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**Principles, Methods and Practices** Cambridge University Press  
Contains four complete past papers from Cambridge ESOL for the Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English examination These papers provide candidates with an excellent opportunity to familiarise themselves with the content and format of the CAE examination and to practise examination techniques using genuine papers from Cambridge ESOL. Attractive colour visual material for Paper 5 is included with each test, enabling students to prepare thoroughly for the paired interview (Paper 5). The Teacher's Book contains transcripts of the recorded material and answer keys. In addition, it provides a comprehensive guide to each paper and an insight into marking procedures and grading, illustrated by authentic sample answers.

*Research in Reading and Listening Assessment* Cambridge University Press

This volume reports research that informs the development of reading and listening assessment in IELTS. This volume brings together a set of eight IELTS-related research studies - four on reading and four on listening - conducted between 2005 and 2010. Findings from these studies provide valuable evidence on the validity, reliability, impact and practicality of the IELTS test; they are also instrumental in highlighting aspects needing attention, and thus directly inform the continuing evolution of the IELTS reading and listening tests. The volume reviews and comments on the specific contribution of each study to the ongoing process of IELTS reading and listening test design and development.

*Revising the Cambridge Proficiency in English Examination 1913-2002* Cambridge English

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*Examining Listening* Cambridge University Press

These examination papers for the 2015 revised Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) exam provide the most authentic exam preparation available, allowing candidates to familiarise themselves with the content and format of the exam and to practise useful exam techniques. The Student's Book with answers is perfect for classroom-based test practice. An Audio CD containing the recordings for the Listening test is available separately, or as part of the Student's Book Pack (containing the Student's Book with answers and Audio CD), also available separately.

*Proceedings of the ALTE Kraków Conference, July 2011* Cambridge University Press

Language testers have generally come to recognize the limitations of traditional statistical methods for validating oral language tests. They have begun to consider more innovative approaches to test validation, approaches that promise to illuminate the assessment process itself, rather than just assessment outcomes (i.e., ratings). One such approach is conversation analysis (or CA), a rigorous empirical methodology developed by sociologists, which employs inductive methods in order to discover and describe the recurrent, systematic properties of conversation, including sequential organization, turn-taking, repair, preference structure, and topic management. CA offers a systematic approach for analysing spoken interaction from a qualitative perspective, allowing one to make observations about a stretch of talk while at the same time interacting with it. This book provides language testers with a background in the conversation analytic framework and a fuller understanding of what is entailed in using conversation analysis in the context of oral language test validation.

**Research and Practice in Assessing Second Language**

**Speaking** Cambridge English

Pass Cambridge BEC is a practical course for students who wish to gain a recognised business English qualification. Focusing on relevant international business situations, the course has been structured to provide students with a thorough preparation for the Business English Certificates (BEC).

**Examining FCE and CAE** Examining FCE and CAE Key Issues and Recurring Themes in Developing the First Certificate in English and Certificate in Advanced English Exams

This publication highlights the need for test developers to provide clear explanations of the ability constructs which underpin tests offered in the public domain. An explanation is increasingly required, if the validity of test score interpretation and use are to be supported both logically, and with empirical evidence. The book demonstrates the application of a comprehensive test validation framework which adopts a socio-cognitive perspective. The framework embraces six core components which reflect the practical nature and quality of an actual testing event. It examines Cambridge ESOL writing tasks from the following perspectives: Test Taker, Cognitive Validity, Context Validity, Scoring Validity, Criterion-related Validity and Consequential Validity. The authors show how an understanding and analysis of the framework and its components in relation to specific writing tests can assist test developers to operationalise their tests more effectively, especially in relation to criterial distinctions across test levels.

*Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English 4 Student's Book* Cambridge Scholars Publishing

The Council of Europe released a preliminary version of the Manual for Relating Language Examinations to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in 2003. Over the next 5 years a wide range of institutions and individuals undertook case studies to pilot this draft version. Towards the close of the piloting phase, a two-day colloquium was held in Cambridge, UK enabling practitioners and academics to reflect on and share their experiences of applying the Manual procedures. Insights from this colloquium informed the Manual revision project during 2008/2009. This volume features selected case studies presented at the Cambridge Colloquium in December 2007. They include the linking of a single test to the CEFR, the CEFR-linking of suites of examinations at different levels and large scale national projects undertaken by examination boards and specialist research institutes. Some studies focus on part of an examination, while others involve all test components. Some apply one or two of the procedures - familiarisation, specification, standardisation, and empirical validation. As well as describing their studies and reporting their findings, contributors reflect and comment on their experience of using the draft Manual. A clear and comprehensive introductory chapter explains the development of the CEFR and the draft Manual for linking tests, and discusses its relevance for the future. The volume will be of interest to examination boards, language test developers and educational policy-makers, as well as academic lecturers, researchers and graduate students interested in the principles and practice of aligning tests to the CEFR.

*Examining Young Learners: Research and Practice in Assessing the English of School-age Learners* Cambridge University Press

An account of how children learn L2s in formal contexts and how that knowledge impacts on the design, development, and evaluation of their language assessment products.

**Exploring Change. Matura Meets CEFR.** Cambridge English  
Three books of practice tests are available for the updated KET exam. Each contains four sets of exam papers from Cambridge ESOL.

**Reflections on Using the Council of Europe's Draft Manual** Cambridge University Press

This work is designed, firstly, to both provoke theoretical discussion and serve as a practical guide for researchers and students in the field of corpus linguistics and, secondly, to offer a wide-ranging introduction to corpus techniques for practitioners of discourse studies. It delves into a wide variety of language topics and areas including metaphor, irony, evaluation, (im)politeness, stylistics, language change and sociopolitical issues. Each chapter begins with an outline of an area, followed by case studies which attempt both to shed light on particular themes in this area and to demonstrate the methodologies which might be fruitfully employed to investigate them. The chapters conclude with

suggestions on activities which the readers may wish to undertake themselves. An Appendix contains a list of currently available resources for corpus research which were used or mentioned in the book.

