ABOUT THIS MODULE

The Writing Module

The Writing Module measures your ability to produce clear, organised written English across two task types: a **short functional writing task** in a suitable style, and an **integrated task** that summarises an academic lecture and gives your opinion. You have **35 minutes to write** plus listening stages. Each task has a minimum word count - falling significantly below it costs marks. Writing is scored by trained human raters. Your report shows an official score out of 120 with a performance descriptor; your overall CEFR level is shown separately.

2	35	~400	120
TASKS	WRITING MINUTES	WORDS APPROX.	MODULE SCORE

MODULE STRUCTURE

How the module is built

PART	TASK TYPE	WORDS	TIME
1	Functional Writing	150–200	15 min
2	Integrated Writing (listen, then write)	200–220	20 min + listening stages
TOTAL	**2 tasks**	**~400 words**	**35 min + listening stages**

MODULE TIMING

Timed stages in each part



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 - Functional Writing

Quiz type: functional written response (rater-scored)

Respond to the prompt in a suitable style and cover all the points it lists. Write 150-200 words in 15 minutes. Manual submission requires at least 150 words; the answer box limits your response to 200 words.

- Read the prompt carefully and identify the purpose, audience and points you must cover.
- Choose a format and tone suited to the task, and develop each required point concisely.
- Organise your response clearly and connect your ideas without padding the word count.
- Check that you have covered every required point, then proofread for typos and tense slips.

Part 2 — Integrated Writing

Quiz type: integrated constructed response (rater-scored)

Listen to a lecture twice automatically, then write a 200-220-word response summarising it and giving your opinion. You have 15 seconds to read instructions, a 10-second gap between plays, then 20 minutes to write. Audio length varies.

- Use both plays deliberately: first play for structure, second for details and qualifications.
- Plan a two-part structure — summarise the lecturer accurately, then develop your opinion.
- Represent the lecturer faithfully even if you disagree; source-fidelity errors are penalised heavily.
- Hit the 200–220-word target and save the last minute to proofread for typos and tense slips.

SCORING & AFTER THE TEST

How you are scored & your options

HOW YOUR RESPONSES ARE SCORED

Human-rated, with a score and descriptor

Both Writing tasks are assessed by human graders using the assessment criteria: Task Achievement, Organisation & Coherence, Lexical Range & Precision, Grammatical Range & Accuracy, and Discourse Management. Part 1 contributes up to fifty points and Part 2 up to seventy points, for a maximum module score of 120. The official Writing result is reported with a performance descriptor and contributes to your overall score out of 600. Your overall CEFR level is shown separately from the Writing score and descriptor.

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 result is used. One OMR per sitting.
2. Request Rescoring ($30 per module). A different qualified human grader independently re-scores your response; under the superscore model, the higher result stands.
3. Accept your score. Once you accept, OMR and Rescoring are no longer available.

You may complete Rescoring, then retake the same or another module. After any OMR, no further Rescoring is available. Only one service can run at a time. If you do not act within 30 days, your score is automatically accepted.

YOUR SCORE

How your performance is reported

Your official Writing score is reported out of 120, rounded to the nearest 5, with a separate performance descriptor. 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 overall CEFR level is assigned from that total and is shown separately from the module scores and performance descriptions.

Score + descriptor	0–600	A1 — C2	5
WRITING RESULT	OVERALL COMPOSITE	CEFR LEVELS	REPORTING INCREMENT