

The University of Michigan Examination for the Certificate of Competency in English (ECCE)

Making Effective Use of the Revised
ECCE Practice Examinations Books 1, 2, & 3



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Overview

- Myths and Facts about the ECCE
- Overview of the Revised Series of ECCE Practice Examinations, Books 1, 2 & 3
- How to use ECCE practice examinations in the classroom

Myths and Facts about the ECCE

MYTHS

- It's an easy test
- It's a difficult test
- It's more difficult now

FACTS

- ECCE is an EFL test that uses a friendly format
- ECCE is a high intermediate EFL test. It is aimed at B2 Level on the CEFR.
 - Ss should have approximately the same level of ability in all four skills, but
 - They can compensate for being weak in one area by being strong in all other areas.

Myths and Facts about the ECCE

MYTHS

- Writing Section topics are not appropriate for teenagers

FACTS

- ECCE is appropriate for both adults and teenagers
 - this is reflected on both the Writing Section and Speaking Test topics and tasks
- Candidates need to
 - understand the topics well,
 - think of some ideas they can expand,
 - and present these ideas in a logical fashion

Myths and Facts about the ECCE

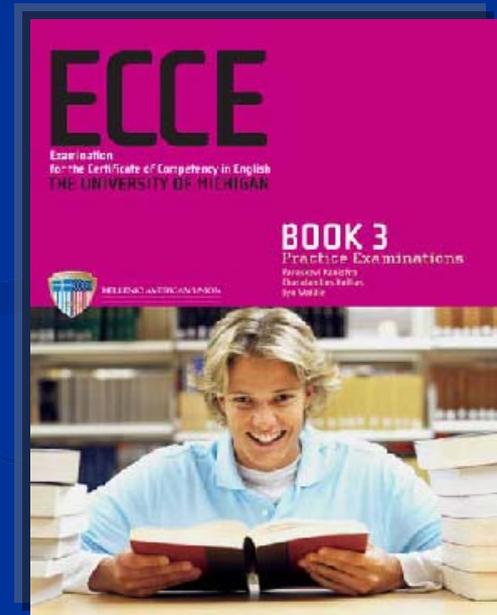
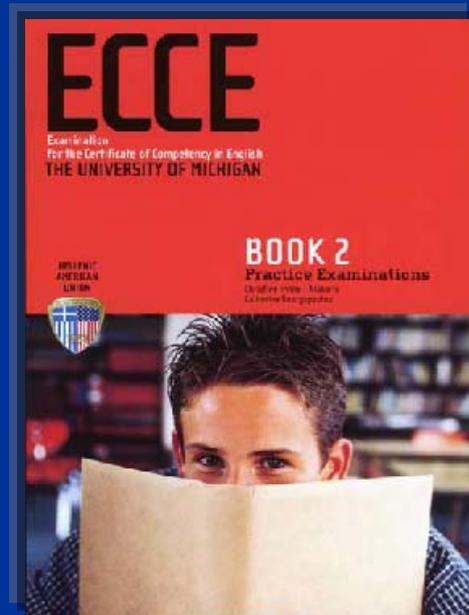
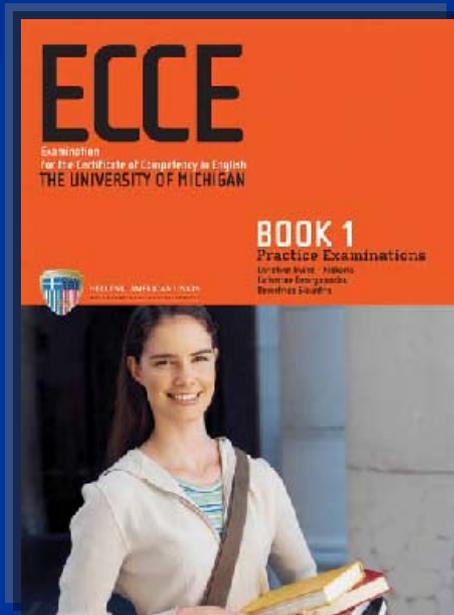
MYTHS

- Insufficient time for the GVR Section
- Insufficient writing time for the letter or essay
- The letter is easier to write than the essay

