

## 2017-2018 INTERMEDIATE EXAM TASK TYPES

The Intermediate exams will make use of one or more of the task types exemplified below.

### READING

#### **TASK 1: Read the text and match the headings to the paragraphs.**

- 1 B Every morning Sarah turns on her computer. First, she checks her email. Then, she visits a social networking website to find out what her friends are doing. On this website, she reads news from her friends. For example, she may look at comments her friends made about movies, music, books, and other friends. Like many young people, Sarah enjoys meeting and communicating with others on social networks.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Sarah is part of an important trend in communication. Social networking sites become more and more popular every day, and they are popular all around the world....

#### **Paragraph headings:**

- A Social networking—a worldwide trend  
B An example of someone who enjoys social networking  
C Why people love social networking

#### **TASK 2: Read the text and Answer the following questions by choosing A, B, C, or D.**

- 1 Sarah enjoys using social networks because she can...
- A read about important world events.  
B interact with her friends.  
C do online shopping  
D watch movies online.
- 2 What is the best title for this reading?
- A The popularity of social networks  
B How to join a social network  
C Problems with social networks.  
D The most popular social networks.

#### **TASK 3: Read the text and fill in the table about two countries.**

The Republic of Singapore is an island in South-East Asia, just 137 km north of the Equator. It became an independent city-state in 1965. Although Singapore has few natural resources, it has developed a strong economy. One way Singapore has developed its economy is through its tourism sector. People come here for its fabulous shopping, the famous Singapore Zoo, and its beautiful man-made beaches. Another way Singapore has strengthened its economy is through the production of technology.

Singapore has a **rich** mixture of people and many languages are spoken here, including Malay, English, Mandarin, and Tamil....

	Location	Economy	Example of industry
<b>Singapore</b>	1 <i>South-East Asia, 137 km north of the Equator</i>	3 <i>strong</i>	4 <i>tourism sector</i>
<b>Morocco</b>	5	7	8

**TASK 4: Read the text and answer the following questions.**

What are the three EXAMPLES of things to do in Singapore?

- 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_

**TASK 5: Read the text and mark T(true), F(false), or N(not mentioned) for each statement.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore is an island just south of the Equator.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tourists can buy locally made arts and crafts at the markets in Singapore.

**TASK 6:**

Choose the best dictionary definition for the word “rich” in paragraph 2.

- A having a lot of something
- B having a lot of money
- C very deep and strong
- D containing a lot of butter and eggs

**TASK 7:**

Read the text and match the numbers with what they refer to in the text. There are more numbers than you need.

The results of a study into what 10,000 primary school children, that is, children aged five to eleven, ate in a day shocked the researchers. They believe it shows that children’s diets are getting worse and that this might cause health problems in the future. It shows that 49 percent of the children had eaten chips, and shockingly, that only ten percent had eaten fish....

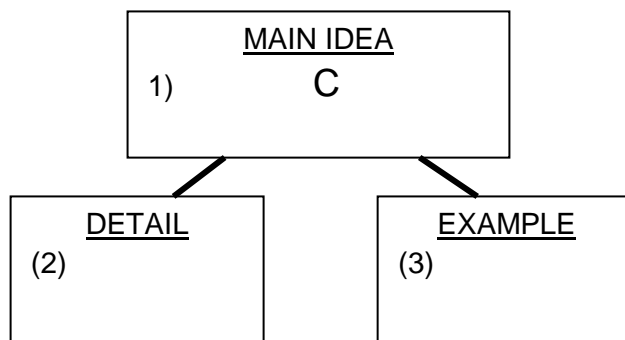
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| _B_ number of primary school students studied | A 10     |
| ___ percentage of students who had eaten fish | B 10,000 |
| ___ how many students who had eaten chips     | C 49 %   |

### **TASK 8:**

**Read the text and fill in the following table with sentences from the box to show the main ideas, examples and details. There is one sentence that you do not need.**

All around the world, we can see the consequences of the throwaway lifestyle, and we need to work together to change this. Dumpsites are mountains of garbage that just keep getting bigger. To lessen the amount of trash and to protect the environment, more governments are requiring people to recycle materials such as paper, plastic, and glass. However, only a small portion of what can be recycled is actually recycled. For example, in the United Kingdom, although about 60 percent of a household's trash can be recycled, only 18 percent actually is....

- A Leaders of many countries now expect people to recycle
- B People in the UK recycle much less than is possible
- C Everybody should do something to reduce the amount of garbage



### **TASK 9**

**Read the text and fill in the table with phrases (A-D) from the box.**

New parents are always worried that they might be making a mistake with their new baby. The baby cries, and they don't know if they should let him cry or pick him up. The baby is sick, and they don't know what to do. "Trust yourself. You know more than you think you do," wrote Benjamin Spock in his famous book *Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care*, which first appeared in 1946.

Before Dr. Spock's book appeared, John Watson was the leading child-care expert in the 1920s and 1930s. He wrote, "Never hug or kiss your children; never let them sit in your lap." He continued, "Feed them on a strict schedule and never give extra snacks." However, Dr. Spock disagreed with this and decided to write his own book. "Every baby needs to be smiled at, talked to, and played with gently and lovingly. Be natural and enjoy your baby."

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| A only eat food at the right time.      | C believe in themselves.     |
| B have a good time with their children. | D not be touched very often. |

ADVICE—BEFORE 1940	ADVICE – AFTER 1940
Children should....	Parents should....
<b>A</b>	

### **TASK 10**

*He also advised parents to feed their babies as often as necessary.*  
 ...could be the last sentence of paragraph...

