

Useful strategies for the Madrid PAU exam

1 Structure

The exam has three sections:

Bloque A

Reading comprehension (5 points in total)

- Questions 1 to 3. Two comprehension exercises and a vocabulary exercise based on a reading text.

Bloque B

Use of English (2 points in total)

- Question 4. An exercise with transformation activities that test your knowledge of English grammar.

Bloque C

Writing (3 points in total)

- Question 5. Two essay prompts to write a composition. You choose ONE of the options.

You have **90 minutes** to complete the exam.

2 General strategies

These apply to all parts of the test:

- Always read the questions carefully to save time and avoid mistakes.
- In general, you should try to answer all parts of the test.
- Make sure your handwriting is clear and easy to read.
- Organise and manage your time well so you can at least try to answer all questions.
- Leave time to check your answers, even if you're tired. It can save you from losing marks!