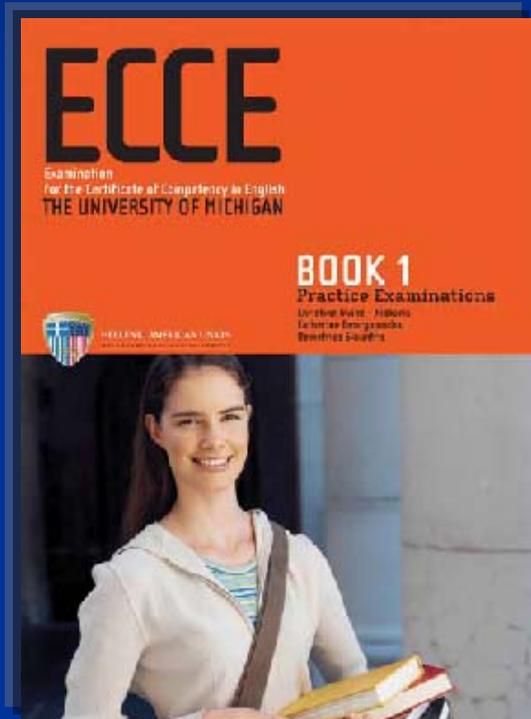
FACTS

- Candidates need to:
 - Be taught how to budget their time well
 - Practice taking timed tests in class
- 30 min. is sufficient writing time provided candidates
 - Understand prompt and tasks well
 - Spend 3-4 minutes to create a written or mental outline before they start writing
 - Practice guided writing in class
 - Practice timed writing in class
- The letter task requires the same level of abilities as the essay task

The Revised series: 27 complete practice tests!

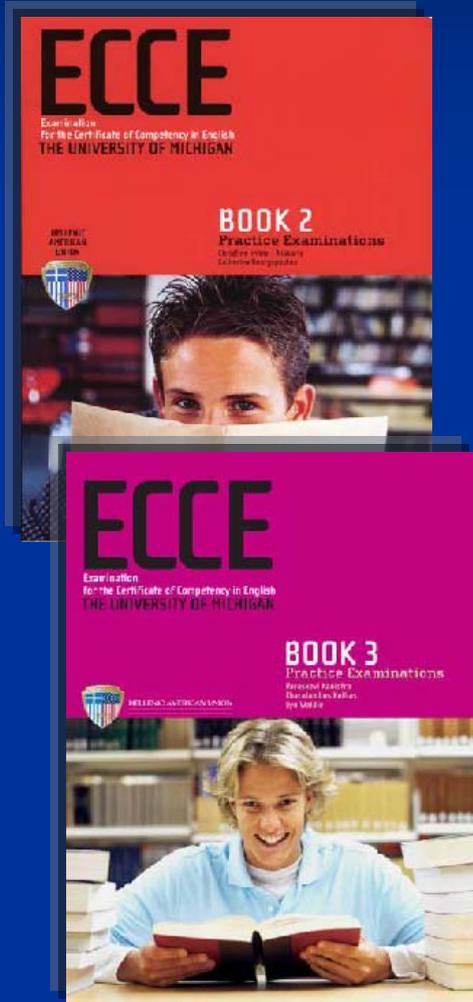


ECCE Practice Examinations, Book 1



- ▶ 9 ECCE practice tests
- ▶ Grammar review activities
- ▶ Vocabulary review activities
- ▶ Writing Section activities
- ▶ Writing Section guidelines
- ▶ Exam-day instructions for candidates
- ▶ English-Greek Glossary of over 1,500 words
- ▶ Teacher's Edition with overprinted answers and Listening Section tape scripts
- ▶ Set of 4 audio CDs

ECCE Practice Examinations, Books 2 & 3



Each book contains:

- ✓ 9 complete tests
- ✓ English-Greek Glossary (over 200 words)

Each book is accompanied by:

- ✓ Teacher's Edition with overprinted answers & Listening Section tape scripts
- ✓ A set of 4-5 audio CDs

Special offer for Language School Owners and Teachers

How to use ECCE practice tests in the classroom

ECCE Practice tests can be used as:

■ Diagnostic tests

- Determine students' strong and weak areas
- Focus teaching on areas that Ss need to further develop

