



CLI C1 Syllabus

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The syllabus for C1 level English at CLI/Unipi (Prova di idoneità Inglese C1) includes the following:

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Sounds

Expressions with time

Money

Travel and tourism

Preparing food

Success

Social media

Technology & inventions

Health & medicine Film, TV & theatre

Environment & weather

Music & art

Sport

Space & science

Grammar topics:

Discourse markers: linkers and adverbial

phrases

Present, past & future tenses

Real and unreal conditionals

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Cleft sentences

Relative clauses

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Pronouns and adverbs

Modal verbs

The passive

Passive causative

Reporting with passive verbs

Reported speech

Question tags

Transitive and intransitive phrasal verbs

Clauses of reason, purpose, result and

contrast

Neither...nor; either...or

Objectives and competences

In accordance with the CEFR description of C1, you should be able to:

- Understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning.
- Express ideas fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions.
- Use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.
- Produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

(Adapted from: CEFR, Common Reference Levels: global scale).





Composition of the C1 Test	
Listening Comprehension (around 3 mins)	You listen to a recorded track and then answer 6 multiple-choice questions.
Reading Comprehension (ca. 2400 characters in total)	You read two short texts followed by 2 multiple-choice questions for each text.
Multiple Choice Cloze Test	You fill the gaps in the text with the correct option (4 options, only 1 is correct).
Cross-Text Multiple-Matching Exercise	You read 5 paragraphs and then match them to 4 statements .
Sentence Equivalence	8 word transformations. Multiple choice answers (4 options, only 1 is correct). For example: 1. My editor wants me to keep writing. My editor give up. a. urged me not to b. urged me to c. pushed me to d. wants me not
Time	The time allowed to complete the test is 45 minutes.
Navigation Method	You can go back and forth within the test and listen to the audio track more than once.
Pass Threshold	To pass the test, a minimum of 70% of correct answers is required. Every correct answer is worth 1 point while ½ of a point is deducted for every wrong answer. Points are neither added nor subtracted for answers left blank.