

The College Student English Proficiency Test (CSEPT)

The 2012 Test Report

The College Student English Proficiency Test (CSEPT) is administered at two levels; i.e., Level 1 (equivalent to the GEPT Elementary to Intermediate level, or A2 to B1 level of CEFR) and Level 2 (equivalent to the GEPT Intermediate to High-Intermediate level, or B1 to B2 level of CEFR). The test has been widely used by local universities, technology colleges and vocational schools as a tool for assessing learning achievement, evaluating the effects of English teaching, placing students, selecting exchange students, and serving as a graduation requirement. A number of colleges and universities use the test for the above-mentioned purposes, including National Kaohsiung Normal University, Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages, Chihlee Institute of Technology and Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology.

In 2012, the male-female ratio of test takers for Level 1 was approximately 1:1 (see Table 4). The average age of examinees was 20.0. The test takers were mainly four-year college students (93%) and university students (4%) (see Figure 1). Level 1 test takers scored an average of 65.68 and 66.81 on the Listening and General Test (see Table 1).

With regard to Level 2 examinees, the male-female ratio was about 1:4 (see Table 4). With an average age of 19.9, 72% of them were four-year college students; 22% of them were five-year junior college students; most of them were foreign language majors (see Figure 3). Level 2 test takers scored an average of 73.98, 73.57, and 68.84 on the Listening, Usage, and Reading test respectively (see Table 1).

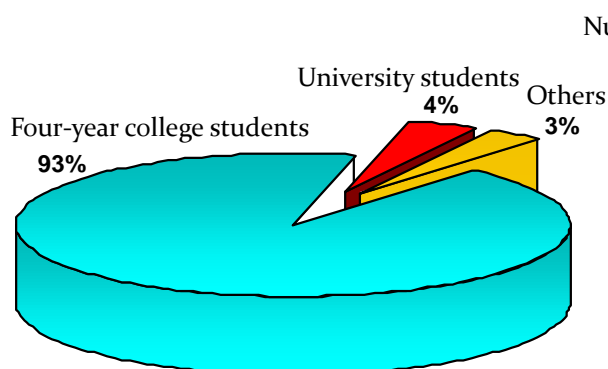


Figure 1:
Examinee Distribution by School System (Level 1)

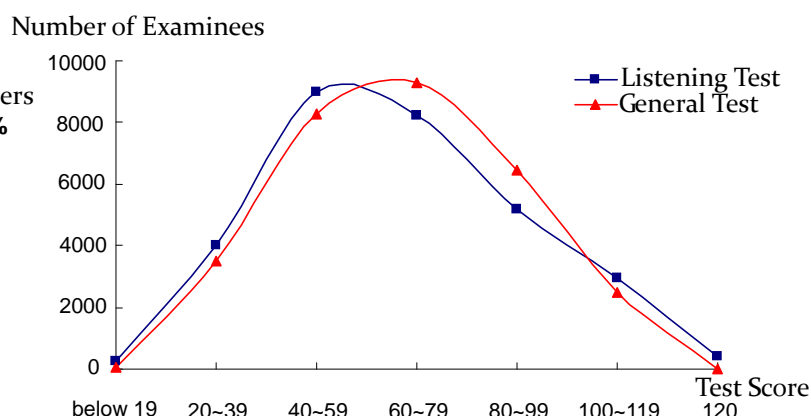


Figure 2:
Examinee Distribution by Test Score (Level 1)

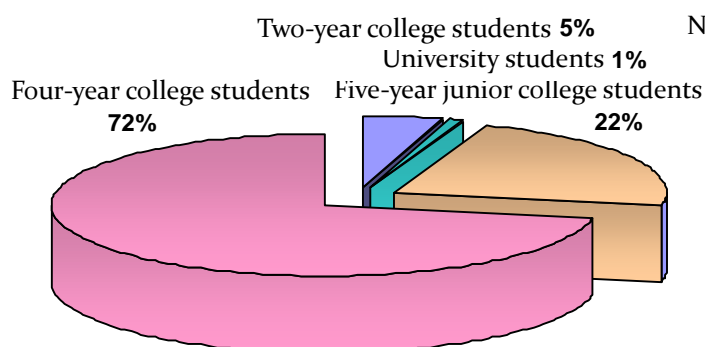


Figure 3:
Examinee Distribution by School System (Level 2)

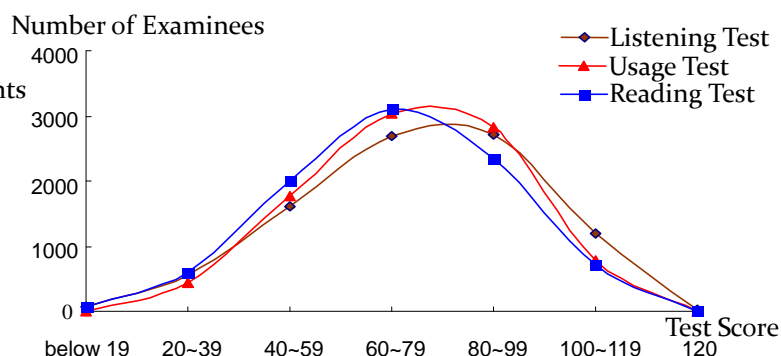


Figure 4:
Examinee Distribution by Test Score (Level 2)

Test Score Statistics for CSEPT Level 1

Table 1: Descriptive Test Score Statistics (Level 1)

