

GOETHE EXAM PATTERN: A QUICK GUIDE

Goethe-Institut exams are internationally recognized and aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).



GOETHE EXAM LEVELS (CEFR)

A1

Beginner

A2

Elementary

B1

Intermediate

B2

Upper
Intermediate

C1

Advanced

C2

Proficiency

EXAM STRUCTURE (A1 – C2)

Each level tests 4 language skills: Reading, Listening, Writing & Speaking.

Module	What is Tested?	Format	Duration (Approx.)
 Reading	Understanding written texts such as articles, emails, ads, etc.	Multiple choice, matching, gap fill, reordering	 65 – 75 minutes
 Listening	Understanding spoken texts like conversations, announcements, interviews.	Multiple choice, matching, gap fill, short answers	 40 – 45 minutes
 Writing	Writing short and long texts such as emails, letters, essays, etc.	Writing tasks (1–2 tasks depending on level)	 45 – 80 minutes
 Speaking	Speaking in everyday situations, giving opinions, discussing topics.	Face-to-face interaction with an examiner	 15 – 20 minutes

SCORING SYSTEM



Each module is scored out of 100 points.



You need at least 60 points (60%) per module to pass.



Final result is based on the performance in all modules.



Levels are reported as: passed or not passed.

RESULTS



Results are usually available within 2–3 weeks after the exam.



IMPORTANT POINTS

- ✓ You can appear for any level directly (no need to pass the previous level).
- ✓ Exams are conducted at authorized Goethe-Institut centers.
- ✓ Each level has specific can-do descriptors based on real-life language use.
- ✓ Modules can be taken together or separately (depending on level and center).



Tip: Prepare well in all four skills for a balanced performance and better results!

