2021-2022 INTERMEDIATE EXAM TASK TYPES

The Intermediate exams will make use of some of the task types exemplified below.

READING

Read the text and answer the following questions by choosing A, B, C, or D or by writing your answer in the box provided. Do not give any extra or irrelevant information.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

1. 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….

TASK 1:

Match the following headings to the paragraphs. There are two extra headings. Code in your answers on the optic form.

1. _____ Paragraph 1  A. Social networking - a worldwide trend
   2. _____ Paragraph 2  B. An example of someone who enjoys social networking
   C. Why people love social networking

TASK 2:

3. 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.

4. 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.
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.

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Economy</th>
<th>Example of industry</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Singapore</td>
<td>1 South-East Asia, 137 km north of the Equator</td>
<td>3 strong</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morocco</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>7</td>
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**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.

12 ____ Singapore is an island just south of the Equator.

13 ____ Tourists can buy locally made arts and crafts at the markets in Singapore.

**TASK 6:**

14 In paragraph 2, the best dictionary definition for the word “rich” is...

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.

E communicating in different languages.
CHILDREN’S DIET

1. 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.

**TASK 7:** For questions 1-3, match the numbers to what they refer to in paragraph 1. One example has been done for you. Code in your answers on the optic form.

1. __B__ number of primary school students studied  
   A  10  
   B  10,000  
   C  49 %

2. ___ percentage of students who had eaten fish  
   A  10  
   B  10,000  
   C  49 %

3. ___ how many students who had eaten chips  
   A  10  
   B  10,000  
   C  49 %

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RECYCLING

1. 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.

**TASK 8:**

For questions 1-3, use the notes from the box to fill in the chart to show the main ideas and supporting ideas from paragraphs 1-x. One example (0) has been done for you. There are two extra options. YOUR ANSWERS MUST BE IN THE SAME ORDER AS THE TEXT. Code in your answers on the optic form.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MAIN IDEA</th>
<th>SUPPORTING IDEA</th>
<th>SUPPORTING IDEA</th>
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<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td>(3)</td>
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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
Read the text and answer the following questions by choosing A, B, C, or D or by writing your answer in the box provided. Do not give any extra or irrelevant information.

DR SPOCK

1 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.

2 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.”

TASK 9

For questions 1-3, use the notes from the box to fill in the chart about the parenting advice given in paragraphs 1 and 2. One example (0) has been done for you. There are two extra options. YOUR ANSWERS MUST BE IN THE SAME ORDER AS THE TEXT. Code in your answers on the optic form.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ADVICE—BEFORE 1940</th>
<th>ADVICE – AFTER 1940</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Children should....</td>
<td>Parents should....</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(0) A___</td>
<td>2 _______</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 ______</td>
<td>3 _______</td>
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TASK 10

4 "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
E 5
**TASK 11**

Complete the summary of paragraph 2 by writing **ONE WORD** from the text in each blank. **IF YOU WRITE MORE THAN ONE WORD, YOUR ANSWER WILL BE MARKED WRONG.**

John Watson was an (5)__________ in child-care in the early 20th century. He believed that parents should not kiss or (6)____________ their babies and not give them extra food. However, Dr. Spock believed that parents should smile and talk to their babies and (7)____________ them.

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**LISTENING**

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>What does business management mean?</th>
<th>Human resources? i.e. looking after people ________________.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Finance?</td>
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<td></td>
<td>________________ systems?</td>
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<td></td>
<td>It is all of these things</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tutors</td>
<td>Dr. Knight – Head of ________________ + human resources</td>
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<td></td>
<td>________________ - Finance and ____________________________</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Dr. Williams - ____________________________</td>
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Use your notes to answer the following questions by choosing A, B, C or D or writing your answer in the box provided. **Do not** write any extra or irrelevant information.

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 or 30 seconds to answer three questions by choosing A, B, C, or D or by writing a short answer. 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 choose 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. Who is the man in the coffee shop?

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**TASK 3:** 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.

___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

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**TASK 5:** You are going to listen to a talk about the Lewis Chess Set. As you listen, take notes in the guided note-taking sheet. After the interview has finished, you will be given questions to answer by choosing A, B, C, or D or by writing short answers. Your notes will not be marked. You will hear the talk ONCE only. You now have 30 seconds to look at the guided note-taking sheet.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DESCRIPTION OF THE LEWIS CHESS SET</th>
<th>It was found ________________________________</th>
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<tr>
<td>It was made ________________________________</td>
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<tr>
<td>REASONS FOR SIGNIFICANCE</td>
<td>Firstly ________________________________</td>
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<td></td>
<td>For example ________________________________</td>
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<td>Secondly, ________________________________</td>
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TASK 6: Complete the following summary by writing 1-3 words in each blank. 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.....

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TASK 7: You are going to listen to two short conversations. After each conversation has finished, you will be given 20 seconds to answer 2 questions by choosing A, B, C, or D. You will hear each conversation ONCE only. You now have 30 seconds to look at the questions.

CONVERSATION 1

1. The conversation is taking place at a...
   A library.
   B school.
   C bank.
   D shop.

2. The two speakers are...
   A best friends.
   B classmates.
   C brother and sister.
   D neighbors.
THE TITANIC

Last night there was a program on TV about the survivors (0)________ of the Titanic. Even though many people (1)___________ 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 (2)____________ just five years old when she was travelling.…

OR

TASK 2: Fill in the blanks in the text by choosing A, B, C, or D. Code your answers on the optic form.

1  A. have       B. had       C. were       D. is       E. are

TASK 3: Find the mistake in each sentence by choosing A, B, C, or D.

Neither my sister nor I have been to Istanbul already.

A                       B                C                         D

TASK 4: Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first sentence by choosing A, B, C, or D.

1  Michael is much taller than Eric.

Eric is _______________ Michael.

A. not as tall as       B. less taller than       C. not short as       D. the short as
**VOCABULARY**

**TASK 1:** 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 |

**STUDYING ABROAD**

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….

**OR**

**TASK 2:** Fill in the blanks in the text by choosing A, B, C, or D.

1. A. opportunity  B. combination  C. trend  D. benefit  E. alternative

**TASK 3:** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word given. You spelling must be correct

Studying vocabulary is a very important part of learning English. All students should keep a vocabulary journal with the (1) _____________ definition of each new word. It also helps to write an example sentence and (2) _____________ word forms. Then, it is important to try to use the new words in your writing….

1. DEFINE
2. ADDITION

**TASK 4:** Match each dictionary definition to the correct word by choosing A, B, C, D, E, F, G, or H. There are three extra words. Code in your answers on the optic form.

1. _______ to make a drawing or plan of something that will be made or built  
   A. develop  
   B. design  
   C. destroy  
   D. 

2. _______ to grow or change into something better  
   A. develop  
   B. design  
   C. destroy  
   D. 

**TASK 5:** Find the INCORRECT use of the underlined word in each sentence. Choose A, B, C, or D.

1  **DETERMINED**

   A. Doctors have **determined** that eating more vegetables increases life expectancy.
   B. I am **determined** to finish my studies in two years.
   C. She is a very **determined** person; don't even try to change her mind.
   D. Through hard work and **determined**, he was able to start his own business.

**TASK 5:** Fill in the blanks by choosing A, B, C, or D. Code your answers on the optic form.

1  __________ work and studies can be difficult for university students who have a job.

   A. Combination  B. Combining  C. Combine  D. Combined

**WRITING**

**CAT 1**

**Doing sports can benefit people in many ways. What is your opinion?**

Write about 170 words. DO NOT write less than 160 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.

**CAT 2 and ECA**

**Doing sports can benefit people in many ways. 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.