Classical languages

In case of classical languages, the language skills are the following:

- reading
- writing
- mediation between languages which includes the cultural elements that are necessary for understanding language information.

Knowledge of linguistic norms

Because of the smaller number of language skills, the type of the target texts, as well as the traditions of language learning, in case of classical languages the knowledge of linguistic norms has greater emphasis than in the case of modern languages. Subordinated to the above, the terminological tools used to describe the linguistic norms are part of the measurement.

The requirements of the examination measuring B1 level language skills

It requires understanding simple or simplified texts. At B1 level the application of so called ‘edited’ texts cannot be ruled out. The measurement of grammar knowledge includes the elements of regular morphology (and, of course, the usage of most important irregular verbs and auxiliary verbs). In the area of simple syntax it assesses the most important participle structures that differ from the mother tongue, and in the area of complex syntax it only assesses those participle structures that carry phenomena understandable with the help of the mother tongue competences.

The requirements of the examination measuring B2 level language skills

It requires understanding simple, but authentic texts that do not differ from the canonised normative language use either regarding its dialect or format (spoken language, vulgarisms). For this, B2 candidates have to know the most important morphological irregularities, too. The exam assesses the most common elements of the whole spectrum of simple syntax (that is those that are necessary for understanding B2 texts). The knowledge of most important syntactic phenomena that differ from those of the mother tongue is expected at this level. The cultural conditions of understanding a text is assessed in the framework of measuring the mediation skill.

The requirements of the examination measuring C1 level language skills

It requires the understanding of any kind of text that can be interpreted in itself. Dialectal and social deviations from normative language use can be included, the choice of texts is no restricted to the productions of the classical periods of the given language. The mediation skill should reflect the subtle understanding of the linguistic manifestation’s cultural background and the precise translation of terminology. Independent text production can be expected primarily at this level.