

ISTANBUL KÜLTÜR UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR, FALL TERM
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM

Dear Students,

The English Proficiency Exam will be held online on September 17, 2021 for students who:

- have enrolled in English-medium undergraduate programs in the 2021-2022 academic year
- have applied for double major and minor undergraduate programs in the 2021-2022 academic year
- have not succeeded in the English Preparatory Class

The exam aims to assess three skills (writing, listening, and reading), and each skill has the same weight on the overall score.

The students who will be studying in English-medium departments are required to get a minimum score of 60 out of 100 points in order pass. Students in the English Language and Literature and English Language Teaching departments are required to score at least 80 out of 100 points. Please see the table of scores below.

Faculty / Department	English Proficiency Exam (IKU)
English Language and Literature, Foreign Languages Education- English Language Teaching	80 pts.
Other English-medium associate and undergraduate degrees	60 pts.

Our online exams are held on CATS. After you complete your registration, you will receive your username and password. Please go to “cats.iku.edu.tr” and enter your username and password so as to have access to the system.

Planning of the examination is as follows:

Exam (Online)	Date	Time Slot	Platform	Page
English Proficiency Exam (Writing)	17.09.2021	09:30 – 10:15	cats.iku.edu.tr	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM 1 or 2
English Proficiency Exam (Listening & Reading)	17.09.2021	10:30 – 11:35	cats.iku.edu.tr	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM 1 or 2

The Department of Foreign Languages has prepared a guideline for you in order to familiarize you with the procedures of the exams. The steps you need to take in each exam are stated below. Please read each step carefully and make sure that everything is clear.

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LISTENING & READING

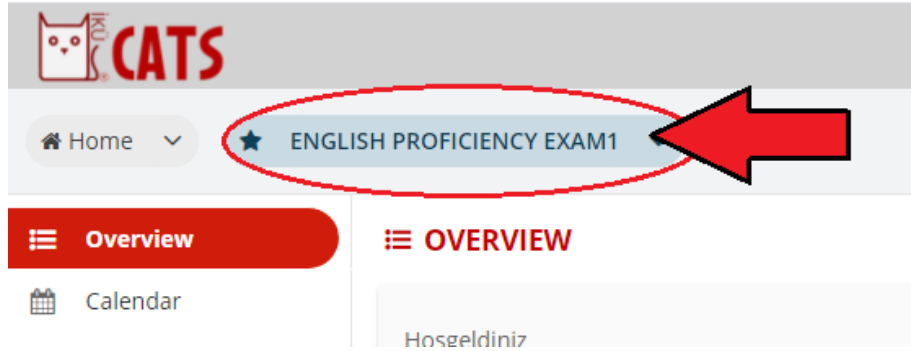
The steps to be taken in order to access the listening and reading parts of the online exam are as follows:

1. Go to cats.iku.edu.tr
2. Enter your username (student number) and password and log into the system.

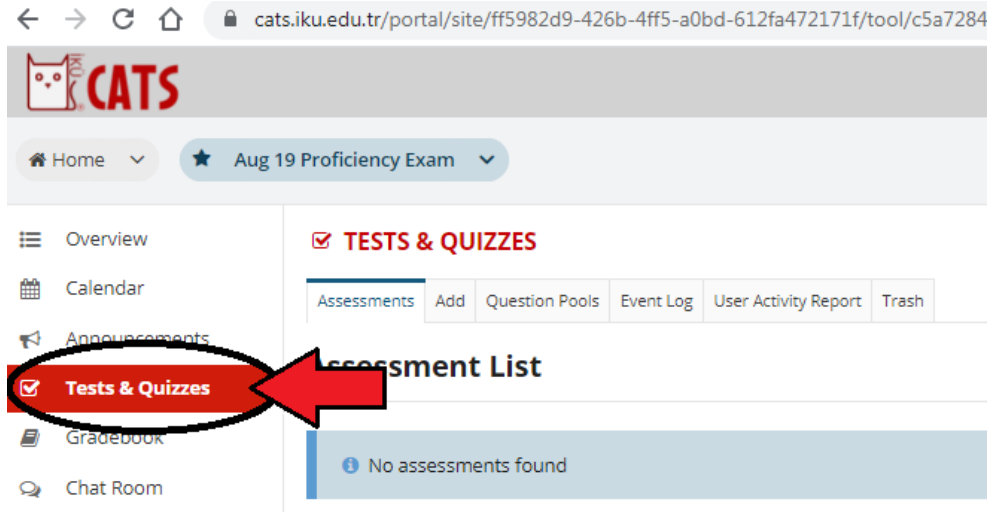


The login form consists of two input fields: 'Kullanıcı Adı:' (Username) and 'Şifre:' (Password). The 'Kullanıcı Adı' field contains the placeholder text 'Kullanıcı'. The 'Şifre' field contains the placeholder text 'Şifre'. To the right of the password field is a red button labeled 'Giriş' (Login).

3. Click on the “ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM 1 **OR** ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM 2” tab on top of the page. (Note: You will be added to one of these pages based on your student number. You will have access to the exam on a single page.)



4. Go to “Tests&Quizzes” and click on the exam you are supposed to take. Please refresh the page to see the exam, which will be active at the specified time.

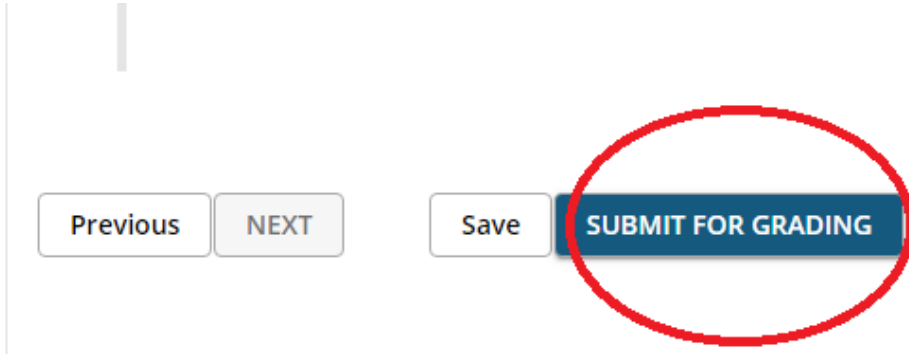


5. Once you click “Begin Assessment”, you can start answering the questions.
6. At the end of each part, you must click on the “Save” button to save your answers first. Then, you can continue with the next part.

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7. Before you log out, remember to click “Submit for Grading”. Otherwise, your answers may not be saved.



8. In case you have a technical issue or an internet connection problem, you have the chance to submit the assessment one more time within the specified slot. Answers from the previous attempt will not be available within the assessment during subsequent attempts. In this case, your higher score will be recorded.

Please make sure that you use a computer or a tablet. In addition, check the listening tracks and the reading texts before you take the exam.

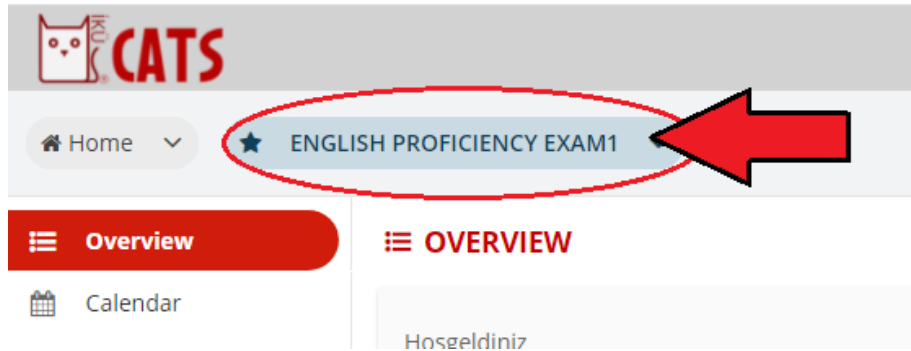
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WRITING

