

BAND DESCRIPTION

The following is a band description indicating MUET candidates' level of English proficiency that tests the four skills, namely Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. This band description has been developed to help candidates and other stakeholders to understand the level of performance required to attain a particular band score in each of the criterion areas.

AGGREGATED SCORE	BAND	USER	LISTENING ABILITY	COMMUNICATIVE ABILITY	COMPREHENSION	TASK PERFORMANCE
260 - 300	6	Excellent user	Able to understand and convey information accurately	Highly expressive, fluent, accurate and appropriate language: hardly any inaccuracies	Very good understanding of language and contexts	Language always accurate and able to link ideas very effectively; uses wide variety of sentence structures effectively with varied vocabulary
220 – 259	5	Very good user	Able to understand and convey most information with minimal errors	Expressive, fluent, accurate and appropriate language but with minor inaccuracies	Good understanding of language and contexts	Language mostly accurate with few minor errors and able to link ideas effectively; uses some variety of sentence structures with appropriate vocabulary
180 – 219	4	Good user	Able to understand the information but lacks the ability to convey the message accurately	Satisfactorily expressive and fluent, appropriate language but with occasional inaccuracies	Satisfactory understanding of language and contexts	Language fairly accurate with some minor errors and able to link ideas satisfactorily; tendency to use simple sentence structures and vocabulary
140 – 179	3	Modest user	Understand information but makes grammatical and spelling errors when conveying information	Modestly expressive and fluent, appropriate language but with noticeable inaccuracies	Modest understanding of language and contexts	Language sometimes accurate with some errors and attempts to link ideas; limited variety of sentence structures and vocabulary
100 – 139	2	Limited user	May have understood information but makes grammatical and spelling errors resulting in inaccuracies when conveying information	Lacks expressiveness, fluency and appropriacy: inaccurate use of the language resulting in breakdown in communication	Limited understanding of language and contexts	Language largely inaccurate with many errors and hardly any attempt to link ideas; hardly any variety of sentence structures and vocabulary
Below 100	1	Extremely limited user	Have difficulties understanding most information and makes grammatical and spelling errors resulting in distortion	Unable to use language to express ideas: inaccurate use of the language resulting in frequent breakdown in communication	Little or poor understanding of language and contexts	Language grossly inaccurate with serious errors and no attempt at linking ideas; no variety of sentence structures at all and uses inappropriate vocabulary