

Integrated Skills in English

ISE Foundation



Reading & Writing exam

Sample paper 4

Your full name:.....
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Candidate number:.....

Centre number:.....

Exam date:.....

Time allowed: 2 hours

Instructions to candidates

1. Write your name, candidate number, centre number and exam date on the front of this exam paper.
2. You must not open this exam paper until instructed to do so.
3. This exam paper has **four** tasks. Complete **all** tasks.
4. You may highlight parts of the texts or questions with a highlighter pen.
5. Use only blue or black pen for your answers.
6. Write your answers on the exam paper.
7. Do all rough work on the exam paper. Cross through any work you do not want marked.
8. You must not use a dictionary in this exam.
9. You must not use correction fluid on the exam paper.

Information for candidates

You are advised to spend about:

- ▶ 20 minutes on task 1
- ▶ 20 minutes on task 2
- ▶ 40 minutes on task 3
- ▶ 40 minutes on task 4

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Examiner initials	Examiner number

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Task 1 – Long reading

Read the following text about weather and answer the 15 questions on page 3.



Paragraph 1

Local people call Mongolia, a big country in Central Asia, the 'Land of the Blue Sky'. It has 260 sunny days a year. The largest city, Ulaanbaatar, is the coldest capital in the world. Mongolia has four seasons but these seasons are very different, and it is possible to experience four seasons in one day. Mongolia is very far inland, so the sea does not change its weather.

Paragraph 2

Spring is from March to mid-May. There can be snow, with periods of wind and sun. Sometimes it is so windy it makes the weather seem colder than it really is. Most of the rain falls in the northern area of the country.

Paragraph 3

Summer is from mid-May until late August, but it can still snow in the north of the country in the month of May. June weather is good and usually dry in all of the central and southern regions. The areas in the north and the mountains are sometimes cold. Temperatures in the desert can be up to 40 degrees centigrade.

Paragraph 4

Autumn is from late August until the end of October. There is often heavy rain in the north and central areas. The rivers become very full and the grass becomes very green in the south, and there are also many different colours in the forests of the north. The weather at this time of year can change at any minute. One minute you only need a T-shirt and the next minute you need a warm coat.

Paragraph 5

Winter is from November to February. There are many snow storms and the wind is freezing cold. The temperature sometimes falls to as much as minus 40 degrees centigrade. These winters are long. Life can be difficult, but it's an interesting time to visit Mongolia to experience something different.

Questions 1-5

The text on page 2 has five paragraphs (1-5). Choose the best title for each paragraph from A-F below and write the letter (A-F) on the lines below. There is one title you don't need.

1. Paragraph 1
2. Paragraph 2
3. Paragraph 3
4. Paragraph 4
5. Paragraph 5

- A It rains a lot
- B The wind makes it feel colder
- C The weather in Central Asia
- D Famous for the weather
- E Sometimes a hard place to live
- F Little rain in most of the country

Questions 6-10

Choose the five statements from A-H below that are TRUE according to the information given in the text on page 2. Write the letters of the TRUE statements on the lines below (in any order).

6.
7.
8.
9.
10.

- A There is one capital city colder than Ulaanbaatar.
- B The weather can change many times in one day.
- C There is a variety of different types of weather in the spring.
- D Nearly all the rain in the spring is in the middle of the country.
- E It sometimes snows in some parts of the country in the summer.
- F Desert temperatures in summer can be over 40 degrees centigrade.
- G You need different types of clothes in the autumn.
- H The writer thinks it is a good idea to visit Mongolia in the winter.

Questions 11-15

Complete sentences 11-15 with an exact number, word or phrase (maximum three words) from the text. Write the exact number, word or phrase on the lines below.

11. Mongolia has no coast so it is not by
12. Spring is cold but has of different types of weather.
13. There are temperatures of 40 degrees centigrade in in the summer.
14. In autumn, temperatures can fall quickly so it's best to have a
15. In the winter, often happen.

Task 2 – Multi-text reading

Read the three short texts about weekend activities and answer the 15 questions on pages 4-6.

Questions 16-20

Read questions 16-20 first and then read texts A, B and C below the questions.

