EXAM PRACTICE · CIPLE (A2)

Rumo ao *CIPLE*

A complete practice exam for the CIPLE, the official A2 certificate in Portuguese as a foreign language awarded by CAPLE, with strategies, model answers and a 30-question quiz on Portugal's culture and institutions.

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The CIPLE in one page

The **CIPLE** (Certificado Inicial de Português Língua Estrangeira) is the A2 exam of CAPLE, the University of Lisbon's Portuguese-language assessment centre. It has three components:

COMPONENT	TIME	WEIGHT	WHAT YOU DO
Reading and writing	1 h 15 min	45%	Part I: notices and short texts, with multiple-choice and matching questions. Part II: two short texts to write.
Listening	30 min	30%	Short everyday recordings, with multiple-choice questions.
Speaking	about 15 min	25%	Usually in pairs, with an examiner: (1) talking about yourself, (2) a role-play, (3) a short discussion of a current topic.

Results: **Suficiente** 55–69% · **Bom** 70–84% · **Muito Bom** 85–100%.

Dates, fees and registration change from year to year: always check the CAPLE website. The format above was checked on 22 October 2026.

CIPLE and Portuguese nationality. The 2026 nationality law (Lei Orgânica n.º 1/2026) requires knowledge of the Portuguese language and culture, history and national symbols (proved by a test or a certificate), and of citizens' fundamental rights and duties and how the State is organised. When this book was written (October 2026), the rules setting out the format of that test had not yet been published, as far as could be checked. Before applying, confirm the current requirements with the IRN or a lawyer. The quiz in part 5 covers the topics the law names, but it is general practice, not the official test.

How to use this book

1. Do the practice exam in real conditions: time yourself and don't look at the answers.
2. The listening texts are at the back (part 6). Ask a Portuguese speaker or your tutor to read each one aloud twice, at a normal speed, while you answer.
3. Then check the answers, read the model texts and practise the speaking cards out loud, ideally with a partner.

PART 1

Reading

EXAM TIP

Read the questions before the text. Underline key words (days, times, prices, negatives such as *não* and *só*). In matching tasks there are more options than you need.

Task 1

Where can you read these notices? Match each notice (1–5) to a place (A–H). There are three places you don't need.

A. restaurante	B. loja de roupa	C. estação de comboios	D. farmácia
E. centro de saúde	F. biblioteca	G. piscina	H. banco

1	Por favor, valide o seu título de transporte antes de entrar no comboio.	☐
2	Hoje: sopa do dia, prato de peixe ou de carne. Café incluído.	☐
3	Consultas só com marcação. Traga o seu cartão de utente.	☐
4	Saldos: 50 % de desconto nos artigos assinalados. Trocas só com talão.	☐
5	Silêncio, por favor. Os livros devem ser devolvidos no prazo de 15 dias.	☐

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