

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE ESOL EXAMINATIONS

English for Speakers of Other Languages

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH

TRIAL TEST 17

Writing

45 minutes

Candidates answer on the question paper.  
No additional materials are required.

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Time 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

Write your name and the name of your school at the top of this page.

Write your answer clearly in pen on the question paper.

When you have written your answer, please complete the questionnaire at the end of the question paper.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Your performance in this test will not be considered in connection with any examination.

Thank you for your help.

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Part 2

This question paper consists of 3 printed pages, 2 lined pages and 3 blank pages.

## Part 2

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **280 – 320** words in an appropriate style on pages **3** and **4**.

- 1 An international magazine would like to publish a collection of readers' letters which reflect attitudes of different cultures towards public displays of emotion. You decide to send in a letter, briefly describing one occasion when a well-known person displayed emotion in public. You should also assess the kinds of situations in your country in which a public display of emotion, either positive or negative, is considered appropriate and those in which it is not.

Write your **letter**.

## Question 1

Dear Editor

I look back to one of the most memorable moments in T.V. history when it comes to remarkable shows of emotions. The scene of Tom Cruise kneeling and laughing around on Oprah Winfrey's show comes to mind. No one in Hollywood could imagine such an outrageous display of emotions especially coming from someone like Tom Cruise. This rather well known, ~~man~~ serious and introverted man jumping from sofa to sofa screaming that he was irrevocably and completely in love with Kate Holmes. It was a fantastic and memorable show.

Such display was greatly appreciated by his fans. However the media and specially the scientology church greatly criticised such a display, stating that he should have been more composed and relaxed specially for someone who tends to keep a very low profile.

In Spain, a country where emotion is displayed daily in numerous ways, and



where + talk shows are all about emotion and gossip, this would be seen as something completely normal. Public emotion in Spain is considered to be a normal part of our upbringing. Spanish people are fairly loud and boisterous, we tend to show emotion in every aspect of our daily life, in funerals, ~~when~~ having drinks with friends, celebrating births and/or marriages. We live life in a very passionate way and as it is part of our culture, we will continue to do so in the future generations.

Lack of emotion in many situations is not considered polite. To hug, to kiss and display emotions such as love or pain is considered appropriate. Just recently we have begun to criticise excessive displays of passionate romance, this is not seen very well by the public and greatly criticised.

All in all Spain is an excessively loud and passionate country and many people who visit just sort of tag along but once they leave they tend to fall back into their own routine, but while they are here all is fair.

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You may use this blank page to write notes, or, if necessary, to finish your answer to the Part 2 question.