ISE Foundation Independent Listening Task 2

The examiner will read some instructions to introduce the task. The candidate may ask for repetition or clarification.

Below is an example from the sample exam:

'You're going to hear a short talk about an activity called Park Runs. You'll hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some facts about Park Runs in the spaces on your form if you want to [the examiner will point to the spaces for notes].'

The examiner will play the recording for task 2. The recording will play twice. While the recording is playing, the candidate can make notes.

After the recording has played once, the examiner will say:

'Now listen again. Then I'll ask you to tell me five facts about Park Runs. Are you ready?'

After the recording has played twice, the examiner will say:

'Now tell me five facts that you heard about Park Runs.'

The candidate will report to the examiner five facts that they have heard in the recording. They may refer to their notes.

While the candidate is responding, the examiner will note which facts the candidate has correctly or incorrectly reported. When the candidate has finished, the examiner will select three follow-up questions from a list.

Task 2 Sample audio script

Now, there's an event called Park Runs. These runs happen all over the country. It's free to run in a Park Run! There are Park Runs every Saturday. They start at 9 o'clock in the morning. Hundreds of people run. There are people of all ages. Your age isn't important. Everybody runs 5 kilometres around the park. There are computers in the parks. The runners check their time on the computer. People try to run faster each week. Come along and run in the park!

Task 2 answer key and examiner follow-up questions

| | Fact from text | Corresponding follow-up question |
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| 1 | Runs happen all over the country | Where do Park Runs happen? |
| 2 | It's free / costs nothing | How much does it cost to do a Park Run? |
| 3 | Happen every Saturday | What day do Park Runs happen? |
| 4 | Starts at 9 o'clock (AM/in the morning) | What time do Park Runs start? |
| 5 | Hundreds of people run | How many people run in Park Runs? |
| 6 | People of all ages run | How old are the people who run in Park Runs? |
| 7 | Run is 5km long | How far do people run? |
| 8 | There are computers in the parks | Where are the computers? |
| 9 | Can use computers to check time | What do people do on the computers? |
| 10 | People try to run faster each week | What do people try to do each week? |
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