*Examination Papers from the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations* Oxford University Press

"The growth in English language teaching worldwide and the related increase in teacher training programmes of all kinds highlight the need for greater accountability in the assessment of teachers. The need for formal summative assessment has taken on greater importance in training programmes and requires procedures which do not always sit easily with the development process, while transparency of assessment procedures is also increasingly demanded by the candidates themselves. This edited volume discusses key issues in assessing language teachers' professional skills and knowledge and provides case study illustrations of how teacher knowledge and teaching skills are assessed at pre-service and in-service levels within the framework of the Cambridge English Teaching Qualifications. The volume provides: - discussion of ways in which the changing nature of English language teaching has impacted on teacher education and assessment - examples of specific assessment procedures for both teaching knowledge and practical classroom skills - accounts of the ways in which the Cambridge English Teaching Qualifications have been integrated into and adapted for local contexts. This is the first volume of its kind wholly dedicated to language teacher assessment and as such will be of interest to language teachers and teacher educators as well as to researchers and postgraduate students"--

*Research and Practice in Assessing Second Language Listening* Springer

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) has become the yardstick for teaching and testing language skills in Europe and elsewhere. Yet little is known about the relationships between the communicative levels established using the can-do statements of the CEFR and the developmental stages of grammatical and lexical development described by Second Language Acquisition (SLA) research. This book presents empirical research by members of the SLATE network (Second Language Acquisition and Testing in Europe), aimed at bridging this gap. The studies deal with several target languages, including Dutch, English, Finnish, French, Italian, Norwegian and Spanish, with adult, adolescent and child learners in both formal and informal contexts.

**The Strategy Factor in Successful Language Learning** Cambridge University Press

A series of four books that provide extensive guidance and English practice in key areas of the language. The first in the popular series of four workbooks by the same author, this book provides revision and practice in four main areas: Situations, Vocabulary, Grammar and Writing. Recycling Elementary English can be used to supplement any elementary coursebook, and offers useful extra practice for the Cambridge Key English Test (KET), and the Skills for Life Entry 2 examination. This edition contains an answer key.

*Recycling Elementary English with Key* Cambridge University Press

Test developers need to provide a clear explication of the language ability constructs that underpin the tests they offer in the public domain; such an explication is essential for supporting claims about the validity --- or usefulness --- of tests and test scores. This edited volume develops a theoretical framework for validating tests of second language speaking ability. The framework is then applied through an examination of the tasks in Cambridge ESOL speaking tests from a number of different validity perspectives that reflect the socio-cognitive nature of any assessment event. The chapter authors show how an understanding and analysis of the framework and its components can assist test developers to operationalise their tests more effectively, especially in relation to the key criteria that differentiate one proficiency level from another. The volume is a rich source of information on all aspects of examining speaking ability. As such, it will be of considerable interest to examination boards who wish to validate their own speaking tests in a systematic and coherent manner, as well as to academic researchers and graduate students in the field of language assessment more generally. This is a companion volume to the

previously published titles *Examining Writing and Examining Reading*.  
*Communicative proficiency and linguistic development* Cambridge University Press

"This volume describes 20 years of work at Cambridge English to develop multilingual assessment frameworks and presents useful guidance of good practice. It covers the development of the ALTE Framework and 'Can Do' project, work on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and the linking of the Cambridge English exam levels to it, Asset Languages - a major educational initiative for UK schools, and the European Survey on Language Competences, co-ordinated by Cambridge English for the European Commission. It proposes a model for the validity of assessment within a multilingual framework and, while illustrating the constraints which determined the approach taken to each project, makes clear recommendations on methodological good practice. It also explores and looks forward to the further extension of assessment frameworks to encompass a model for multilingual education. Key features of the volume include: - a clear and comprehensive explanation of several major multilingual projects - combination of theoretical insights and practical advice - discussion of the interpretation and use of the

CEFR. Multilingual Frameworks is a rich source of information on key issues in the development and use of multilingual proficiency frameworks. As such, it will be a valuable reference work for academics, education policy-makers and examination board personnel. It is also a useful resource for postgraduate students of language assessment and for practitioners, and any stakeholders seeking to gain a clearer picture of the issues involved with cross-language assessment frameworks"--

**Examination Papers from the University of Cambridge**

**Local Examinations Syndicate** Cambridge University Press  
 Contains four complete past papers from Cambridge ESOL for the Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English examination  
Official Examination papers from University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations Cambridge University Press

"Validating Second Language Reading Examinations describes the development of an empirical framework for test validation and comparison of reading tests at different proficiency levels through a critical evaluation of alignment with the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). It focuses on contextual parameters, cognitive processing operations and test results and identifies parameters for the description of different levels of

reading proficiency examinations. The volume explores procedures for linking tests to the CEFR and proposes both qualitative and quantitative methods that complement the procedures recommended in the Council of Europe's *Relating Language Examinations to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): A Manual*, piloted in 2003 and revised 2009. Key features of the book include: - a detailed review of the literature on CEFR alignment, vertical scaling, test specifications and test comparability - a comprehensive and coherent approach to the validation of reading tests - an accessible and systematic description of procedures for collecting validity evidence based on a sound theoretical framework - a case study comparing different testing systems targeting the same CEFR level"--

Examining Speaking Cambridge University Press

This volume documents the revision of the Certificate in Proficiency in English (CPE) 1991 to 2002.

*Assessing Language Teachers' Professional Skills and Knowledge* Multilingual Matters

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