

Integrated Skills in English

ISE IV Portfolio tasks 2022

These are the only acceptable portfolio tasks for candidates taking the ISE IV exam from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Your ISE IV Portfolio must contain a total of three tasks. You must present one task from each section:

One from Section 1 – Correspondence

One from Section 2 – Factual writing

One from Section 3 – Critical and analytical writing

Please write the task question number on each piece of work.

At the end of each task, write the number of words you have used to complete the task. You must not exceed the stated maximum word length range.

ISE IV Portfolio preparation rules

ISE IV candidates and teachers must follow these important rules when preparing portfolio tasks:

1. The Portfolio must contain the candidate's own work and no one else's.
2. Nobody except the candidate personally should correct, add to or take anything out of a task.
3. Teachers (or any other person) must not correct a candidate's work.
4. Teachers are allowed to give one piece of feedback per portfolio task only. The ISE IV student portfolio feedback form should be used for this purpose. This must be the only form of feedback given.
5. No one except the candidate's teacher is permitted to give the candidate feedback on their work.
6. Candidates must not copy a piece of written text from any other source and present it as their own work.

Please note that if any of the above rules are broken, a U (Ungraded) grade will be awarded by the examiner, and the candidate will score zero in his/her portfolio.

Candidate disqualification warning!

Trinity will not tolerate any cheating, unfair practice or breach of its rules and regulations. Candidates found to have committed any such conduct will be disqualified.

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Section 1

ISE IV – Correspondence (word length range: 300-350 words)

- 1. You are the CEO of a company that is proposing to merge with a former competitor as part of an expansion plan.**

Write a formal letter to the company's employees asserting the value of the merger for the staff.

AND

Write a semi-formal email to the senior management team urging them to support you throughout the process and countering any possible objections to the idea.

- 2. A famous architect once said that an important work of architecture should cause controversy.**

Develop an online forum with two or more contributors in which the statement above is evaluated, opposing views of modern architecture are voiced and relevant examples are given.

- 3. The internet and digital technology are now integral to all aspects of our public, economic and social life. Yet many people remain digitally excluded, limiting their ability to participate fully in society.**

Write a formal email to the Editor of a national newspaper highlighting the growing problem of digital exclusion in society today and outlining the reasons behind it.

AND

Write an informal letter to a group of local residents who need support with accessing the internet and digital technology, gently proposing a range of initiatives to help them.

- 4. A new factory which will create a significant number of jobs is being planned in your area. Local residents have opposing views about the proposal.**

Write an online forum between two or more participants in which the benefits of the new factory are affirmed, the concerns are expressed, and a measured course of action is planned.

5. A decision has been made not to upgrade the study facilities at your college. The students are strongly against this decision.

Write a formal letter to the Principal of the college, diplomatically proposing that they review their decision and pointing out the negative consequences of not doing so.

AND

Write an informal email to the students urging them to support you in your bid to put pressure on the Principal to change his/her mind.

Remember – you must choose your 2022 ISE IV correspondence task from the above list.

NB the word length range given above for ISE IV correspondence tasks is for the whole task, eg letter and email. Dividing the word length between the individual pieces of correspondence is the responsibility of each candidate. However, you must not exceed the stated maximum word length range.

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Section 2

ISE IV – Factual writing (word length range: 300-350 words)

1. Some people believe that globalisation is inevitable.

Write an article assessing to what extent you believe this to be true and exploring how far the cultural identity of your country is being maintained. Support your ideas with relevant examples.

2. You work for a company that wishes to improve its relationship with the local community, but the Managing Director of the company is concerned about the financial implications of this.

Write a report for the Managing Director asserting the benefits of greater involvement in the local community, allaying their fears about the cost and putting forward some ways of achieving this aim.

3. Your local government has asked you to set up a project to help people of different cultures to understand each other better.

Write a proposal in which you outline some schemes which have successfully been used in other communities to foster relationships between people of different cultures. Assess the type of project that would be most appropriate for your local area and evaluate the long-term benefits that this project is likely to have on your community.

4. In recent years cultural institutions such as museums and theatres have moved to the digital arena, using streaming services and virtual reality to reach audiences.

Write an article for an arts magazine evaluating to what extent moving culture online has been beneficial for society, supporting your arguments with relevant examples. Conclude with your view on whether 'virtual' culture is a valid substitute for first-hand experiences.

5. The merits of animated films versus live-action films are frequently debated.

Write a review for a media magazine comparing an animated film with a live-action film. Consider how the films differed in the way they portrayed their key messages, comment on the ways in which this was achieved, and assess the effect each creative medium had on you.

Remember – you must choose your 2022 ISE IV factual writing task from the above list.

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Section 3

ISE IV – Critical and analytical writing (word length range: 300-350 words)

1. **'The ability to learn is the most important quality a leader can have.'**
(Padmasree Warrior, Businesswoman, born 1961)

Write an essay interpreting the meaning of this statement and assessing its validity in society today. Support your assertions with examples of successful leaders.

2. **'I like criticism. It makes you strong.'**
(LeBron James, basketball player, born 1984)

Write an essay exploring the ways in which criticism can be seen as positive, supporting your argument with relevant examples, and drawing conclusions about the best ways to handle criticism.

3. **'Painting is just another way of keeping a diary.'**
(Pablo Picasso, Painter, 1881-1973)

Write an essay exploring the meaning behind Picasso's statement and assessing how accurate you believe it is. Support your point of view with relevant examples of well-known paintings.

4. **'Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.'**
(Albert Einstein, physicist, 1879-1955)

Write an essay discussing what people conventionally perceive as being successful, exploring other less obvious way of achieving success and affirming to what extent you agree with the advice in the statement.

5. **'After nourishment, shelter and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world.'**
(Philip Pullman, author, born 1949)

Write an essay evaluating to what extent you agree with this statement, discussing the role of storytelling in your culture, and exploring the value derived from it.

Remember – you must choose your 2022 ISE IV critical and analytical writing task from the above list.