

# Integrated Skills in English

## ISE III



### The Controlled Written examination

Saturday 17 January 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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<b>Task 1</b>					
Task fulfilment	A	B	C	D	E
Accuracy and range	A	B	C	D	E
<b>Task 2</b>					
Task fulfilment	A	B	C	D	E
Accuracy and range	A	B	C	D	E
<b>Task 3</b>					
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 information below. Then, **in your own words**, write an article (approximately 300 words) for a social affairs magazine:

- i) summarising government policy on child poverty in Britain and the adverse effects the increase in child poverty is having on children's lives **and**
- ii) giving your opinion on the problem, stating what you believe should be done to reduce child poverty.

### Child poverty increasing in Britain

Child poverty in Britain has increased for the second year in a row, government figures have revealed. The Department for Work and Pensions said that in the last year the number of children living in relative poverty had risen by 100,000 to almost 2.9 million before housing costs are taken into account, and 3.9 million when they are included, a rise similar to the previous year.

When the current government came to power in 1997 it made eradicating child poverty a central aim and progress towards that goal was later promoted as a key achievement. The Prime Minister has been closely identified with the campaign and the latest figures will be extremely disappointing for the government.

David Phillips, research economist at the Institute for Fiscal Studies, estimated that child poverty had fallen by 15% since 1998, when the government set its target to halve child poverty by 2010 and abolish it entirely by 2020. The £2billion made available in the last two budgets is estimated to take only 500,000 children out of poverty. But to meet the target, he said, 1.2 million children would need to benefit.

'Without the government giving them more money year by year, families on the lowest incomes will fall behind,' he said. 'A more automatic system of updating incomes to keep pace with rising earnings would tackle child poverty in a more systematic manner.'

According to the government, one of the problems in reducing relative poverty has been the strong growth in the economy, which has pushed up the incomes of the better-off, lifting the average income on which relative poverty levels are calculated. But David Phillips said average household income had grown slowly, rising by just 0.8% in 2006-07, similar to the previous few years but less than half the 2% pace of the government's first five years. 'More needs to be done if the government is to meet its target of halving child poverty by 2010.'

(Source: Adapted from [www.guardian.co.uk/business](http://www.guardian.co.uk/business))

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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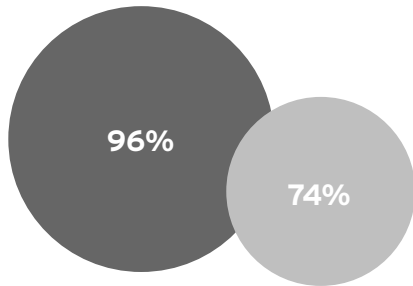
### Young lives

Children's access to facilities based on family income in the UK (2006-2007)

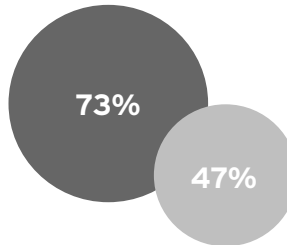
● Richest 20%

● Poorest 20%

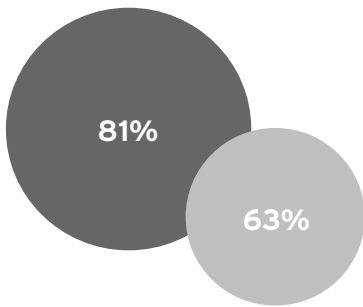
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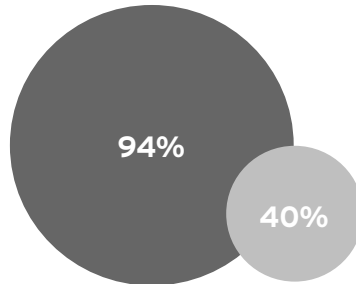
Go swimming at least once a month



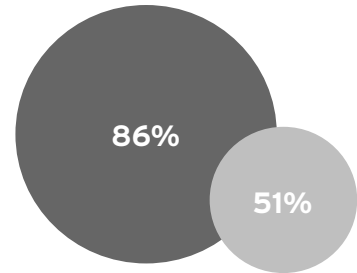
Have friends round for dinner every month



One week's family holiday a year



Go to playgroup once a week



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**Task 2 – Correspondence task**

Last week you had a disastrous and very expensive train journey. The first train was cancelled and the second was delayed by over an hour, with the result that you missed your connection. Furthermore, the train was so full you were unable to find a seat.

Write a formal letter (approximately 250 words) to the rail company outlining the problems you experienced and asking for some form of compensation.

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