1. The exam

Starter Quiz ·

BEC Business English Name: _____ Score: _____

1. Complete: BEC stands for Business English ____.

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2. Reading 158, Writing 150, Listening 164, Speaking 160. What is the overall score?

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3. A Vantage candidate scores 172 on the Cambridge English Scale. What does the certificate say?

   ☐ B2

   ☐ C1

   ☐ B1

4. That candidate (overall 158) took Vantage. What do they receive?

   ☐ A Cambridge English certificate at B1

   ☐ No certificate

   ☐ A Vantage certificate at B2

5. What percentage of the result does each of the four skills give?

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6. The grade comes from the overall score, not from any single paper.

   ☐ True ☐ False

7. At Preliminary, Reading and Writing are one paper of 1 hour 30 minutes.

   ☐ True ☐ False

8. A Higher candidate scores 203 overall. What does the certificate state?

   ☐ C1

   ☐ B2

   ☐ C2

9. How do you normally take the BEC Speaking test?

   ☐ With another candidate, in front of two examiners

   ☐ Alone, recorded on a computer

   ☐ On the phone with one examiner

10. Complete: the top Preliminary result, 160–170, is a Pass with ____.

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Answers ·

BEC Business English

1. **Certificates**

   Business English Certificates. Cambridge now calls them B1 Business Preliminary, B2 Business Vantage and C1 Business Higher.

2. **158**

   $(158 + 150 + 164 + 160) \div 4 = 632 \div 4 = 158$.

3. **B2**

   160–179 is the B2 range, the level of Vantage itself.

4. **A Cambridge English certificate at B1**

   158 is in 140–159, one level below Vantage, so the certificate states B1.

5. **25**

   Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking each give 25%.

6. **True**

   Grade and CEFR level are both based on the overall score, the average of the four skills.

7. **True**

   Preliminary combines them; at Vantage and Higher they are separate papers with their own time.

8. **C2**

   Grade A at Higher (200–210) gives the Higher certificate stating C2.

9. **With another candidate, in front of two examiners**

   Speaking is done in pairs with two examiners; a group of three happens only when the numbers are odd.

10. **Distinction**

    Pass with Distinction; the certificate states that the candidate showed B2.