ACADEMIC ENGLISH

MODULE 5 / 31 ITEMS / 33 MINUTES

ABOUT THIS MODULE

The Academic English Module

The Academic English Module measures your control of the English language system in academic contexts: grammar, vocabulary in context, register and the ability to identify errors in academic writing. You complete 31 items across three parts in 33 minutes: grammar and comprehension, error identification, and word meaning in context. Your Academic English score contributes to your overall Manchester Exam score. Your CEFR level is based on your overall total.

31	33	3	120
ITEMS	MINUTES	PARTS	MODULE SCORE

MODULE STRUCTURE

How the module is built

PART	ITEM TYPE	ITEMS	TIME
1	Grammar & Comprehension MCQ	15	15 min (1 min/item)
2	Error Identification (click 6 errors)	12 (2 slides × 6)	10 min (5 min/slide)
3	Word in Context	4	8 min
TOTAL	**3 parts**	**31**	**33 min**

MODULE TIMING

Each part has its own fixed time limit

PART 1	PART 2	PART 3
15 min	**10 min**	**8 min**
Grammar & Comprehension	Error Identification	Word in Context

Online exams use identity checks, periodic camera photographs and a lockdown browser where required. For centre exams, follow the instructions from the centre. In the online exam, you cannot return to a completed part. When a timer expires, the current stage ends and the exam continues according to the on-screen instructions.

PREPARE

Quiz types & strategies, part by part

Each part uses a specific quiz type. Below is what each one asks of you, with a short explainer and the strategies that match it.

Part 1 — Grammar & Comprehension

Quiz type: 4-option multiple choice (1 per item)

Each item is a single academic-register sentence with one MCQ testing grammar (tense, agreement, modal, conditional, article, preposition), cohesion, or register. A 1-minute timer per item auto-advances.

- Read the whole sentence first — the option is meaningful only in full context.
- Identify what is tested (tense, agreement, preposition, register) to narrow four options to two.
- Eliminate two that violate a clear rule, then choose by re-reading with each remaining option.
- Commit before the 1-minute timer expires; there is no back.

Part 2 — Error Identification

Quiz type: click-the-error (exactly six per paragraph)

Each slide shows one academic paragraph containing exactly six errors. Click any word or phrase you identify as an error; click again to deselect. Selections stay editable until the 5-minute slide timer expires.

- Read the whole paragraph once before clicking — establishing register makes errors stand out.
- Look for the six categories: tense/aspect, agreement, article, preposition, word form, register.
- Click exactly six — if you have seven, one is wrong; if five, one is missing.
- Use leftover time to verify: confirm each error by stating why it is wrong.

Part 3 — Word in Context

Quiz type: meaning-in-context multiple choice

One paragraph with four highlighted words; for each, choose the meaning that fits how the word is used here — not its most common dictionary definition. All four items share one 8-minute timer.

- Read the whole paragraph first — context determines meaning.
- Substitute each option into the sentence; the one that preserves the meaning is the answer.
- Watch for “true but wrong” distractors — valid meanings that are not the one used here.
- If two seem equal, the more specific or formal sense is usually correct in academic register.

SCORING & AFTER THE TEST

How you are scored & your options

HOW YOUR RESPONSES ARE SCORED

Automatically scored against the answer key

Academic English includes multiple-choice questions and tasks where you click on errors. Responses are scored automatically against the answer key using the configured scoring rules for each part. Each part has a fixed maximum; the part scores combine to a maximum of 120. Because scoring is automatic, Rescoring is not available for this module; One Module Retake remains available.

AFTER YOU TEST / YOUR 30-DAY OPTIONS

Once your scores are issued, you have **30 days** to choose before your official report is finalised:
1. One Module Retake (OMR). Re-sit a single module for a $40 fee. A superscore model applies — the higher of your two module scores is used, so your total can only stay the same or improve. One OMR per sitting.
2. Accept your score. Once you accept, OMR is no longer available.

Rescoring is not available for this module — all items are machine-scored, so there is no human judgement to re-verify. Rescoring remains available for Writing and Speaking only. If you do not act within 30 days, your score is automatically accepted.

YOUR SCORE

How your performance is reported

Your official Academic English score is reported out of 120, rounded to the nearest 5. Each of the five official module scores is rounded before they are added to give your overall Manchester Exam score on a 0-600 scale. Your CEFR level is assigned from this overall total, not from an individual module score.

0–120	0–600	A1 — C2	5
MODULE SCORE	OVERALL COMPOSITE	CEFR LEVELS	REPORTING INCREMENT