Open Mind TRINITY ISE I



Open Mind Pre-intermediate B1 has been mapped to Trinity ISE I. This document shows which exercises teachers may want to use to help introduce learners to the exam.

Unit 1 New millennium

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: pronoun reference (magazine article)	Task 2 – Multi-text reading: Read four factual and/or descriptive texts and answer questions Task focus: Careful reading to understand specific facts, information and significant points	
	Careful reading to understand specific information and its context	
Listening: to a talk		Independent listening tasks:
		Task 2 – Listening to factual text (exposition)
		Task focus: Extensive listening – for gist, for main ideas and for global understanding
		Intensive listening – in detail to gather as much information as possible
Speaking: asking follow-up questions (conversation)		Topic task and Conversation task: integrated speaking and listening on a topic
		Task focus: Ability to engage and interact by initiating and maintaining the conversation
Writing: about an event	Task 3 – Reading into writing: Read a text and answer a question about it	
	Task focus: Identifying information that is relevant to the writing task, paraphrasing and writing it in a descriptive essay	
	Expressing simple facts and personal opinions in some detail coherently and in a clear logical order	
	Task 4 – Extended writing: Writing task in which the candidate responds to a prompt	
	Task focus: Using a plan to write an extended piece of writing	
	Subject area: Recent personal experiences	



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Unit 2 Culture vulture

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: a film review	Task 1 – Long reading: Read a long factual text and answer questions Task focus: Careful reading to understand specific facts, information and significant points	
	Careful reading to understand specific information and its context	
Listening: identifying		Independent listening tasks:
speakers' opinions		Task 2 – Listening to factual text (exposition)
		Task focus: Extensive listening – for gist, for main ideas and for global understanding
Speaking: talking about		Topic task
cultural activities		Task focus: Describing past actions in the indefinite and recent past
		Giving opinions and preferences
Writing: linking sentences	Task 4 – Extended writing: Writing task in which the candidate responds to a prompt	
	Task focus: Expressing simple facts and personal opinions in some detail coherently	
Unit focus and Vocabulary:	Subject area: Entertainment	
adjectives for expressing opinions / cultural activities		



Unit 3 Tickets, money, passport!

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: pronoun reference (an article)	Task 1 – Long reading: Read a long factual text and answer questionsTask focus: Careful reading to understand specific facts, information and significant pointsCareful reading to understand specific information and its contextIdentifying pronominal references and identifying the nouns they refer in order to make sense of a text	
Listening: to travel plans		Independent listening tasks: Task 1 – Listening to basic information (descriptive or narrative) Task focus: Intensive, 'bottom-up' listening Intensive listening – in detail to gather as much information as possible
Speaking: responding to requests		Topic task and Conversation task: Responding to requests Task focus: Responding to requests for further information
Writing: a travel blog	Task 1 – Long reading: Read a long factual text and answer questions. Read a text and answer a question about itTask focus:Identifying information that is relevant to the writing task, paraphrasing and writing it in a descriptive essay	
Unit focus and Vocabulary: travel essentials / travel	Subject area: Travel	Subject area: Travel



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Unit 4 It could happen to anyone!

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: an article	Task 2 – Multi-text reading: Read a factual and/or descriptive text and answer questions	
	Task focus: Careful reading to understand specific facts, information and significant points	
	Careful reading to understand specific information and its context	
Listening: identifying speakers' opinions		Independent listening tasks: Task 2 – Listening to factual text (exposition)
		Task focus: Extensive listening – for gist, for main ideas and for global understanding
Speaking: talking about important life changes and		Topic task
experiences		Conversation task
		Task focus: Describing past actions in the indefinite and recent past
Writing: linking sentences	Task 4 – Extended writing: Writing task in which the candidate responds to a prompt	
	Task focus: Expressing simple facts and personal opinions in some detail coherently	
	Using conjunctions to make writing more interesting to read	
Unit focus and Vocabulary: good and bad experiences / feelings / talking about important life changes and experiences	Subject area: Recent personal experiences	



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Unit 5 Musical notes

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: prediction	Task 2 – Multi-text reading: Read four factual and/or descriptive texts and answer questions Task focus: Careful reading to understand specific facts, information and significant points Careful reading to understand specific information and its context	
Listening: to different opinions		Independent listening tasks: Task 2 – listening to factual text (exposition) Task focus: Extensive listening – for gist, for main ideas and for global understanding Intensive listening – in detail to gather as much information as possible
Speaking: starting and ending a conversation		Topic task Conversation task Task focus: Ability to initiate, maintain and close a simple, unprepared one-to-one conversation
Writing: an informal review	 Task 3 – Reading into writing: Read a text and answer a question about it Task focus: Identifying information that is relevant to the writing task, paraphrasing and writing it in a descriptive essay Task 4 – Extended writing: Writing task in which the candidate responds to a prompt Task focus: Using a plan to write an extended piece of writing 	
Unit focus and Vocabulary: types of music / adjectives for describing music	Subject area: Music Adjectives for describing music	



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Unit 6 Living spaces

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: an online forum	Task 2 – Multi-text reading: Read four factual and/or descriptive texts and answer questionsTask focus: Careful reading to understand specific facts, information and significant pointsCareful reading to understand specific information and its context	
Listening: understanding instructions and processes (a lecture)		Independent listening tasks: Task 1 – Listening to basic information (descriptive or narrative) Task focus: Intensive, 'bottom-up' listening Intensive listening – in detail to gather as much information as possible
Speaking: making enquiries		Topic task Conversation task Task focus: Asking for information
Writing: identifying paragraph structure	 Task 1 – Long reading: Matching topic sentences to paragraphs Task focus: Skimming and reading for gist Task 3 – Reading into writing: Read a text and answer a question about it Task focus: Identify information in a paragraph and write a suitable topic sentence 	