As you read each text, decide which text each question refers to. **Choose one letter – A, B or C – and write it on the lines below.** You can use any letter more than once.

Which text:

- 16. talks about activities people do with their families?
- 17. gives information about how popular different activities are?
- 18. describes an uncomfortable event?
- 19. only talks about outdoor activities?
- 20. talks about a team sport?

Text A

To: antonio@email.com
From: isabella@email.com

Dear Antonio

I want to tell you about last weekend.

I went to an adventure camp. There we could choose between many activities. I did three different activities, but we could choose as many as four. On Saturday morning I went rock climbing. I enjoyed this but I was a bit afraid at the top. That afternoon I tried canoeing. I fell in the river twice and it was very cold. I'm not going to do that again until the summer! I went horse riding on Sunday morning and I rode a really beautiful horse. I went very fast and didn't fall off. In the afternoon I rode a different horse, but it wasn't as good as in the morning.

This adventure camp is a great place to try new activities. I'm going again next month.

Do you want to come with me? Bye for now!

Isabella

Text B

What people say about weekend activities



Bruno: I like relaxing at home at weekends. I usually stay at home and read a book or watch TV. That's more relaxing than any adventure activities!



Kwan: Adventure activities are expensive. I play volleyball most Saturdays. On Sundays I love walking in the forest near our home with my family. That's free and we enjoy walking there in all kinds of weather.