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

### **TASK 11**

**Complete the following summary of paragraph 2 by using ONE WORD from the text in each blank. If you use more than one word, your answer will be marked wrong.**

John Watson was an _____ in child-care in the early 20th century. He believed that parents should not kiss or _____ their babies and not give them extra food. However, Dr. Spock believed that parents should smile and talk to their babies and _____ them.
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## LISTENING

**TASK 1:** You are going to listen to a lecture about business management. As you listen, fill in the gaps in the guided note-taking exercise. You will hear the listening ONCE only. After the listening has finished, you will be given questions to answer using your notes. Your notes will not be marked. You now have one minute to look at the exercise.

What does business management mean?	_____resources? i.e. looking after people at work. Finance? _____ systems? It is all of these things
Tutors	Dr. Knight – Head of _____+ human resources _____ - Finance and _____ Dr. Williams - _____

Use your notes to answer the following questions by writing your answers in the boxes below or choosing A, B, C or D. **Do not** write any extra or irrelevant information. **Do not** write outside the box.

- 1 What is business management?  
A Managing people and money.  
B Starting your own business from home.  
C Teaching a course in business.  
D Looking after students.
- 2 Who is the teacher of Finance and Commerce?

**TASK 2:** You are going to listen to a talk about fashion. After each section, there will be a pause and you will have 20 seconds to answer two questions. You will listen once only. You now have 30 seconds to look at the questions.

- 1 Which of the following best expresses the main idea of the talk?  
A If you wear clothing from other times or places, you are out of style.  
B People sometimes chose clothes that show who they want to be.  
C Fashions of the 1930s were more beautiful than today's fashions.  
D If you want to be fashionable, you should follow what celebrities wear.

- 2 The man in the coffee shop...
- A is a real cowboy who grew up in Texas.
  - B owns a cattle ranch in another state.
  - C likes to dream about being a cowboy.
  - D used to be a cowboy but now works in an office.

**TASK 3:** You are going to listen to a news report about etiquette. As you listen, answer the questions by giving short answers. You will hear the listening ONCE only. Write short notes to answer each question. You now have one minute to look at the exercise.

- 1 One example of polite behavior for children around adults.

- 2 The name of the company that teaches etiquette classes.

**TASK 4:** You are going to listen to part of a nature program. As you listen, match the animal with its use of color. You will hear the talk ONCE only. You now have 30 seconds to look at the exercise.

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| ___ 1 cryptic frog       | A for camouflage in green leafy areas. |
| ___ 2 false-leaf katydid | B to give a warning                    |
| ___ 3 poison dart frog   | C for camouflage on the forest floor   |

**TASK 5:** You are going to listen to an talk about the Lewis Chess Set. As you listen, complete the notes in the table provided. After the interview has finished, you will be given a summary to complete by using your notes to fill in the blanks. Your notes will not be marked. You will hear the interview ONCE only. You now have 30 seconds to look at the note taking table.

DESCRIPTION OF THE LEWIS CHESS SET	It was found _____ It was made _____
REASONS FOR SIGNIFICANCE	Firstly, _____ For example _____ Secondly, _____

**TASK 6:** Use your notes to complete the following summary by filling in the blanks with 1-3 words. **IF YOU WRITE MORE THAN 3 WORDS, YOUR ANSWER WILL BE MARKED WRONG.**

The Lewis Chess Set was found in Scotland in 1831. It was made in the 12th century in Norway. It is significant for many reasons. The first reason is that it represents a very old \_\_\_\_\_ of playing games. For example, chess used to be played in.....

**TASK 7:** You are going to listen to a short conversation. After the listening has finished, you will be given 20 seconds to answer 2 questions by choosing A, B, C, or D. You will hear the listening ONCE only. You now have 15 seconds to look at the conversation.

The conversation is taking place at a...

- A library.
- B school.
- C bank.
- D shop.

The two speakers are...

- A best friends.
- B classmates.
- C brother and sister.
- D neighbors.

## **WRITING**

### **TASK**

**Doing sports has many benefits on people's lives. What is your opinion?**

Write about 200 words. DO NOT write less than 180 words.

You can use the space below to plan your writing. Your plan will not be marked, but it will help you to organize your ideas.

**LANGUAGE (for the ECA only)**

**TASK 1:** Read the following text and fill in each blank with ONE word. **IF YOU WRITE MORE THAN ONE WORD, YOUR ANSWER WILL BE MARKED WRONG.** Write your answers directly on the optic form. One example (0) has been done for you.

Last night there was a program on TV about the survivors \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ the Titanic. Even though many people \_\_\_\_\_ already seen the movie Titanic, people were still interested in this program because it told the stories of real people.

The last American survivor, Lillian Asplund, died in 2006. She \_\_\_\_\_ just five years old when she was travelling....

**TASK 2:** Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box. You do not need to change the form of the word.

opportunity	combination	allow	trend	benefit
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Studying abroad can be a great experience. Many students are excited about the \_\_\_\_\_(1) to live in a new culture and learn a new language. There are so many advantages to studying abroad, but the most important \_\_\_\_\_(2) of living in a foreign country is....

**TASK 3:** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word given.

Studying vocabulary is a very important part of learning English. All students should keep a vocabulary journal with the <u>definition</u> of each new word. It also helps to write an example sentence and _____ word forms. Then, it is important to try to use the new words in your writing....	<b>DEFINE</b>  <b>ADDITION</b>
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