

Integrated Skills in English

ISE II



The Controlled Written examination

Wednesday 12 November 2008

10.00am-12.00pm

Your full name:
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Candidate registration number:

Centre:

Time allowed: 2 hours

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 **two** tasks. You must complete **both** 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 60 minutes on Task 1 and about 60 minutes on Task 2.

Examiner's use only					
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

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Task 1 – Reading into writing task

Read the text below and then, **in your own words**, write a report (approximately 250 words) for an international business organisation:

- i) summarising the problems that foreign business people may have when working in India and China **and**
- ii) explaining what difficulties you would expect to find if you had to travel regularly to another country for work.

The business people who commute between continents

As many UK companies move their manufacturing base to China and their administration departments to India, so business travel to these destinations is growing. Many British employees are travelling back and forth to ensure the process goes smoothly.

For some, becoming a frequent flyer is all in a day's work. For others, commuting between continents and between very different cultures and working environments is a tough exercise. 'It takes a while to get used to what passes for 'normal' in India', says Paul Jeynes, who works for a computer company in England. Jeynes has been working in Bangalore for two weeks every month since last November.

'It is a very different working environment and you have to be very sensitive to the way they work. There are a lot of rules employees have to follow, that you don't get in the UK. This is due to what they call 'dignity of employment', based on everyone having a place in society according to what they do. When I am over there, for example, I can't go and make myself a cup of coffee, or pick my printouts up from the printer. There's someone to do that for you.'

'The work ethic in China also takes getting used to', says Joy Jarrett, who is an account manager at a children's clothing supplier. 'Most of the factory workers live in dormitories on site and they send a large proportion of their wages back to their families.'

Ms Jarrett adds 'The working parent ethic is also different. People tend to have their children quite young and then the grandparents look after them and bring them up while the parents are away working. There is a different pace of work in China, too. They work much longer hours, but the pace is a lot slower. There is no sense of urgency at all and it is really hard getting staff to meet deadlines, which I find really stressful.'

(Source: Adapted from the *Guardian*)

Use your own words as far as possible. No marks for answers copied from the reading texts.

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Task 2 – Writing task

Write a short story (approximately 250 words) for a writing competition that begins or ends with the words, *'If I hadn't been in exactly the right place at exactly the right time, I wouldn't have had this wonderful opportunity.'*

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