TCS iON NPT - English with British Council Test Format

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Introduction

- The TCS iON NPT - English with British Council is a computer-delivered English Language assessment developed by the British Council in collaboration with TCS iON.

- The test is used to assess the English Language proficiency of candidates in Speaking and Writing skills. It includes a range of questions which are designed to allow you to showcase your best ability.

- The test results are reported as a Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) level.

Test Structure Overview

Test	Test Design	Activity	Format
Speaking 6 minutes	Part 1: Describe, compare, and provide reasons and explanations	Describe two contrasting pictures and answer two additional questions	45 seconds for each response
	Part 2: Discuss personal experience and opinion on an abstract topic	Answer three questions on an abstract topic	1-minute preparation time, 2-minute response time
Writing 40 minutes	Part 1: Three written responses to questions	Respond to written questions on a social network-type website	30-40 words for each question. 10 minutes total
	Part 2: Formal and Informal Writing	Write an informal email to a friend and a formal email to an unknown person	40-50 words for the informal email. 120-150 words for the formal email. 30 minutes total

Points to remember

Speaking:

- Make sure you do a proper sound check before you begin and remember to speak clearly. You can only record **once.**

- Try to speak as much as possible to show the fullest range of your speaking ability.

- Your responses will be submitted automatically at the end of the test time.

Writing:

- Write your responses to all parts of the test in the space provided.

- Avoid short answers and try to expand your responses as much as possible to show the fullest range of your writing ability.

- Your responses will be submitted automatically at the end of the test time.