■ Teaching Tools

- Give Ss insight into what is tested and how it is tested
- Give Ss practice in the required skills and sub-skills
- Teach Ss test-taking strategies and effective budgeting of time
- Build Ss' confidence

How to use ECCE practice tests in the classroom

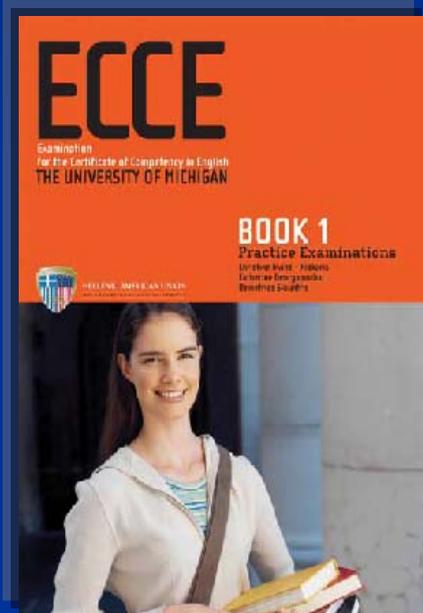
■ Progress/Mock tests

- Check Ss' progress
- Check whether Ss are budgeting their time well
- Determine whether Ss are applying knowledge gained in the classroom
- Clarify instructional objectives: determine what skills or sub skills need to be reinforced or further developed

■ Self-study material

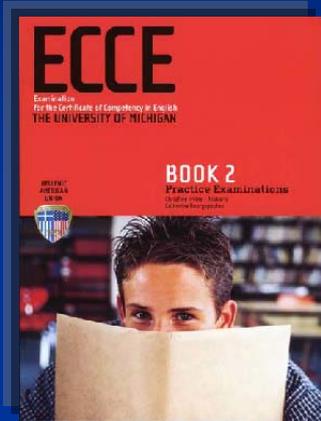
- Encourage independent study
- Develop Ss' ability to apply language learned in the classroom
- Create more independent and autonomous students

How to use the revised series in the classroom

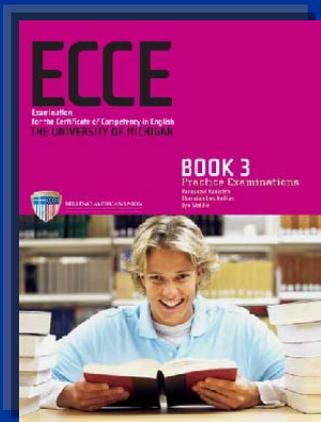


- **BOOK 1: To be introduced a few weeks after the preparation course has begun.**
- **May be used as follows:**
 - Test 1 as a diagnostic test
 - Tests 2 & 3 as teaching tools
 - Tests 4 as a progress tests
 - Test 5 for self-study
 - Test 6 as a teaching tool
 - Test 8 as a progress test
 - Test 9 as a mock test

How to use ECCE Practice tests in the classroom



- **BOOK 2: Middle of preparation course**
- **BOOK 3: Towards the end of the course**
- **Each book can be used as follows:**



- Tests 1 and 2 as teaching tools
- Test 3 as a progress test
- Test 4 for self-study
- Tests 5 and 6 as teaching tools
- Test 7 for self-study
- Tests 8 & 9 as progress/mock tests

Reflections on the ECCE

Grammar Examples

■ BOOK 1, TEST 7:

65. The brakes on my car are faulty, so I must _____ right away.
- a. have fixed them
 - b. have them fixed
 - c. fixed them
 - d. to fix them

■ PAST PAPER TEST 2:

63. “Is the TV still broken?”
“No, John finally _____ yesterday.”
- a. has repaired it
 - b. had it repaired
 - c. had repaired it
 - d. would repair it

Reflections on the ECCE

Grammar Examples

■ BOOK 1, TEST 7:

61. ___ the museum yesterday was a memorable experience.
- a. Having visited
 - b. Our visit
 - c. When we visited
 - d. Visiting

■ PAST TEST 2:

59. “Did you like the book?”
“Yes, and ___ the movie, I understood the story better, too.”
- a. I saw
 - b. I had seen
 - c. have seen
 - d. after seeing

Reflections on the ECCE

Grammar Examples

■ BOOK 1, TEST 7:

85. I called her every day
___ much it cost.

- a. no matter how
- b. no matter that
- c. no matter so
- d. no matter what

■ PAST TEST 2:

64. I don't care if it rains;
we're going on our picnic
___!

- a. no matter what
- b. matter what
- c. no matter that
- d. matter that

Reflections on the ECCE

Vocabulary Examples

■ BOOK 1, TEST 7:

100. A modern art exhibition will ____ in Athens early next month.

- a. take in
- b. take off
- c. take place
- d. take up

■ PAST TEST 2:

104. Larry was hurt when he was ____ over by a car.

- a. run
- b. crossed
- c. gone
- d. fallen

Reflections on the ECCE

Vocabulary Examples

■ BOOK 1, TEST 7:

103. You can't _____ people to work more than eight hours a day.

- a. demand
- b. force
- c. insist
- d. suggest

■ PAST TEST 2:

112. John _____ that we go out to dinner tonight.

- a. commented
- b. insisted
- c. approached
- d. applied

Reflections on the ECCE

Vocabulary Examples

■ BOOK 1, TEST 7:

110. My uncle continued to have weekly _____ for his injuries even after he left the hospital.

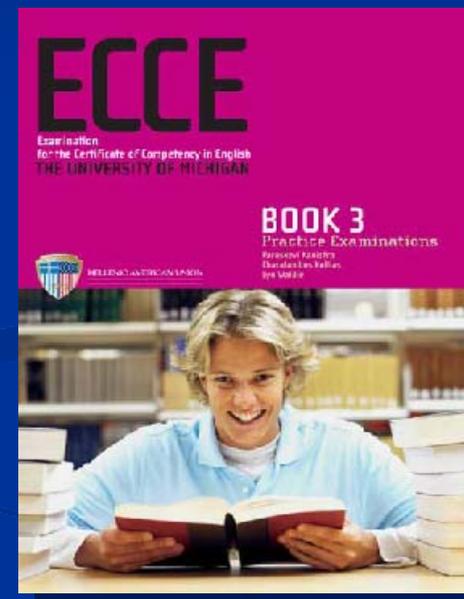
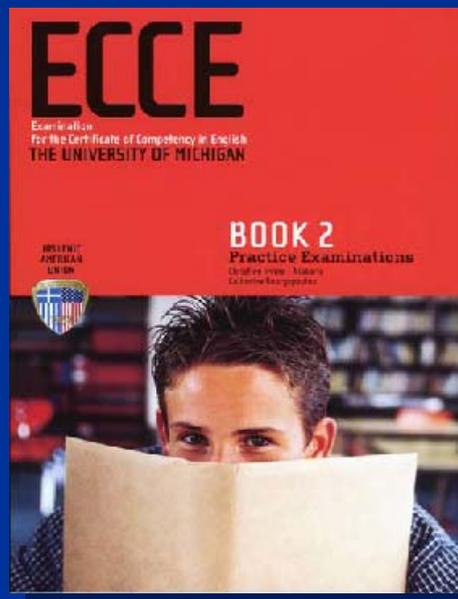
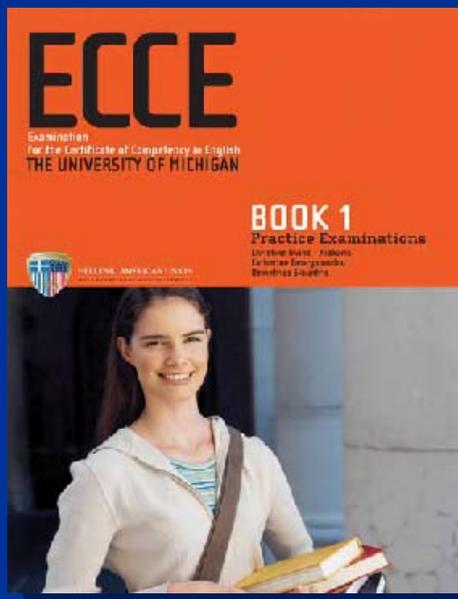
- a. illnesses
- b. improvements
- c. recoveries
- d. treatments

■ PAST TEST 2:

99. Too much _____ to the sun can cause skin cancer.

- a. exposure
- b. outcome
- c. situation
- d. impression

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