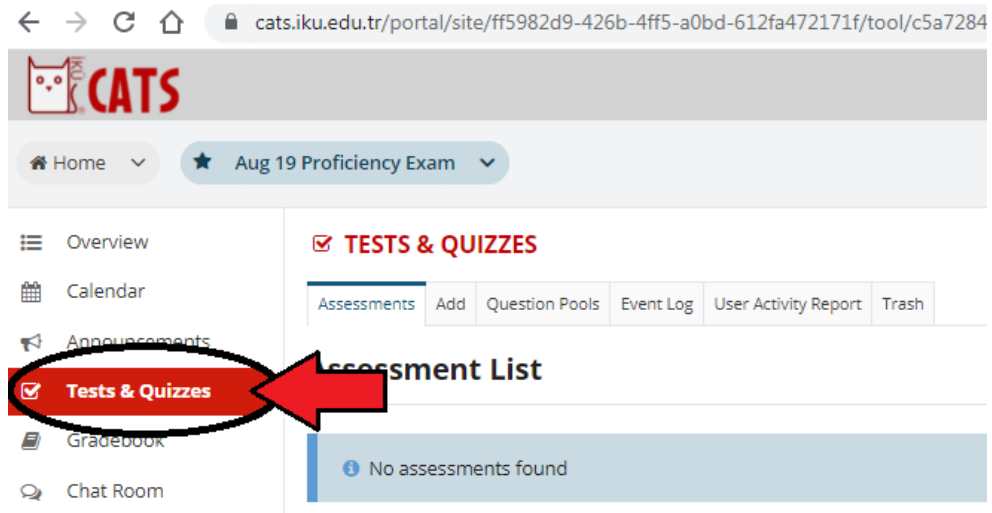
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5. Once you click “Begin Assessment”, you can see the topics for the writing part. Please choose one topic ONLY.

Write two paragraphs of about 200 words to ONE of the following questions.

In paragraph 1, give **two reasons**. Support your ideas with explanations and examples.

In paragraph 2, give **two effects**. Support your ideas with explanations and examples.

TOPIC 1: Write two reasons why some people want to live in a different country. Write two effects of living abroad.

TOPIC 2: Write two reasons why some people want to use private transportation. Write two effects of driving rather than using public transportation.

6. Type your answer in the space below and click “Submit for Grading”.

The screenshot shows a web-based text editor interface. At the top left, the number '123' is displayed. Below it, a message states: 'Maximum number of characters (including HTML tags added by text editor): 32,000'. To the right of this message is a link that says 'Show Rich-Text Editor (and character count)'. The main area of the interface is a large, empty text box. A large, black, outlined arrow points from the right side of the text box towards the 'SUBMIT FOR GRADING' button. Below the text box, there are three buttons: 'Save', 'Exit', and 'SUBMIT FOR GRADING'. The 'SUBMIT FOR GRADING' button is highlighted with a red oval.

You will be penalised if you plagiarise (copy-paste from the Internet or a course book). We would like to state that plagiarism is part of academic dishonesty and is a serious issue. If you plagiarise, you will not only get a zero but you might also receive disciplinary punishment.

You must set up a good test environment in online exams and have the necessary technical equipment beforehand. If you encounter an issue, you must first consult the invigilators via “chat room” on the exam page for support. In case of a recurring technical problem, students are asked to send an email at ydb@iku.edu.tr with a valid proof (official document, screenshot or video) within 15 minutes after the the examination at the latest. Emails sent after the deadline **will not be taken into consideration.**

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: We would like to remind you that it is the students' responsibility to take the exams on time and follow all the steps mentioned above as well as following other announcements regarding the exam procedures.

Wish you the best of health.

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