

# Integrated Skills in English

## ISE II



### The Controlled Written examination

Saturday 17 January 2009

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					
<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

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### Task 1 – Reading into writing task

Read the text below and then, **in your own words**, write an article (approximately 250 words) for a family magazine:

- i) giving the reason for the writer's decision to give up plastic and summarising how far she achieved her aims **and**
- ii) saying how you think such a change would affect, positively and negatively, you and your family.

### Giving up plastic

A month ago I decided to give up plastic for the whole of December. My aim was not to buy anything new made from plastic or wrapped in plastic. I was able to keep and use the plastic I already owned, but if anything ran out I would have to buy a plastic-free replacement.

Plastics are extremely useful and versatile and the goal of the experiment was not to criticise the material itself. However, disposing of an ever-growing amount of plastic is a problem for the UK's recycling system.

To find out how much my household – my husband, young son and I – usually contribute to this plastic mountain, I counted up a normal month's plastic waste. It totalled 603 items, of which 120 were the baby's nappies and most of the rest were food and drink packaging.

So my challenge was to find out whether it was possible to live a normal life without producing any plastic waste at all. The short answer was no. However, I did cut the amount by 80% to 116 items.

I did not have to spend hours on the hunt for plastic-free food. I tended to visit the butcher and local market stalls rather than the supermarket. Although, my family and I did have to go without some of our usual food – no yoghurts, biscuits, crisps or fresh strawberries. Cheese was out unless wrapped in paper, as were takeaway meals.

So, with December over and all restrictions lifted, will I go back to my old habits? Yes and no. Living for a month without plastic has changed the way that I think about disposable items, no matter what material they are made from. I now take a reusable water bottle with me wherever I go and I keep a mug at work for my tea.

(Source: Adapted from [www.news.bbc.co.uk](http://www.news.bbc.co.uk))

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



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