Integrated Skills in English

ISE III

TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON

The Controlled Written examination

Wednesday 20 May 2009 10.00am–12.30pm

Your full name: .....
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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.

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Task 1					
Task fulfilment	A	B	C	D	E
Accuracy and range	A	B	C	D	E
Task 2					
Task fulfilment	A	B	C	D	E
Accuracy and range	A	B	C	D	E
Task 3					
Task fulfilment	A	B	C	D	E
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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 government committee:

i) summarising the opposing attitudes held by farmers and conservationists to the use of agricultural land in England **and**

ii) giving your own views on how far commercial factors should be allowed to outweigh the preservation of wildlife.

Wildlife at risk

English farmers who are determined to cash in on rising crop prices have cultivated more than 200,000 hectares of land that had been left uncultivated (set aside) to control overproduction. Conservationists now fear that profitable cereal crops are pushing out wildlife.

A rise in world food prices and the European Union's decision last year to abandon its 'set-aside' policy, which was originally designed to end the days of grain and butter mountains, has resulted in a huge expansion in planting. 13% more land was devoted to cereals this year compared with last year, and the price of wheat has risen from £60–£70 a tonne two years ago to £120–150.

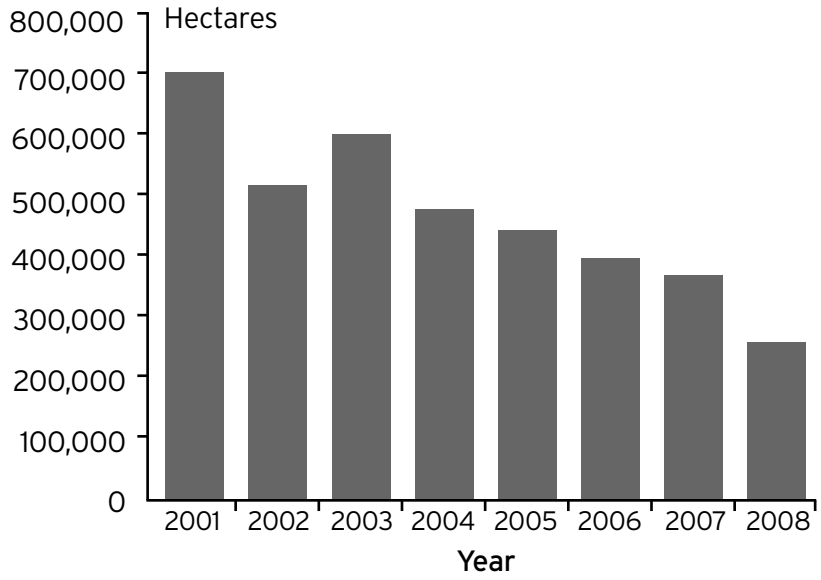
Gareth Morgan, head of agriculture policy at the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said, 'Set-aside land was never supposed to help wildlife but, with so much other land farmed so heavily, it became a sanctuary for many species. Now much less uncultivated land is visible and we're looking at a landscape of grains and cereals across much of the country.' He said that the expansion would have a serious impact on several bird species, as well as small animals such as mice.

Mr Morgan added that the Government had to act now to prevent some species becoming extinct. He said, 'We've identified close to 400,000 hectares which are under threat. Government figures show that half of that land has been lost and we think that figure has been superseded because people are ploughing up at this very moment.'

Ian Frood, who farms cattle and cereal in the east of England, said that so far he had resisted price pressures to disrupt the balance of his land. 'I'm not in favour of pulling up trees and putting in wall-to-wall crops. I like wildlife. But if the cost of oil and fertiliser continues to rise, that's what I'll have to do.'

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.

England's set-aside land



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Task 2 — Correspondence task

Last week you bought two expensive tickets for an international sporting event. Unfortunately, you were very dissatisfied because your seats had an obstructed view, the event started late and there were no refreshments available.

Write a formal letter of complaint (approximately 250 words) to the event manager expressing your disappointment, outlining the reasons for your dissatisfaction and requesting some form of compensation.

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Task 3 — Creative writing task

Write a personal account (approximately 250 words) of an experience, real or imaginary, which completely changed your ambitions for the future.

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