

## ISE I (B1) – Guidance for candidates

### Reading & Writing

Your exam is 2 hours long. There are four tasks:

- ▶ Task 1 – Long reading
- ▶ Task 2 – Multi-text reading
- ▶ Task 3 – Reading into writing
- ▶ Task 4 – Extended writing

Divide your time carefully:

Task 1 – Long reading 20 minutes	Task 2 – Multi-text reading 20 minutes	Task 3 – Reading into writing 40 minutes	Task 4 – Extended writing 40 minutes
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#### Task 1 – Long reading

There are 15 questions in the Long reading task.

##### Title matching

For questions 1-5 choose a title for each paragraph.

- ▶ Read the text quickly and think of what title you would give each paragraph. Do not try to understand every word.
- ▶ Try to match your ideas for titles for the paragraphs to the possible answers given in the exam paper.
- ▶ Do not use any paragraph title more than once.
- ▶ Answer all questions, even if you have to guess.
- ▶ There are six possible answers – you will use only five.

##### Selecting true statements

For questions 6-10 decide which five statements from a list of eight are true.

- ▶ Read each statement and decide if you think it is true or false.
- ▶ Look at the text and try to find a sentence that supports what you think.
- ▶ Always write five answers (never leave a blank), even if it is only a guess.

##### Completing sentences

For questions 11-15 choose an exact number, word or phrase (maximum three words) from the text.

- ▶ Read the sentences. For each sentence, look at the words around the gap and think what number, word or phrase could complete the information.
- ▶ From the text try to find the paragraph and then the sentence that relates to the sentence.
- ▶ Sometimes the type of word (noun, verb or adjective) can help you find the right word or phrase.
- ▶ Choose an exact number, word or phrase from the text that completes the sentence.
- ▶ Always put an answer. Guess if you are not sure.

#### Important

- Give an answer to all questions, even if you are not sure.
- Spend up to 20 minutes on questions 1-15 and no more.

## Task 2 – Multi-text reading

There are 15 questions in the Multi-text reading task.

### Multiple matching

For questions 16-20 choose the correct text the question refers to.

- ▶ Read the four texts quickly and think of how you would summarise each text.
- ▶ Read the questions – each question refers to one of the four texts. Choose which text matches the question.
- ▶ There are five questions and four texts. You can use texts for more than one answer. Answer all questions. Guess if you are not sure.

### Selecting the true statements

For questions 21-25 decide which five statements from a list of eight are true.

- ▶ Read each statement and decide if you think it is true or false.
- ▶ Look at the texts and try to find a sentence from the texts that gives information to confirm what you think.
- ▶ Always write five answers (never leave a blank), even if it is only a guess.

### Completing summary notes

For questions 26-30 choose an exact number, word or phrase (maximum three words) from the texts.

- ▶ Read the Summary notes. Look at the words around the gaps and for each one, think what number, word or phrase could complete the information.
- ▶ From the texts, try to find the paragraph and then the sentence that relates to the question.
- ▶ Choose an exact number, word or phrase from one of the four texts that completes the information.
- ▶ Sometimes the type of word (noun, verb or adjective) can help you find the right word or phrase.
- ▶ Always put an answer. Guess if you are not sure.

### Important

- Give an answer to **all** questions, even if you are not sure.
- Spend up to 20 minutes on questions 16-30 and **no more**.

### Task 3 – Reading into writing

Use information from the four texts from task 2 to write an answer to a question.

- ▶ Read **all** four texts before you answer.
- ▶ Read the Reading into writing question and underline the important words.
- ▶ There are three parts to the question. Make sure you answer all three.
- ▶ Use the space provided to plan your answer. For example, you could make a mind map.
- ▶ Refer to the texts from task 2 – you **must** refer to **all** four texts in your answer.
- ▶ When you finish, check your answer. Refer back to the question to check you have answered all three parts and check your spelling and grammar.
- ▶ Spend up to 40 minutes on this task but **no more**.

#### Important

- Use your answers to questions 26-30 (the Summary notes) from task 2 to help you.
- In your answer refer to all texts from task 2. Check your answer.

### Task 4 – Extended writing

- ▶ Read the Extended writing question and underline the important words.
- ▶ There are several parts to the question – make sure you answer all parts.
- ▶ Use the space provided to plan your answer, eg make a mind map.
- ▶ Your answer should be roughly 100-130 words.
- ▶ When you finish, check your answer. Refer back to the question to check you have answered all parts.
- ▶ Spend up to 40 minutes on this task but **no more**.

#### Important

- Read the question carefully and plan your answer.
- When you have finished, check your answer and correct any mistakes.