

## ISE I

### Sample Independent listening task 2 – Shakespeare

#### Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a short talk about history. You will hear the talk twice. The first time, just listen. Then I'll ask you to tell me in a few words what the speaker is talking about. Are you ready?

*The task will play once.*

Now tell me in a few words what the talk is about.

*Give the candidate some blank notepaper.*

Now listen to the talk again. Write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me six pieces of information about William Shakespeare. Are you ready?

*The task will play once.*

Now tell me six pieces of information about William Shakespeare.

*When the candidate has finished, select four follow-up questions from the list below. Choose four questions which correspond to facts not already reported by the candidate.*

#### Audio script

William Shakespeare was a famous English writer. People all over the world have heard of Shakespeare and he is one of the most famous writers that ever lived. Shakespeare lived in the 16th century when Elizabeth I was the Queen of England. He moved to London when he was a young man. Not many people know this, but, Shakespeare was a successful actor before he starting writing plays and poems. In his lifetime Shakespeare wrote 37 plays and they are still as popular today as they were when he wrote them. His plays are still performed all over the world in many different languages. Perhaps the best known play is Romeo and Juliet. As well as writing poems and plays, he also built a theatre in London called the Globe theatre. William Shakespeare died on the 23rd of April. We think that this is also his birthday.

#### Questions and answers

*If the candidate asks, the examiner may repeat the questions once.*

What the talk is about: (the life of) William Shakespeare (any broadly similar formulation is acceptable).

	Fact from recording	Follow-up question
1	Famous English writer	What did Shakespeare do?
2	One of the most famous writers that ever lived/ known all over the world	How well-known is Shakespeare?
3	Lived in 16th century	When did Shakespeare live?
4	Elizabeth I was queen	Who was queen when Shakespeare lived?
5	Moved to London when a young man	Where did Shakespeare live?
6	Successful actor before started writing	What did Shakespeare do before he was a writer?
7	Wrote 37 plays	How many plays did Shakespeare write?
8	Plays performed all over world/different languages	Where are Shakespeare's plays performed today?
9	Best-known play was Romeo and Juliet	What was Shakespeare's best-known play?
10	He built theatre/Globe in London	What did Shakespeare build in London?
11	Died 23 April	When did Shakespeare die?
12	We think that 23 April might be his birthday	When do people think Shakespeare's birthday was?