

## EXAM INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AT THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES IN DURANGO

### CICLO ELEMENTAL EXAM. NEW SYLLABUS

The exam, as a whole, consists of **two parts**: a **Written Exam** ( two sections ) and an **Oral Exam**. The Written Exam also includes a Listening Comprehension test which will assess not only grammatical and communicative competence but also vocabulary, as specified in the syllabus corresponding to “ Ciclo Elemental.”

#### **WRITTEN EXAM**

Time: 2 hours. (The time given to the listening comprehension is not included in these two hours.)

#### SECTION ONE. CONTENTS

##### **“ Listening Comprehension Test ”**

Students will hear two or three passages of different types and dealing with different topics. They will be required to complete tasks which may include two or more of the following:

- multiple choice questions,
- short answer questions,
- completing information,
- true/false exercises,
- matching short recorded passages with the right headline.

Each passage will be heard twice.

##### **“ Grammatical Competence Test ”**

Students will be asked to complete one gapped text with the options provided in multiple choice.

##### **“ Reading Comprehension Test ”**

Students will be required to read two different texts, whose comprehension will be evaluated by multiple choice, true/false, gapped texts, finding words or expressions given in the text, etc.

**Each of the above tests is assigned 15 marks. If the total number of marks obtained in these three sections of the exam is below 30 out of 45, the compositions will not be evaluated.**

Wrong answers in the multiple choice sections will not be penalised.

The texts reproduced in the exam will be adapted versions taken from magazines, newspapers, books, radio and television.

## SECTION TWO. CONTENTS

### **“ Writing Test ”**

Students will be expected to write two compositions, (150-180 words approx.), each on a different topic. One of the compositions will be guided.

There are no books of obligatory reading for “ Ciclo Elemental.”

**Once the compositions are evaluated, the minimum score required to pass this section will be 9 out of 15 marks.**

**Students must pass BOTH sections of the written exam in order to proceed to the oral exam.**

Those students who have not reached the pass mark will get No Apto, and consequently, will not do the Oral Exam.

### **ORAL EXAM**

Only those students who have passed the Written Exam will be listed for the Oral Exam. It is required of them to be able to express themselves with a minimum of accuracy and fluency as well as to understand the language at the level demanded for “ Ciclo Elemental. ”

A set of pictures/photographs with questions on a specific topic will be handed to the candidate in order to assess his fluency. The examiner(s) may wish to ask questions on the topic if deemed necessary.

**A minimum of 9 marks out of 15 is also required to pass this part.**

Those students who, having taken the Oral Exam in June, have not scored the minimum of 9 marks required, need not take the Written Exam again in September of the same year. They will only be required to take the Oral Exam, together with those who have passed the Written Exam in September ( same list )

**Students who have passed both the Written and the Oral exam will be qualified as APTO in “ Ciclo Elemental.”**

**THIS IS NOT A PLACEMENT TEST. STUDENTS  
EITHER PASS OR NOT PASS CICLO ELEMENTAL.**

**Students who wish to enrol in the EOI of Durango but fail to know their level must take a PLACEMENT TEST in September. After the Test, they will be told in which course they should enrol.**