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MUET Webinar 2022: Session 1

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A Malaysian University English Test (MUET) webinar was conducted by the MUET Unit, Academy of Language Studies (ALS), UiTM Cawangan Pulau Pinang on 4 February 2022 from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm. The session commenced with the ALS' Head of Department, Dr Hajah Rofiza Aboo Bakar saying a few words. Then Madam Savina Saiman, a MUET teacher, conducted the session with the attendance of approximately 50 students.

Madam Vina, as she is fondly known, began her session by explaining the revision made in the new MUET where each test component now receives similar weightage which demonstrates that all four language skills are equally important. Another revision is that the aggregated score will be in accordance with the CEFR global scale; instead of having six bands, the latest one only has five. These are illustrated in the following tables:

Paper Code	Paper	Duration	Weighting
800/1	Listening	50 minutes	25%
800/2	Speaking	30 minutes	25%
800/3	Reading	75 minutes	25%
800/4	Writing	75 minutes	25%

AGGREGATED SCORE	BAND	USER
331 – 360	5+	Proficient
294 – 330	5.0	
258 – 293	4.5	Independent
211 – 257	4.0	
164 – 210	3.5	
123 – 163	3.0	
82 – 122	2.5	Basic
36 – 81	2.0	
1 – 35	1.0	

The speaker also explained the tips and tricks of answering the four MUET skills - listening, speaking, reading and writing. She introduced the acronym SIMCOM2, which stands for Simple, Compound and Complex Sentences tip, which are effective skills to be used during the production of productive skills.

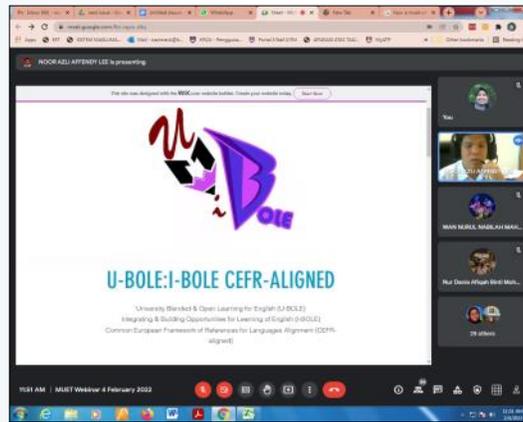


After Madam Vina's session, Mr Noor Azli Affendy Lee introduced his website U-Bole: I-Bole, a free-to-access website that contains all four language skills which enables students to do online practices in preparation of their MUET. The questions are those from MUET 2021 session papers. In the Listening Skills and Reading Skills sections, students are able to answer questions online via Google Form quiz. In the Speaking Skills section, they can watch a sample video from Majlis Peperiksaan Malaysia YouTube Channel and access past year speaking test sets. In the Writing Skills section, students are able to download Word documents of both writing tasks.

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The students were mostly satisfied with the whole session, especially the level of effort by the organizer, as well as with the content of the webinar. Madam Vina's fervor in teaching was apparent since the majority of the students were pleased with her session, and they also thought that she is an effective teacher who is able to stimulate their interests. In addition, the students were also very appreciative of her supplementary tips and tricks for every skill as they were easy to be practiced. However, one evident drawback was that the session was conducted online, hence limiting the interactivity between the instructor and the students. Therefore, the students commented that they would prefer if the session was done via a live presentation.

My daughter received this e-mail from a prospective student prior to the start of the semester: "Dear Professor, I won't be able to come to any of your classes or meet for any of the tests. Is this a problem?"

—Carol Harper



Our booking office had three phones. One day during lunch, I was responsible for answering all of them. It was a constant repeat of "May I help you?" or "Will you hold?" I guess I got confused because I surprised one man on the other end of the line when I answered his call with, "May I hold you?"

—Vera Granger

The printer was broken, and no one could figure out whose fault it was. After arguing back and forth, our supervisor took charge. "Look," he said, "we really don't need to determine who is responsible for this mess. We just want someone to take the blame."

One of my wife's third graders was wearing a fitbit watch, which prompted my wife to ask, "Are you tracking your steps?" "No," said the little girl. "I wear this for Mommy so she can show Daddy when he gets home."

—James Avery

A customer walked into my clothing shop and asked to see the pants that were advertised in the paper that day. "We don't have an ad in the paper today," I told her. She insisted I was wrong, so I got a copy of the paper, and we went through it, eventually landing on an ad for pants from another local store. Exasperated, the customer glared at me and said, "In my newspaper, the ad was for this store!"

—Edward Oppenheimer

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