Unit 7 A question of taste

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: prediction	 Task 1 – Long reading: Read a long factual text and answer questions Task focus: Skimming Reading for gist Understanding how the last sentence in a paragraph can help predict the topic of the next paragraph Task 2 – Multi-text reading: Read four factual and/or descriptive texts and answer questions Task focus: Careful reading to understand specific facts, information and significant points Careful reading to understand specific information and its context 	
Listening: to complaints		Independent listening tasks: Task 1 – Listening to basic information (descriptive or narrative) Task focus: Intensive, 'bottom-up' listening Intensive listening – in detail to gather as much information as possible
Speaking: explaining what you mean		Topic task: Integrated speaking and listening on a topic Task focus: Ability to explain and exemplify points discussed in the topic
Writing: using connectives like first, when and while	Task 4 – Extended writing: Writing task in which the candidate responds to a prompt Task focus: Presenting ideas and arguments, including clarity and coherence of their development	
Unit focus and Vocabulary: food, adjectives to describe food	Subject area: Health and fitness, adjectives for describing food in terms of health	Subject area: Health and fitness, adjectives for describing food in terms of health



Unit 8 Love and romance

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: an advice column	Task 2 – Multi-text reading: Read four factual and/or descriptive texts and answer questionsTask focus: Careful reading to understand specific facts, information and significant points.Careful reading to understand specific information and its context	
Listening: understanding instructions and processes (a lecture)		Independent listening tasks: Task 1 – Listening to basic information (descriptive or narrative) Task focus: Intensive, 'bottom-up' listening Intensive listening – in detail to gather as much information as possible
Speaking: expressing opinions and guessing		Topic task Conversation task Task focus: Giving reasons, opinions and preferences
Writing: identifying paragraph structure	Task 4 – Extended writing: Writing task in which the candidate responds to a prompt Task focus: Express simple facts in some detail in a logical and coherent order	



Unit 9 Our planet

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: understanding meaning from context (an article about climate change)	Task 1 – Long reading: Read a long factual text and answer questions Task focus: Reading for gist Skimming	
Listening: to a weather forecast Making predictions		Independent listening tasks: Task 2 – Listening to factual texts (exposition) Task focus: Listening for gist / listening for specific information
Speaking: talking about plans/intentions		Conversation task: Integrated speaking and listening Task focus: Expressing intention, giving reasons, opinions and preferences
Writing/Writing workshop: a description of a place	Task 3 – Reading into writing: Read a text and answer a question about it. Then write a descriptive essay about it	
Giving factual information about a place	Task focus: Identify information that is relevant to the writing task Subject area: Travel information	
Unit focus and Vocabulary: holiday destinations / the weather / the natural world	Subject area: Travel	Subject area: Travel



Unit 10 Party animals

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: a magazine article	Task 1 – Long reading: Read a long factual text and answer questionsTask focus: Reading for general comprehensionCareful reading to understand specific facts, information and significant pointsCareful reading to understand specific information and its context	
Listening: understanding agreement and disagreement		Independent listening tasks: Task 2 – Listening to factual text (exposition) Task focus: Extensive listening – for gist, for main ideas and for global understanding Intensive listening – in detail to gather as much information as possible
Speaking: talking about social plans		Topic task: Integrated speaking and listening on a topicTask focus: Ability to connect sentences in a simple way in order to describe experiences and events
Writing: topic sentences	Task 4 – Extended writing: Writing task in which the candidate responds to a prompt Task focus: Writing clear, effective topic sentences	
Unit focus and Vocabulary: parties / adjectives for describing events	Subject area: Special occasions	



Unit 11 Innovate!

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: understanding meaning from context (a webpage)	 Task 1 – Long reading: Read a long factual text and answer questions Task focus: Deducing meaning Task 2 – Multi-text reading: Read four factual and/or descriptive texts and answer questions Task focus: Careful reading using contextual clues to deduce meaning 	
Listening: to a description of a process		Independent listening tasks:Task 1 – Listening to basic information (descriptive)Task focus: Intensive, 'bottom-up' listening Intensive listening – in detail to gather as much information as possibleIndependent listening tasks:Task 2 – Listening to factual text (exposition)Task focus: Extensive listening – for gist, for main ideas and for global understanding Intensive listening – in detail to gather as much information as possible
Speaking: expressing uncertainty (Language function at ISE I)		Topic task and Conversation task: Integrated speaking and listening on a topic Task focus: Ability to describe consequences with (un)certainty
Writing: a product review	Task 4 – Extended writing: Writing task in which the candidate responds to a prompt Task focus: Writing a product review for an item of technology	



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Unit 12 Across the generations

Section	Practice for ISE I Reading & Writing	Practice for ISE I Speaking & Listening
Reading: an online debate	Task 2 – Multi-text reading: Read four factual and/or descriptive texts and answer questionsTask focus: Careful reading to understand specific facts, information and significant pointsCareful reading to understand specific information and its context	
Listening: understanding agreement and disagreement		Independent listening tasks: Task 2 – Listening to factual text (exposition) Task focus: Extensive listening – for gist, for main ideas and for global understanding
Writing: paragraphs	Task 4 – Extended writing: Writing task in which the candidate responds to a promptTask focus: Paragraph development through the use of supporting details to support topic sentences	