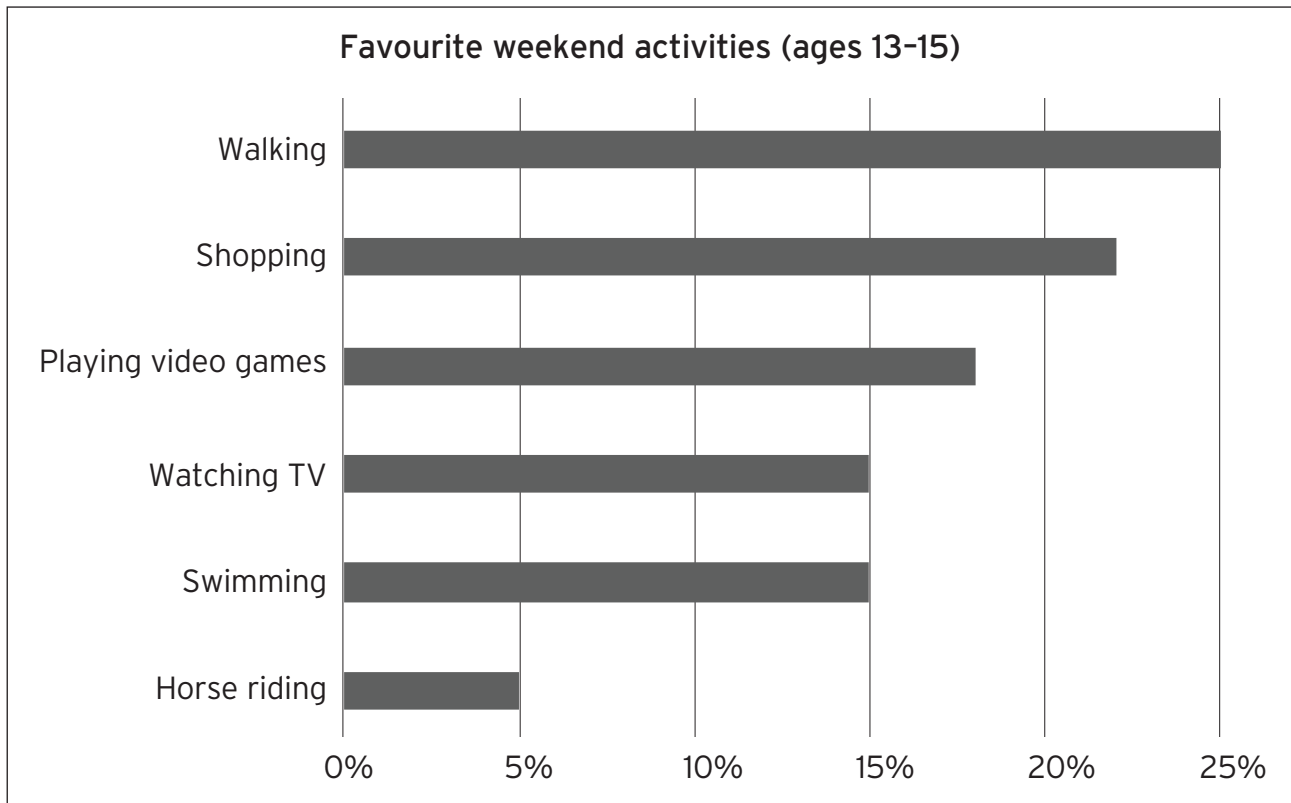


Rajiv: I play computer games with my sister and her friends both online and offline, but online is more fun. My mother hates these games. She wants us to go to adventure camps, but my father thinks the activities at these camps are dangerous.



Patricia: I enjoy swimming and often go to the pool at weekends. In summer we go swimming in the sea, but the weather isn't always warm enough to do it.

Text C

**Questions 21-25**

Choose the **five statements** from A-H below that are **TRUE** according to the information given in the texts above. Write the letters of the **TRUE** statements on the lines below (in any order).

21.
22.
23.
24.
25.

- A Isabella did all the activities available.
- B Isabella is going to go canoeing again.
- C Isabella enjoyed horse riding more in the morning than the afternoon.
- D Isabella wants Antonio to go with her next time.
- E Bruno and Rajiv like doing indoor activities.
- F Kwan plays volleyball every Saturday.
- G Rajiv's parents want him to do adventure activities.
- H Swimming is as popular as watching TV.

Questions 26-30

The notes below contain information from texts A-C. Find a word or phrase from the box at the bottom to complete the missing information in gaps 26-30. Remember to look back at the texts when you choose your answer from the word bank.

Write your answers on the lines below. You don't need all the words and phrases.

Notes**Types of activity**

- Most popular – walking
- Least popular – (26.)

Which free time activities people like

- Watching TV/reading a book: relaxing
- Playing computer games: exciting, especially (27.)
- Playing a sport: eg volleyball
- Walking: possible in different (28.)
and it's (29.)
- Swimming in pool or sea

Some problems with adventure activities

- Rock climbing/canoeing/horse riding:
 - not relaxing
 - expensive
 - dangerous, eg can (30.)

Word bank

near
ride
online
kinds of weather
alone
fall off
free
horse riding
shopping
offline

Task 3 – Reading into writing

Write an article (70-100 words) for an activity magazine about different kinds of activities.

Use the information you read in texts A, B and C (pages 4 and 5) to:

- ▶ say how popular different types of activities are
- ▶ say what people can do at an adventure camp **and**
- ▶ say what some people don't like about adventure camps.

Do not copy from the texts. Use your own words as far as possible.

You should plan your article before you start writing. Think about what you are going to write and make some notes to help you in this box:

Planning notes
(No marks are given for these planning notes)

Now write your article of 70-100 words on the lines below.

Task 4 – Extended writing

Write an email (70-100 words) to a friend about something you bought from a shop. You should:

- ▶ describe what you bought **and**
- ▶ say what you like about it.

You should plan your email before you start writing. Think about what you are going to write and make some notes to help you in this box:

Planning notes

(No marks are given for these planning notes)

Now write your email of 70-100 words on the lines below.

A series of horizontal dotted lines providing space for writing.

When you have finished your email, spend 2-3 minutes reading through what you have written. Make sure you have covered both bullet points and remember to check the language and organisation of your writing.

End of exam

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Answers

Task 1 – Long reading

1. D
2. B
3. F
4. A
5. E

6-10 can appear in any order

6. B
7. C
8. E
9. G
10. H

11. the sea
12. periods
13. the desert
14. (warm) coat
15. (snow) storms

Task 2 – Multi-text reading

16. B
17. C
18. A
19. A
20. B

21-25 can appear in any order

21. B
22. C
23. D
24. E
25. H

26. horse riding
27. online
28. kinds of weather
29. free
30. fall off