

2026 Important Guidelines for TOPIK Test Takers

Items to bring

- TOPIK Admission Ticket and a valid ID card (original AADHAR card or Passport)

Examination Guidelines

- If you bring a copy of an identification document or an ID that is not specified in the regulations, you will not be allowed to take the exam.
- If there is no photo on the admission ticket or your identity cannot be verified, you will not be allowed to take the exam.
- If the name on the admission ticket is completely different from the name on the identification document, you will not be allowed to take the exam.
- On the day of the exam, entry to the test venue is strictly prohibited for anyone other than examinees and authorized examination staff.
- Examinees must be seated in their designated seats in the examination room by the room entry deadline; entry after this time will not be permitted.
- Examinees must take the exam only at the designated test center, examination room, and seat. If the exam is taken at an undesignated test center, room, or seat, the results will be invalidated.

<Entry and Exit Times (IST)>

Test Type	Session	Test Section	Entrance Time (IST)	Start Time	End Time	Exam Duration (Min)
TOPIK I	1 st Session	Listening Reading	9:10	9:40	11:20	100
TOPIK II	1 st Session	Listening Writing	12:20	12:50	14:40	110
	2 nd Session	Reading	15:00	15:10	16:20	70

- Examinees must ensure that the test booklet type (odd/even) matches the type marked on the answer sheet. Any discrepancy must be reported to the proctor immediately.

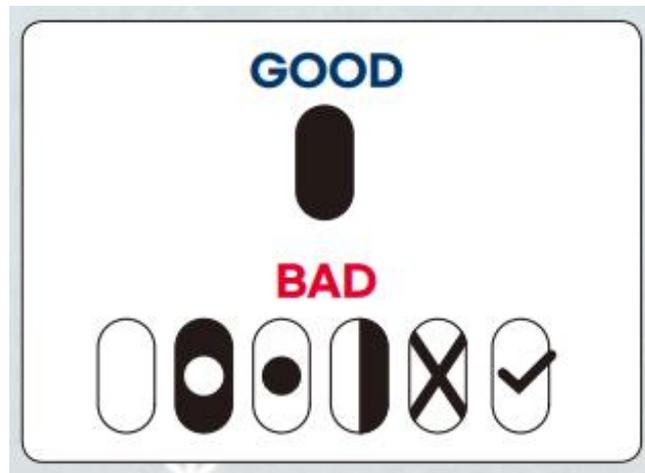
- Leaving the exam room during the test is not allowed. In case of illness or unavoidable circumstances, examinees may leave quietly with the proctor's permission. You must fill the 'pledge for dropouts' and the examinee must wait in a separate area until the exam ends. Scores will be invalidated if an examinee leaves early.
- If an examinee leaves and re-enters the room due to illness (e.g., restroom use), a re-check of the examinee from the hallway proctor is required.
- Examinees who leave early or engage in cheating will have their exam invalidated.
- For TOPIK II, examinees who miss Session 1 are not allowed to take Session 2 and are not eligible for refund.
- TOPIK II includes a break between sessions. During the break, leaving the test venue is not permitted. Unauthorized departure may result in penalties, including invalidation for misconduct.
- TOPIK scores are valid for two years from the score release date. Score reports cannot be printed after the validity period expires.
- Examinees must verify their registration information (English name, photo, etc.). Any errors made by the authorized TOPIK institution must be corrected through the test administration office before the exam. No changes are allowed after the exam except in cases of administrative error.
- Personal information printed on the score report (e.g., English name) is exactly as submitted during registration. Examinees are responsible for any inaccuracies.

Answer Sheet Guidelines

- Examinees are fully responsible for completing the answer sheet. Any disadvantage caused by incomplete or incorrect marking is the examinee's responsibility.
 - Time management is the examinee's responsibility. All answers must be completed within the allotted time.
 - During the listening section, mark listening answers only. During the reading/writing section, mark/write reading/writing answers only. There is no separate marking time for the listening section.
 - The answer sheet must not be damaged, stained, wrinkled, scribbled on, or marked unnecessarily.
- The timing marks (■■■■) at the top and bottom of the answer sheet must never be damaged.
- Answers written only on the test booklet and not transferred to the answer sheet will not be

scored.

- Only the double-ended marker provided by the proctor may be used. Any disadvantage resulting from using an unauthorized pen or violating instructions is the examinee's responsibility.
- For listening and reading, use the thick tip of the marker and mark only one answer per question by filling the circle (●). Any disadvantage due to incomplete marking is the examinee's responsibility.



