For
participants studying the
Swedish for Immigrants programme

National final tests (SFI)

Dear Student,

You will soon be taking one of the national final tests in the municipal adult education programme, Swedish for Immigrants (SFI). The purpose of the test is to help teachers assess the extent to which you have mastered the applicable parts of the grading criteria of the curriculum. The test also helps to ensure that all students are assessed equally.

The course tests are based on the curriculum for the municipal Swedish for Immigrants adult education programme, as regards both how the tasks are structured and assessed. It is important that each student has the possibility to show as much of their knowledge as possible. Everything cannot be tested in a single test. Your results on the national test are part of the overall assessment that determines your final grade for the course. While the national test is an important part of the grading process, your teacher will perform the overall assessment of your knowledge.

How are the SFI tests structured?

The tasks focus mainly on testing text comprehension, speech, oral skills, oral comprehension and the ability to write about subjects that are related to everyday life, studies, work and society.

The test takes roughly four to five hours to complete.

- The part that tests reading comprehension is divided into two sections. The tasks include both shorter and slightly longer pieces of text.
- The part that tests listening comprehension consists of one section for courses C and D, and two sections for course B. The tasks are based on recorded interviews, conversations or news extracts.
- The part that tests written skills consists of one written task for courses B and C, and two written tasks for course D.
- The part that tests oral skills consists of a single task for course B, and one single task and one pair task for courses C and D.

Your teacher will explain how the test works, the date of the test and how it is assessed. The test is graded based on the grading scale Pass (G) and Fail (IG).

Examining body

The Swedish National Agency for Education operates all national testing. The tests are developed and put together at the Department of Teaching and Learning at Stockholm University in collaboration with the Swedish National Agency for Education. The test questions have been tried out in many different schools across the country. Course participants, teachers and researchers have also given their opinions on the test.

We hope that the test is a good way for you to demonstrate your knowledge.

Contact people at the National Agency for Education

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