

The OEP Reading Exam Format

- 1) The **object** of the exam is to **test reading skills**.
- 2) **All** reading exams (for **001** and **002, final** and **midterm**) follow the format described here.
- 3) Exams consist of **three** texts, one **seen** (appearing in the relevant coursebook) and **two unseen**.
- 4) The choice of texts reflects a mix of both more technical and more general English, with one technical and one general in content.
- 5) The texts each have a length of **400-600** words.
- 6) The time limit for the exam is **60** minutes.
- 7) The texts are within the parameters of what we expect of our students at **001** and **002, mid-term** and **final levels**.
- 8) The questions are in **multiple choice format**: one correct answer and three distractors.
- 9) Reading skills are tested using the template of **multiple choice questions** shown in the table below, with approximately **10** questions per text (**30** in total).

Question Types	Example Question
1) Identifying the topic of a text or a paragraph.	What do you think would be the best title for this paragraph?
2) Extracting information from a chart or diagram.	Which planet is furthest from the Sun? 
3) Reading for accurate information; understanding explicitly stated text information.	Why is ultrasound similar to echolocation?
4) Identifying the referents of pronouns.	What does <i>it</i> in Line 114 refer to?
5) Inference of meaning (from context) at word, phrase and sentence level.	Which is the best definition of <i>sensation</i> , as used in Line 47?
6) Inference of implicit meaning.	What do you think is the writer's opinion of personal translators?
7) Identifying cause and effects.	Why did the chicken cross the road?
8) Identifying the purpose of the text.	Why is Ahmed writing to his brother?