

NUEPT (Istanbul Nişantaşı University English Proficiency Test) Preparation Tips

➤ SECTION 1

❖ Listening

Dos

- Read the questions before you listen and underline key words (names, dates, numbers, places).
- Focus on meaning, not every single word.
- Listen for signal words such as however, first, finally, in contrast, for example.
- Take short notes using keywords only.
- Manage your time carefully.

DON'Ts

- Don't try to understand every word.
- Don't panic if you hear unfamiliar vocabulary.
- Don't ignore distractors (sometimes more than one option is mentioned).
- Don't wait until the end to think about your answers.

❖ Vocabulary (A2–B2 Level)

The vocabulary questions in NUEPT range between A2 and B2 CEFR levels.

Dos

- Study vocabulary across levels (basic to upper-intermediate).
- Learn words in context, not in isolation.
- Study collocations and word families.
- Review phrasal verbs and common prepositions.
- Practice regularly.

DON'Ts

- Don't memorize long word lists without context.

❖ Grammar (A2–B2 Level)

The grammar questions in NUEPT range between A2 and B2 CEFR levels.

DOs

- Review core tenses (Present, Past, Present Perfect, Future forms).
- Study modal verbs (can, could, should, must, might, have to).
- Practice conditionals.
- Review passive voice and relative clauses.
- Pay attention to word order and sentence structure.

DON'Ts

- Don't rely only on memorized rules without practice.
- Don't ignore small grammar details (e.g., subject–verb agreement).
- Don't rush without reading the full sentence carefully.

❖ Reading

DOs

- Read the questions carefully.
- Underline the keywords in each question (e.g., names, numbers, dates, etc.).
- Focus only on the required parts of the text.
- Read the necessary section carefully to find the correct answer.
- Answer the questions based on evidences in the text, not your own general knowledge.
- Manage your time effectively.

DON'Ts

- Don't spend too much time reading the whole text in detail.
- Don't translate every word.
- Don't answer without finding evidence in the text.

➤ **SECTION 2**

❖ **Writing**

DOs

- Choose the topic you feel more confident about.
- Read the question carefully and understand what it asks.
- Make a short plan before you start writing.
- Write a clear introduction and state your opinion.
- Write TWO body paragraphs (one main idea per paragraph with explanation and examples).
- Write a clear conclusion and restate your opinion.
- Use linking words (Firstly, However, For example, In addition, In conclusion).
- Use your own words and ideas.
- Check your grammar, vocabulary, and spelling.

DON'Ts

- Don't use memorized essay templates.
- Don't write very general introductions or conclusions that are not related to the topic.
- Don't repeat the same phrases again and again.
- Don't copy the question as your introduction.
- Don't use informal language or slang.
- Don't mention unnamed experts or unrealistic statistics.
- Don't ignore the word limit.

❖ Speaking

Part 1: Personal Questions

DOs

- Give full answers (not only Yes/No).
- Add reasons and examples.
- Speak clearly and naturally.
- Ask for repetition politely if needed.

DON'Ts

- Don't give very short answers.
- Don't memorize fixed answers.
- Don't panic if you make a small mistake.

Part 2: In-depth / Opinion Questions

DOs

- State your opinion clearly.
- Explain your reasons.
- Give examples to support your ideas.
- Use linking expressions to organize your answer.

DON'Ts

- Don't change your opinion without explanation.
- Don't give only one short sentence.
- Don't ignore the question focus.

✓ **Final Advice**

- Practice regularly and do timed exercises.
- Focus on your weak areas.
- Manage your time carefully during the exam.
- You must stop writing immediately when the finish time is announced.
- Stay calm and confident during the exam.
- No extra time is given to transfer your answers to the answer sheets.

Some Useful Links

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish>

<https://writeandimprove.com/>

<https://www.cuny.cuny.edu/writing/writing-resources>

<https://writingcenter.fas.harvard.edu/pages/resources>

<https://tefltastic.wordpress.com/worksheets/exams/ielts/ielts-sp/ielts-sp-one/sp-part1-travel/>



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