

## HI-LINGUA ESSAY CHALLENGE CONDITIONS

1. The exam duration is 60 minutes and can be taken anytime between 09:00 and 18:00 in your local time.
2. Once the “Start Exam” button is clicked, the 60-minute countdown timer will begin. The exam cannot be reactivated if started by mistake, so please click the button only when you are fully ready.
3. The Essay Challenge has 2 grade groups, each with a required word count:  
Group 1 (Grades 6–8): 250–300 words  
Group 2 (Grades 9–11): 300–400 words
4. Students will write 1 essay by selecting 1 of 3 topics, which will be revealed only at the start of the exam.
5. More than 10% above or below the word limit will result in a 5-point deduction.
6. Once a topic is selected, it cannot be changed, and a new texting session cannot be started.
7. Participants must use a laptop or desktop computer with a working webcam and a stable internet connection. Mobile phones and tablets are not allowed.
8. The webcam must remain on and unobstructed, the student must be clearly visible, and the computer screen must be shared for the entire recorded exam session.
9. Participants must keep their camera and screen sharing active throughout the exam, as both will be recorded and monitored by the Hi-Lingua team. Any violations may affect your score and ranking. After completing the exam, close the camera application to end the session.
10. In case of camera connection issues, it is recommended to continue the exam. However, this may still affect your score and ranking.
11. Before starting the exam, please turn off all background applications, especially browser translation tools, all social media, and any programs that may interfere with your browser.
12. Leaving the exam screen will trigger a Tab Error. Each Tab Error will result in a 3-point deduction.
13. To prevent the loss of your essay due to any technical issues during the examination, you are required to save your work by clicking the “SAVE” button at regular intervals.
14. In addition, you must click the “SAVE” button one final time before submitting the examination. Otherwise, only the part of your essay saved most recently will be taken into consideration for evaluation.
15. Once the “END EXAM” button is clicked, the exam cannot be reactivated.
16. Suspicious actions may result in warnings, exam termination, or disqualification.
17. The use of dictionaries, translation tools, AI tools, books, notes, phones, tablets, additional devices, or opening extra tabs is strictly prohibited. Any copied, AI-generated, or otherwise disallowed content will result in disqualification.
18. Receiving help from any person during the challenge is not permitted.
19. Essays are assessed based on the following criteria: Content & Ideas, Organization & Structure, Language Use, Cohesion & Coherence, and Accuracy & Mechanics.
20. All recordings, submitted essays, and personal data are stored securely for 2 weeks after the results are announced and are used only for administration and assessment purposes.
21. No make-up challenge will be available for a missed exam.
22. Exam results will be announced within 15 days, after which participants can download their report and certificate.

We wish all participants the best of luck!

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