Hints and tips
Cambridge English Qualifications
B1 Preliminary

READING & WRITING
✔ Timing is important in this paper: spend about 50 minutes on the Reading component (Parts 1-5, 35 questions) and 40 minutes on the Writing component (Parts 1-3).

Reading
✔ Read each text carefully before you try to answer the questions.
✔ Remember that you do not need to understand every word of the text: you may read an article on mathematics just to find a number!

Writing
✔ Don’t worry too much about making grammar mistakes in Writing Parts 2 and 3. Communicating is the important thing.
✔ Make sure that your handwriting is clear and easy to read.

LISTENING
✔ Look at the questions, text and pictures and think about what possible kind of information you are going to hear.
✔ Answer all the questions, even if you are not sure – you could get it right!

SPEAKING
✔ Listen to your partner’s answers and show that you are interested in what he or she is saying.
✔ Try and forget that you are doing an exam. Remember the examiner wants you to do well!