	Listening Test	General Test	Total Score
Number of Items	25	60	---
Mean	65.68	66.81	132.48
SD	23.81	22.06	43.06
Maximum Score	120	120	240

Table 2: Examinee Distribution by Test and Score

Score Range	Listening Test		General Test	
	Number of Examinees (%)	Total (%)	Number of Examinees (%)	Total (%)
120	1%	1%	0%	0%
110~119	4%	5%	2%	2%
100~109	6%	11%	6%	8%
90~99	8%	19%	9%	17%
80~89	9%	28%	12%	29%
70~79	13%	41%	15%	44%
60~69	15%	56%	16%	60%
50~59	16%	72%	15%	75%
40~49	14%	86%	13%	88%
30~39	9%	95%	9%	97%
20~29	4%	99%	3%	100%
below 19	1%	100%	0%	100%

Table 3: Examinee Distribution by Total Score

Total Score	CEFR/GEPT Level	Number of Examinees (%)	Total (%)	Total Score	CEFR/GEPT Level	Number of Examinees (%)	Total (%)
240		0%	0%	140~149	CEFR A2/	7%	41%
230~239		1%	1%	130~139	GEPT Elementary	8%	49%
220~229	CEFR B1/	2%	3%	120~129		9%	58%
210~219	GEPT	2%	5%	110~119		9%	67%
200~209	Intermediate	3%	8%	100~109		8%	75%
190~199		4%	12%	90~99	CEFR A1/	8%	83%
180~189		4%	16%	80~89	GEPT	6%	89%
170~179		5%	21%	70~79	Pre-Elementary	5%	94%
160~169	CEFR A2/	6%	27%	60~69		4%	98%
150~159	GEPT Elementary	7%	34%	below 59		2%	100%

Table 4: Examinee Distribution by Gender

Gender	Number of Examinees (%)	Listening Test	General Test	Total Score
Male	49%	62.41	62.69	125.09
Female	51%	68.78	70.73	139.50
Total	100%	65.68	66.81	132.48

Table 5: Examinee Distribution by School System

School System	Number of Examinees (%)	Listening Test	General Test	Total Score
University	4%	83.10	80.95	164.04
Four-year college	93%	64.61	66.01	130.61
Five-year junior college	2%	79.10	76.11	155.20
Others	1%	74.15	72.02	146.17

Test Score Statistics Analysis for CSEPT Level 2

Table 1: Descriptive Test Score Statistics (Level 2)

	Listening Test	Usage Test	Reading Test	Total Score
Number of Items	30	50	30	---
Mean	73.98	73.57	68.84	216.39
SD	22.21	19.42	20.69	56.31
Maximum Score	120	120	116	352

Table 2: Examinee Distribution by Test and Score

Score Range	Listening Test		Usage Test		Reading Test	
	Number of Examinees (%)	Total (%)	Number of Examinees (%)	Total (%)	Number of Examinees (%)	Total (%)
120	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
110~119	4%	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%
100~109	10%	14%	7%	9%	7%	8%
90~99	12%	26%	14%	23%	9%	17%
80~89	18%	45%	18%	41%	18%	35%
70~79	15%	59%	19%	60%	14%	49%
60~69	16%	75%	15%	75%	21%	70%
50~59	10%	85%	12%	87%	11%	81%
40~49	8%	93%	8%	95%	11%	93%
30~39	4%	97%	4%	99%	4%	97%
20~29	2%	99%	1%	100%	3%	99%
below 19	1%	100%	0%	100%	1%	100%

Table 3: Examinee Distribution by Total Score

Score Range	CEFR/GEPT Level	Number of Examinees (%)	Total (%)	Score Range	CEFR/GEPT Level	Number of Examinees (%)	Total (%)
over 320		2%	2%	170~179		5%	79%
310~319		2%	4%	160~169		5%	83%
300~309		3%	7%	150~159	CEFR A2/	4%	87%
290~299	CEFR B2/	3%	10%	140~149	GEPT	3%	90%
280~289	GEPT	4%	14%	130~139	Elementary	3%	93%
270~279	High-Intermediate	5%	19%	120~129		2%	95%
260~269		5%	24%	110~119		2%	97%
250~259		6%	30%	100~109		1%	98%
240~249		6%	36%	90~99	CEFR A1/	1%	99%
230~239		7%	43%	80~89	GEPT below	1%	100%
220~229		7%	50%	70~79	Elementary	0%	100%
210~219	CEFR B1/	7%	57%	below 69		0%	100%
200~209	GEPT	6%	62%				
190~199	Intermediate	6%	69%				
180~189		5%	74%				

Table 4: Examinee Distribution by Gender

Gender	Number of Examinees (%)	Listening Test	Usage Test	Reading Test	Total Score
Male	18%	72.76	71.94	67.83	212.53
Female	82%	74.24	73.93	69.07	217.23
Total	100%	73.98	73.57	68.84	216.39

Table 5: Examinee Distribution by School System

School System	Number of Examinees (%)	Listening Test	Usage Test	Reading Test	Total Score
University	1%	98.40	103.03	101.60	303.03
Four-year college	72%	71.43	72.27	67.55	211.25
Two-year college	5%	90.32	84.89	81.83	257.03
Five-year junior college	22%	77.90	74.24	69.00	221.13
Others	0%	69.28	70.96	65.92	206.16