**UPPER-INTERMEDIATE EXAM TASK TYPES**

**2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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

**READING**

**TASK:** Read the passage below. Write the correct paragraph number next to each main idea. There are two extra options.

__X__ A. Many French people do not like to eat at fast-food restaurants.
__1__ B. In France balance comes from eating foods from different regions.
__3__ C. Yin and yang help create balance in Chinese cooking.
__X__ D. Carrots and water are yin foods because they are cool.
__2__ E. Meals that balance yin and yang can improve health.

**TASK:** Read the text below and answer the questions that follow by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

1. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?
   - A Preparing balanced meals is a challenge.
   - B Too much yang can cause heart burn.
   - C Meals that balance yin and yang can improve health.
   - D Balanced meals are not always satisfying.
   - E Yin is the dominant force in meal preparation.

2. What is the author's purpose in the article?
   - A to compare how to cultures find balance in food
   - B to explain why the French do not like fast-food
   - C to describe the concepts of healthy eating
   - D to explain Chinese way of healthy cooking
   - E to show the different cultures and eating habits

3. What is the most common vegetable used in Chinese cooking?
   - A carrots
   - B cabbage
   - C cucumbers
   - D zucchini
   - E cauliflower
4. It can be inferred from paragraph 4 that Chinese people stay away from food which includes…

A a lot of salt  
B hot spices  
C animal fat  
D white meat  
E alcohol

5. Circle the option that best matches the meaning of the word “demanding” in paragraph 2.

A difficult  
B expensive  
C harmful  
D relaxing  
E satisfying

6. The author’s attitude towards eating fast-food is…

A neutral  
B critical  
C confused  
D supportive  
E optimistic

7. In paragraph 5 the word “it” refers to…

A Chinese food  
B Fast food  
C Home-made food  
D French food  
E Japanese food

8. Which of the following sentences can best fit into the blank in paragraph 7?

A French meals always have seven courses.  
B The French prefer to eat small portions of food.  
C French meals taste better with wine.  
D The French mostly eat their meals at cafes.  
E French cuisine has undergone many changes.

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

1. What foods are common in Chinese restaurants?

**Sweet and sour chicken, beef with broccoli**
**TASK:** Find the words in the reading text that are similar to the definitions below. Write your answers in the appropriate spaces.

1. an idea of what something is like (*n*) par. 2: ____________________________
2. to decide on the meaning of something (*v*) par. 2: ____________________________
3. honest; genuine (*adj*) par. 3: ____________________________
4. to force someone to accept something (*v*) par. 4: ____________________________

**TASK:**

In the text, reference is made to a variety of groups of people who have different views on issues connected with subject x. Complete the chart below by matching each organization with the appropriate issue provided: A, B, C, D or E. Code your letter choice directly onto the optic form. There are two extra options given.

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**LISTENING**

**TASK:** You are going to listen to a short talk about food. As you listen, complete the sentences below with the ideas mentioned by the speaker.

1. Turkey contains a natural substance which ____________________________.
2. Cheese has ____________________________.
3. Eating turkey can change ____________________________.
4. Eating chicken is good for ____________________________.
**TASK:** You are going to listen to a short talk. As you listen answer the following questions by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

1. What is the main idea of the talk?
   A Our first impressions give us an accurate picture of the whole person.
   B We judge other people’s behavior differently from our own.
   C First impressions are not always important.
   D People’s behavior may change over time.
   E All parties in a given situation will share the same impression.

2. What is the speaker going to talk about in the rest of the lecture?
   A Advantages and disadvantages of first impression.
   B Different ways to meet people that we like.
   C How people’s behaviours change over time.
   D Different ways to deal with problems in relationships.
   E Why people have problems with the people they love.

**TASK:** Circle the answer that best completes the following statement according to the speaker’s opinion?

1. Snap judgements are often ...
   A suspicious
   B careful
   C reliable
   D wrong
   E necessary

**TASK:** You are going to listen to a lecture/interview on nuclear power stations. As you listen, take notes under the headings provided. After the lecture/interview has finished, you will be given questions to answer using your notes. Your notes will not be marked. You will hear the lecture/interview once only.

