) + to verify your identity

PLEASE BRING YOUR I/C OR MATRIC CARD

A GENTLE REMINDER

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT APPLICABLE FOR NEW INTAKE EPT:

- RECHECKING OF RESULT
- RESIT

THANK YOU
ALL THE BEST!