

Preparation Activities — ISE 1 (B1)

The preparation activities for the course will focus on meeting the requirements of the exam as outlined below

Reading & Writing

How long is the Reading & Writing exam? Two hours.

Which skills do the reading tasks test? Reading for gist, reading for details, reading comprehension, and understanding the main ideas of a text.

Which skills do the writing tasks test? How you organise a text, your range of language functions, grammar and vocabulary, how well you answer the question, and how you transform reading texts into a writing text.

The Reading & Writing exam has four parts:

Task 1 — Long reading

How many texts? One text.

How long is the text? About 400 words.

How many questions? 15 questions. There are three types of question:

- questions 1–5 — choose the right heading for each paragraph of the reading text
- questions 6–10 — decide which five statements from a list of eight are true according to the text — three are false
- questions 11–15 — complete sentences with words from the reading text.

Task 2 — Multi-text reading

How many texts? Four short texts.

How long are the texts? In total, the four texts are about 400 words. One of the texts is an infographic.

How many questions? 15 questions. There are three types of question:

- questions 16–20 — choose which text matches a description — there are five questions which describe the main idea or purpose of the texts
- questions 21–25 — decide which five statements from a list of eight are true according to the texts — three are false
- questions 26–30 — complete summary notes with words from the texts — the notes are a summary of the four texts.

Task 3 — Reading into writing

How many texts do I read? You use the four texts from task 2.

What do I write? An essay, article, letter, email or review.

How many words do I write? 100–130 words. You can only use information from the texts in task 2 in your answer. Your answer must be in your own words and not copied from the texts.

Task 4 — Extended writing

What do I write? An essay, article, letter, email or review.

How many words do I write? 100–130 words.

Speaking & Listening

The Speaking & Listening exam is a one-to-one interview with a Trinity examiner.

The exam is in three parts:

Topic task (4 minutes) > **Conversation task** (2 minutes) > **Independent listening tasks** (10 minutes)