

Integrated Skills in English

ISE III



The Controlled Written examination

Wednesday 11 November 2009

10.00am-12.30pm

Your full name:
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Candidate registration number:

Centre:

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Instructions to candidates

1. Write your name, candidate number and centre number on the front of this examination paper.
2. You must not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
3. This examination paper contains **three** tasks. You must complete **all** tasks.
4. Use blue or black pen, not pencil.
5. Write your answers on the examination paper.
6. Do all rough work on the examination paper. Cross through any work you do not want marked.
7. You must not use a dictionary in this examination.
8. You must not use correction fluid on the examination paper.

Information for candidates

The tasks in this examination have equal weighting.

You are advised to spend about 70 minutes on Task 1, 40 minutes on Task 2 and about 40 minutes on Task 3.

Examiner's use only							
Task 1							
Task fulfilment	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Accuracy and range	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Task 2							
Task fulfilment	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Accuracy and range	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
Task 3							
Task fulfilment	A	B	C	D	E	N	U
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Task 1 – Reading into writing task

Read the information below. Then, **in your own words**, write a report (approximately 300 words) for a parenting group:

- i) summarising the information given about British children's media habits, discussing the most relevant information **and**
- ii) expressing your views on the potential results of such a childhood, with reference to examples from your own experience.

Britain's children eat, sleep and breathe TV

A generation of 'multi-tasking' children are living their daily lives – including eating and falling asleep – to the accompaniment of the television, according to a survey of children's media habits.

The flickering of the screen accompanies most of them before they go to school, when they return home, as they consume their evening meal and then – for 63% far more than read a book each day – in bed at night. The study of 5 to 16-year-olds shows that four out of five children now have a TV set in their bedroom.

So ubiquitous has television become that many children now combine it with other activities, including social networking online, flickering their eyes from laptop to TV screen and back again. Even if they are focusing on the television, young people are now reluctant to commit to one programme, with boys in particular often flipping between channels to keep up with two simultaneous shows at once.

The findings will fuel concerns that childhood is increasingly about private space and sedentary activities and less about play, social interaction or the child's own imagination. British children now spend an average of 5 hours 20 minutes in front of a screen a day, up from 4 hours 40 minutes five years ago.

The rise may have come at the expense of reading books for pleasure, which, in a development that will alarm many parents, continues to decline as a regular pastime.

The director of market research agency Childwise, which conducted the study, said that television was 'almost woven into children's lives', but added that the quality of viewing has changed. 'A lot of television is now just part of the background, not just at home but wherever you go.'

**Use your own words as far as possible. No marks for answers copied from the reading texts.
You must make reference to both the text and the graphic information in your answer.**

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Task 2 – Correspondence task



You have read an article in a national newspaper claiming that sports stars are grossly overpaid. Write a letter (approximately 250 words) to the editor of the newspaper discussing both sides of the argument. Conclude by saying to what extent you personally believe sports stars deserve such high salaries.

A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing the letter.

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