- For the writing section, you must use the thin tip of the double-ended marker and write only within the designated answer space. If you write outside the designated space or write in a different answer space, they will not be scored.
- When correcting an answer, you may draw two lines over the part to be corrected or use correction tape. However, any disadvantages caused by incomplete correction (e.g., correction tape peeling off) are the examinee's responsibility.
- If correction tape is needed, quietly raise your hand to request it from the proctor or use the correction tape you brought.
- The answer sheet may be replaced, but you must submit it even if you cannot complete it within the test time. You must not write on the answer sheet after the test ends, and failure to follow the proctor's instructions (such as continuing to write) will be considered cheating.
- Even after the test ends, you must not leave until instructed by the proctor, and you must submit both the question paper and answer sheet. Taking them out of the test room will be considered cheating.

Prohibition of Unauthorized Distribution of TOPIK

Questions

- TOPIK questions are copyrighted works, and unauthorized leakage, copying, or distribution without permission is strictly prohibited by law. If illegally leaked or distributed, civil and criminal p

enalties may be imposed, and eligibility for future tests may be restricted under relevant regulations.

Prohibited items.

- Examinees carrying prohibited items such as electronic or communication devices must submit them to the proctor before the first session begins.
- If a prohibited item makes noise during the test or is found in possession, it may be treated as cheating under relevant regulations.

소지 불허 물품

- 응시자는 시험 중 전자·통신기기 등의 개인물품을 소지할 수 없습니다.
- 모든 전자·통신기기는 1교시 시작 전 반드시 전원을 끈 뒤 감독관에게 제출해야 합니다.

					
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Smart Watch	E-Dictionary	Pen Dictionary / Scanner	Laptop	iPAD	LCD/LED Digital watch

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Other important notes.

- TOPIK scores are valid for two years from the announcement date, and expired score reports cannot be printed.
- Personal information on the score report (e.g., English name) will be exactly as written on the application form or test ticket. The examinee is responsible for any incorrect or incomplete information on the score report.
- Examinees must check their registration information (English name, photo, etc.) by the test day and request corrections if necessary.
- After score announcement, examinees must verify their score report information, and corrections are not allowed after the test date except for institutional errors.

- In cases of cheating, test officials may photograph the examinee's face and ID for identification, and the examinee must cooperate.

Guidelines on Cheating Penalties

- Notifications of cheating penalties (including prior notice) will be sent to the examinee's email address.
- Examinees accused of cheating may submit their opinion via the TOPIK Center email (topik@korea.kr) within 10 days of the notice, and failure to do so will be considered as having no opinion.
- Cheating penalties will be processed electronically and delivered to the examinee's email address.

Guidelines for handling examinees involved in cheating.

Category	Types of cheating.	Basis
Test suspension or invalidation.	▸ Viewing the test questions before the test begins.	Decree
	▸ Writing answers before the test starts or after the test ends.	
	▸ Possessing unauthorized communication devices.	
	▸ Possessing electronic devices capable of recording or taking photos.	Regulations
	▸ Refusing to comply with the proctor's request for identity verification or item inspection.	
	▸ Solving questions or writing answers without following the time limits for each section.	
	▸ Attempting to look at another examinee's answers or showing one's own answers to others.	
	▸ Failing to submit the provided memo paper after the test (speaking test only).	
	▸ If a submitted communication device makes noise or is found to be operating (except when stored by the test administration outside the test room).	
	▸ Exchanging any items such as stationery or correction tape with other examinees during the test.	
▸ Any other acts deemed minor cheating by the Examination Misconduct Review Committee.		

Test invalidation and suspension of eligibility to take the test for two years from the date of the penalty.	▶ Looking at another examinee's answers or showing one's own answers to others.	Decree
	▶ Communicating with others about the test using communication devices or signals.	
	▶ Possessing or using unauthorized materials.	
	▶ Failing to follow legitimate instructions from the proctor necessary for fair test administration.	Regulations
	▶ Seriously disrupting the operation or progress of the test.	
	▶ Forcing others to provide their answers.	
	▶ Writing questions or answers on anything other than the question paper, answer sheet, or provided memo paper.	
	▶ Failing to submit the question paper or answer sheet after the test.	
	▶ Candidates are strictly prohibited from photographing examination questions, answer sheets, or any memo paper provided (speaking test only), recording audio, or reproducing, storing, or disclosing any examination materials by any means, including through the internet or other external channels.	
	▶ Taking the test using forged or altered identification or documents.	
▶ Using forged or altered score reports.		
▶ Any other acts deemed serious cheating by the Examination Misconduct Review Committee.		
Test invalidation and suspension of eligibility to take the test for four years from the date of the penalty.	▶ Requesting or taking the test on behalf of another person (proxy testing).	Decree

※ For detailed information, please refer to the TOPIK website (www.topik.go.kr).