

## Cambridge Advanced English 2016

...7:30 AM on Saturday; our alarm clocks went off and we headed to school. This is what 19 of this year's graduates decided to put up with for nearly a year. What kept us going and continuously motivated us was our common goal of passing the Cambridge Advanced English C1 exam. Admittedly, some of us also aimed at achieving the level C2, which is commonly considered as native speaker level. Nevertheless, we had to invest a lot of time and effort in preparing and acquainting ourselves with the rather new style of assessment. Now although this sounded quite challenging at first, we soon discovered that we were in good hands with Miss Helml. On behalf of all CAE candidates, I would also like to thank the English language assistant Laura for preparing us for the oral part of the exam. Starting in 7<sup>th</sup> grade up until 8<sup>th</sup>, we met on Fridays after school and even Saturdays in order to take numerous example tests in preparation for the big test on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. On that day our highest level of concentration was needed as the exam took 4 hours and was rather challenging. But looking at the situation in retro perspective, I strongly believe that all of us were capable of mastering the challenge pretty well! I personally would like to congratulate everyone who obtained the C1 certificate as well as my 7 fellow companions who also achieved the C2 level. And lastly I wish all our successors good luck for next year! P.S.: You have quite large shoes to fill! :)

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