

# DELFD/DALF Examination Format

Aix-en-Provence, France

## DELFD Level A1

This level recognizes basic knowledge. It is the most basic level at which a language is used, called the "discovery" stage. At this stage, the learner can interact in a simple way: he/she can speak about him/herself and his/her immediate environment.

Exam Topic	Time Allotted	Score Value	Format
Listening	20 minutes	/25	Comprehension questionnaires dealing with three or four very short recordings on everyday life (played twice). <i>Maximum duration of recordings: 3 minutes</i>
Reading	30 minutes	/25	Comprehension questionnaires dealing with four or five written documents on everyday life.
Writing	30 minutes	/25	Two-part test: - filling in a record, a form - writing simple phrases (postcards, messages, stories etc) on everyday topics.
Speaking	5-7 minutes (Prep time 10 min)	/25	Three-part test: - guided conversation - exchanging information - role-play.

Total duration of all tests: 1 hour 20

\* Total mark out of 100

\* Overall pass mark: 50/100

\* Pass mark per test: 5/25

## DELFD Level A2

DELFD A2 is based on the same principle: it recognizes the linguistic competency of a basic user, considered as a social actor. The candidate can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring the most common polite phrases and exchanges of information.

Exam Topic	Time Allotted	Score Value	Format
Listening	25 minutes	/25	Comprehension questionnaires dealing with three or four short recordings on everyday life (played twice). <i>Maximum duration of recordings: 5 minutes</i>
Reading	30 minutes	/25	Comprehension questionnaires dealing with three or four short recordings on everyday life.
Writing	45 minutes	/25	Two short pieces of writing (letter to a friend or message) - describe an event or personal experiences - invite, thank, say sorry, ask for something, give information, congratulate in writing...
Speaking	6-8 minutes (Prep time 10 min)	/25	Three-part test: - guided conversation - exchanging information - role-play.

Total duration of all tests: 1 hour 40

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\* Overall pass mark: 50/100

\* Pass mark per test: 5/25

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## DELFD Level B1

At this level, the user becomes independent. He/she can maintain interaction: he/she can understand and maintain a discussion and give his/her opinion. He/she is capable of dealing with situations likely to arise in daily life.

Exam Topic	Time Allotted	Score Value	Format
Listening	25 minutes	/25	Comprehension questionnaires dealing with three recordings (played twice). <i>Maximum duration of recordings: 6 minutes</i>
Reading	35 minutes	/25	Comprehension questionnaires dealing with two written documents: - extract useful information concerning a particular task - analyze the contents of a document of general interest.
Writing	45 minutes	/25	Express personal opinions on a general topic (essay, letter, article etc).
Speaking	15 minutes (Prep time 10 min)	/25	Three-part test: - guided conversation - interactive exercise - expressing an opinion on a document designed to elicit a reaction.

Total duration of all tests: 1 hour 45

\* Total mark out of 100.

\* Overall pass mark: 50/100

\* Pass mark per test: 5/25

## DELFD Level B2

A B2 user has a degree of independence that allows him/her to construct arguments to defend his/her opinion, explain his/her viewpoint and negotiate. At this level, the candidate has a degree of fluency and spontaneity in regular interactions and is capable of correcting his/her own mistakes.

Exam Topic	Time Allotted	Score Value	Format
Listening	30 minutes	/25	Comprehension questionnaires dealing with three recordings: - interview, news bulletin etc (played once) - presentation, lecture, speech, documentary, radio or television program (played twice). <i>Maximum duration of recordings: 8 minutes</i>
Reading	60 minutes	/25	Comprehension questionnaires dealing with two written documents: - text of an informational nature regarding France or the French-speaking world - text of an argumentative nature
Writing	60 minutes	/25	Taking a personal stand (contributing to a debate, formal letter, review of a film/book)
Speaking	20 minutes (Prep time 30 min)	/25	Stating and defending an opinion based on a short document designed to elicit a reaction.

Total duration of all tests: 2 h 30

\* Total mark out of 100.

\* Overall pass mark: 50/100

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## DALF Level C1

Language users at level C1 are independent. They can express themselves fluently and spontaneously. They have a large vocabulary and can choose the appropriate expression to introduce their comments. They can produce clear, well-structured discourse without hesitation and which shows controlled use of structures.

Exam Topic	Time Allotted	Score Value	Format
Listening	40 minutes	/25	Comprehension questionnaires dealing with recordings: - a long recording (interview, lesson, conference...) Approx. eight minutes long (played twice) - several short radio broadcasts (newsflashes, surveys, adverts etc) (played once). <i>Maximum duration of recordings: 10 minutes</i>
Reading	50 minutes	/25	Comprehension questionnaires dealing with a text of ideas (literary or journalistic), 1,500 to 2,000 words long.
Writing	150 minutes	/25	Two-part test: - Summarize several written documents totaling approx. 1,000 words - write an essay with supporting arguments on the contents of the documents <i>Candidate can choose between two fields: humanities and social studies, science</i>
Speaking	30 minutes (Prep time 60 min)	/25	A presentation based on a series of written documents, followed by a discussion with the examiners. <i>Candidates can choose between two fields: humanities and social studies, science</i>

Total duration of all tests: 4 h 00

\* Total mark out of 100.

\* Overall pass mark: 50/100

\* Pass mark per test: 5/25

## DALF Level C2

C2 users' proficiency in the language is illustrated by precision, appropriateness and fluency of expression. C2 candidates are capable of using the language for academic and advanced level purposes.

Exam Topic	Time Allotted	Score Value	Format
Listening & Speaking	30 minutes (Prep time 60 min)	/50	Three-part test: - write-up the contents of a recording (played twice) - personal development based on the problem given in the recording - debate with the examiners. <i>Candidates can choose between two fields: humanities and social studies, science</i>
Comprehension & Writings	210 minutes	/50	Writing a structured text (article, editorial, report, speech etc) based on several documents totaling approximately 2,000 words. <i>Candidates can choose between two fields: humanities and social studies, science</i>

Total duration of all tests: 3 h 30

People who have passed the DALF (C1 or C2) are exempt from taking language tests for entrance into French universities.