1. According to the speaker, what is one advantage of foods that contain vitamin C?

   - Boosts immune system

2. How many cans of coke are consumed worldwide in a day?
   A 1.7 billion
   B 7.1 billion
   C 70 million
   D 17 million
   E 71 million
3/4. According to the lecture, there are certain steps to follow to have a healthy lifestyle.

**Fill out the chart below with the appropriate answer.**

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**TASK:** You are going to listen to a dialogue. As you listen, fill in the blanks in the dialogue with the missing words.

Gary: Where are you going to have the meeting Jim?
Jim: Well, I don’t know. They haven’t called yet
**TASK:** You are going to listen to a short talk. As you listen, identify which ideas are mentioned by the speaker and write your choice A, B, C, D, or E next to the numbers.

1. **A**
2. **C**
3. **D**

A Some people prefer to fail rather than succeed.
B It is sometimes necessary to fail in order to succeed.
C Modern society doesn’t accept failure.
D We can learn from our failures.
E Many successful people begin by failing.

**LANGUAGE**

**TASK:** Choose the word that matches the given dictionary definition by choosing A, B, C, D or E:

*belonging to the same or a stated period in the past*

A Contemporary.
B Relevant.
C Potential.
D Corresponding.
E Related.

**TASK:** Fill in the blanks in the text(s) by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

Although the coffee is grown and ______(1)______ in the tropics, 70% of the total coffee production is imported by countries in the North who control the market. How long the coffee is roasted depends on the market.

1 A harvested  B eaten  C researched  D abandoned  E confiscated

**TASK:** For each question, choose the option that has the closest meaning to the sentence in bold. Mark the correct answer A, B, C, D or E.

**Sebastian has been in Perth, Australia since 2012.**

A Sebastian has lived in Perth, Australia since 2012.
B Sebastian is planning to visit Perth, Australia
C Sebastian moved to Perth, Australia in 2012.
D Sebastian is no longer living in Perth, Australia.
E Sebastian left Perth, Australia in 2012.

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

I am looking for a job. I _____(1)_____ *(to be)* an electrical engineer for the past eight years. I arrived in Canada a few months ago, so I have not had much experience with the Canadian job market.

1  A  have been   B  will be   C  had been   D  have   E  had

**TASK:** Fill in the blanks in the following passage. Use only **ONE** word in each blank.

Acupuncture treats the whole person - the body, the mind, and the spirit - therefore, _____(1)_____ can be helpful in the treatment of all conditions. In addition to its widespread use in the relief _____(2)_____ pain, acupuncture has been used to treat a variety of illnesses.

**TASK:** Read the text below and choose a word from the box that best completes each blank. Use each word **once only.** Do not change the form of the word. There are **four** extra words. **Write your answers directly onto the optic form.**

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There are many ways to _____(1)_____ yourself as a student. One way of doing this is to do a regular _____(2)_____ everyday by going over your class notes.

**TASK:** Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word at the end of each line. **Spelling mistakes will be penalised. Write your answers directly onto the optic form.**

He was not a good student so he was _____(1)_____* successful* most of the time at school. Therefore, he had to _____(2)_____* write* most of his assignments which were given by his teachers.

(1) SUCCESSFUL
(2) WRITE

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WRITING

**TASK:** Write an essay of 200 - 230 words giving your opinion.
“Nowadays maintaining a balanced diet is very difficult. Due to demanding jobs and long working hours most people neglect their diet. What can be done to have a balanced diet?”

**TASK:** Write an essay of 250 - 275 words giving your opinion.
“Some students find international exchange programs quite useful in terms of their academic and social development. However, some others think that living in a foreign country affect students negatively because of cultural and social differences. In your opinion what are the advantages and/or disadvantages of studying abroad? Support your opinion with specific examples and details.”