

CUKUROVA UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES



NEW SAMPLE

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM

SESSION II

(Integrated Writing & Writing a Text)

Student Number		List Number	
Class			
Signature			

- **This booklet includes two parts. Each part has its instructions.**
- **Total time allocated for this session is 75 minutes, excluding the talk you will listen to in Part A (Integrated Writing).**
- **Good luck.**

PART 1. INTEGRATED WRITING (10 pts.)

You will hear a talk about “A successful sports career”, ONCE. Listen and take notes in the space provided. You will need these notes to write a summary of this talk. Your notes will not be graded.

Using your notes, summarise the talk you have heard about with a maximum of 100 words. Your summary will be graded according to content, organisation, grammatical range & accuracy, lexical resource, and mechanics. (10 pts.)

PART 2. WRITING A TEXT (15 pts.)

Choose **ONE** of the topics below and write an essay with a minimum of 250 words by giving reasons and examples to support your ideas. Your essay will be graded according to ontent, organisation, grammatical range & accuracy, lexical resource, and mechanics. (15 pts.)

1. In many countries, children are engaged in some kind of paid work. Some people regard this as completely wrong, while others consider it valuable work experience, important for learning and taking responsibility. What is your opinion on this?

2. Some people get into debt by buying things they don't need and can't afford. What are the reasons for this behaviour? What can be the reasons AND/OR effects of this?

3. Some experts believe that it is better for children to begin learning a foreign language at primary school rather than secondary school. What can be the advantages AND/OR disadvantages of this?

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PART 1. INTEGRATED WRITING LISTENING

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A SUCCESSFUL SPORTS CAREER

Thousands of young people are dreaming about becoming a famous soccer player. Only a few children actually become professional athletes, but all of them will learn valuable skills while they follow their dream. The factors that determine if an individual can have a successful career in professional sports include physical ability, mental clarity, and the ability to work well with others.

To become a professional athlete, first of all, a person must stay healthy and physically strong. A soccer star should be able to run faster and farther than most other athletes. A basketball player has to be able to fake, block, and shoot while other powerful players are trying to stop him. Finally, to make a career in sports, the player must be able to avoid injuries. Many young athletes have to quit because they have sports injuries from playing year after year. So a powerful, strong, and healthy body is essential.

Another factor that contributes to a successful career in sports is a strong mind. An athlete must be able to manage stress and focus on the game. A tennis player might feel a lot of stress, which could interfere with her ability to concentrate. She might hit the ball out of bounds. A crowd of people yelling at a baseball pitcher might make him throw balls instead of strikes. To succeed, an athlete must be able to play under this kind of pressure. In addition, an athlete must be able to make quick, strategic decisions. Making the right decision to pass or shoot, for example, is extremely important, especially in team sports.

Finally, an athlete must be able to cooperate with his team members. So even though he might want to keep the ball and make all the shots, he must focus on passing the ball to the player who has the best chance of scoring. He must follow and trust his coach’s strategies for the team, even if it means he will not score the winning shot. He must understand his teammates’ abilities and know who is the fastest player and who is the most accurate. He cannot think only about himself if he wants his team to win.

In conclusion, the three contributing factors to a successful career in athletics are physical ability, mental clarity, and the ability to work well with others. Not all children will become professional athletes, but these skills will be valuable to them later in their lives. Staying healthy will help them grow and live longer lives. Developing a strong mind will help them do well in school and in careers. And if they learn to work well with others, they will get along well with colleagues and friends. (449 words)