ABOUT THIS MODULE

The Reading Module

The Reading Module measures your ability to understand academic and general-interest texts in English. You answer 14 questions in 31 minutes across three parts: one long passage with multiple-choice questions, a paragraph-function part, and a sentence-insertion part. The module assesses comprehension at the sentence, paragraph and whole-text levels: main idea, detail, inference, cohesion and rhetorical function. Your Reading score contributes to your overall Manchester Exam score. Your CEFR level is based on your overall total.

14	31	3	120
ITEMS	MINUTES	PARTS	MODULE SCORE

MODULE STRUCTURE

How the module is built

PART	TASK TYPE	TEXT(S)	ITEMS	TIME
1	Long Passage + MCQ	1 passage (~500 words)	6	13 min
2	Paragraph Function	4 short texts (~100 words)	4	8 min
3	Sentence Insertion	4 short texts (~100 words)	4	10 min
TOTAL	**3 parts**		**14**	**31 min**

MODULE TIMING

Each part has its own fixed time limit

PART 1	PART 2	PART 3
13 min	**8 min**	**10 min**
Long Passage	Paragraph Function	Sentence Insertion

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 — Long Passage + Multiple Choice

Quiz type: 4-option multiple choice

Read one ~500-word academic passage and answer six 4-option questions on main idea, detail, inference, author purpose, tone, and vocabulary in context. You have 13 minutes for the passage and all six questions together. The passage remains visible; you can move between questions and revise answers before submitting or before the section timer expires.

- Plan your 13 minutes: read the passage, answer all six questions, then check any uncertain answers.
- Locate, then answer: the question stem tells you where to look; re-read before choosing.
- Distinguish stated from implied — if you cannot point to supporting evidence, the answer is wrong.
- Check all six answers before submitting; once the section ends, you cannot return to it.

Part 2 — Paragraph Function

Quiz type: function-matching multiple choice

For each short text, choose the option that best describes the rhetorical function of the paragraph — what role it plays in the writer's argument (e.g., introduce, illustrate, qualify, refute, summarise). All four items share one 8-minute timer.

- Ask what changes when the paragraph appears — does the argument shift, narrow, or move to evidence?
- Watch for signal words: for example, however, in contrast, consequently, in summary.
- Match the function verb (illustrate, qualify, refute…) to what the paragraph is doing — not its topic.
- Answer the clearest item first; you control the order and can revise freely.

Part 3 — Sentence Insertion

Quiz type: choose the sentence position

Each short text shows four insertion points and one sentence. Click where it fits best. You have 2.5 minutes per text. You can change your answer until that text's timer expires. The next text then opens; you cannot return to earlier texts.

- Read the inserted sentence first — identify reference words (this, such, however, also).
- Test each position by reading before + new sentence + after; the strongest fit reads smoothly.
- Check pronouns have antecedents: "This finding…" needs a preceding finding.
- Eliminate two positions that break topic flow, then confirm with the connectors.

SCORING & AFTER THE TEST

How you are scored & your options

HOW YOUR RESPONSES ARE SCORED

Automatically scored against the answer key

Reading responses are scored automatically against the answer key, including multiple-choice answers, paragraph-function choices and sentence positions. Each part has a fixed maximum score; the part scores combine to a maximum of 120. The score uses the configured points for each part. 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 Reading 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