

Para las pruebas ISE I y II hay que completar tres partes:

- 1) **Examen escrito** (dos redacciones). Día 18 de abril. Ver muestra de examen en el “2010-2013 ISE Syllabus”. (Se puede descargar en <http://www.trinitycollege.co.uk/site/?id=1959>)
- 2) **Examen oral**: dos partes. Primero se habla sobre un “topic” elegido por el candidato y después hay una parte de conversación sobre el portfolio y sobre temas elegidos por el examinador (de la lista publicada para el nivel). Para ISE I son 8 minutos en total y para ISE II, 12 minutos.
- 3) **Portfolio**: son tres redacciones que se preparan en casa con todos los medios disponibles (diccionarios, procesadores de texto, etc). Pero que deben ser totalmente originales. Aquí abajo están los temas posibles para esta parte. Hay que escoger uno de cada sección. Atención: es imprescindible ceñirse al tema y al límite de palabras.

El trabajo se presenta a las profesoras de inglés del Colegio y ellas lo devuelven con comentarios para su corrección o mejora en casa.

Hecho esto, el trabajo se entrega el día anterior al examen.

**IMPORTANTE**: tanto en la parte oral como en la escrita se debe demostrar que se dominan los “language requirements” especificados para ISE I o ISE II. (Aparecen en el Syllabus).

## ISE I — PORTFOLIO TASKS 2012

### SECTION 1

*ISE I — Correspondence (word length range: 70–80 words)*

1. You are organising a music festival. Write a letter to a popular band inviting them to play at the festival. Give the location of the festival, saying how long it will last and why the band will be very popular.
2. Last week you went on a business trip and the airline lost your suitcase. Write a letter to the airline saying what happened, where you were travelling to and what was in your suitcase.
3. Last month you decided to go running every day before breakfast and after school or work in the evening. Write a letter to a friend who never takes any exercise, telling him why you think this is important, describing the positive results it has had and encouraging him to join you.
4. You are going on a trip to London next weekend with your Australian friend. Write an email, telling her what souvenirs you have to buy for your family and

what you might get if you have enough money. Ask her what she might buy.

5. Your friend wants to know the best way to learn English. Write an email to her, saying how long you have studied English, what you find most difficult and what she must do to succeed.

Remember — you must choose your ISE I correspondence task from the above list.

## SECTION 2

*ISE I — Factual writing (word length range: 110–130 words)*

1. Write an article for a transport magazine with the title, 'The changing car'. Say how cars have changed and how they will be different in the future. Say which present-day car you prefer and why.

2. Write a report for a fashion magazine describing this season's new styles for men and women. Say if you think they are suitable for everyday life and which ones you will buy if you can.

3. Write a report entitled 'The best way to travel' for a travel magazine, in which you compare travelling by plane and by train. Give your own opinions and also include the views of other people.

4. There is a very old cinema in your area. Write an article for the local newspaper, giving your impressions of the cinema, saying how long it's been open and why it isn't popular.

5. A new club opened recently in your area, offering several different kinds of music and a restaurant. Write a review for a local entertainment magazine, describing an evening there and giving your impressions of the club. Say what the manager might do to improve it.

Remember — you must choose your ISE I factual writing task from the above list.

## SECTION 3

*ISE I — Creative and descriptive writing (word length range: 110–130 words)*

1. Write a story for a writing competition beginning with the words, 'When I woke up, I was on a beach'. Say where you were, what you did next and how long you spent there.
2. Write your diary for a day when you discovered some surprising information about your family. Explain what you found out and why you were surprised.
3. Write a description for a bridal magazine of an unusual wedding. Describe the bride and groom and what they were wearing. Explain why the wedding was so different.
4. Write a short story for a school magazine beginning with the words 'The notice on the door said "PLEASE KEEP OUT" but of course we took no notice'.
5. You have just been to a theme park. Write a diary entry of the day, describing what you did, what you saw and your favourite part of the day.

## **ISE II — PORTFOLIO TASKS 2012**

### **SECTION 1**

#### *ISE II — Correspondence (word length range: 120–150 words)*

1. Many people say they are worried by the environmental problems caused by global warming but few are willing to change their lifestyles. Write an email to an online environment forum, expressing your concerns on the subject, persuading people of the seriousness of the problem and speculating about the consequences if we don't take action.
2. Your colleague is applying for a position of responsibility in an American company and you have been asked to provide a personal reference. Write a letter to the director of the company saying how long you have known him and reporting what other colleagues have said about him and explaining why your friend would be suitable for the job.
3. There has been a steady increase in traffic over the years in your area or town so that at certain times of the day traffic is at a standstill. Last week you spent three hours in a traffic jam. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper speculating about the causes of the problem and suggesting possible solutions.
4. Your town council is planning to develop a large piece of land on the outskirts of your town and local people have been invited to submit ideas. Write a letter to the council with your suggestions, pointing out the advantages and saying how they could benefit the whole community.

5. After one week in a new office job, your friend is unhappy with the place and the people. Write an email to her saying how you felt when you started your current job, giving advice about what you would do in her situation and suggesting ways in which she could improve the atmosphere at work. Remember — you must choose your ISE II correspondence task from the above list.

## SECTION 2

*ISE II — Factual writing (word length range: 170–200 words)*

1. 'Do you think it is better to be born rich, beautiful or intelligent?' Write an article for a sociology magazine saying if you could have just one of these qualities which one you would choose and why. For you, say which one is the least important and give reasons.
  2. It has been suggested that your department should go on a team building weekend in order to strengthen working relationships. Write a report, stating how the weekend should be organised, the advantages of such a weekend and what factors will affect its success.
  3. You are concerned about recent changes in the education system; you think they are having a negative effect. Write a report to the Ministry of Education outlining the changes that have been made, saying what effect these changes are having and suggesting measures that should be taken to improve the situation.
  4. If you could live in another city, which city would you choose and why? Write an article for a lifestyle magazine, saying what the attractions of living there would be and if there would be any disadvantages and speculating how your life would be different.
  5. Write a review for an educational website of a documentary which you think is very good. Explain what the documentary is about, what people could learn from it and why you would recommend it.
- Remember — you must choose your ISE II factual writing task from the above list.

## SECTION 3

*ISE II — Creative and descriptive writing (word length range: 170–200 words)*

1. Write a story for a writing competition beginning with the words, 'I had only lived there a few weeks when I started noticing strange things happening'.
2. Imagine you were born at another time in history. Write a short story for a writing competition, speculating on how your life would have been different.
3. You have just started teaching in another town. You are finding it very difficult to control the pupils and are thinking of leaving. Write a diary entry describing what happened and expressing how you feel and ideas for overcoming the situation.
4. Imagine you are a journalist and you have just interviewed a well-known public figure from the past. Write a description for a history magazine saying how you felt, what he or she told you and whether your opinion of this person has changed and why.
5. You just got home and you can't find your mobile phone. You ring the number

and someone answers. Write a diary entry about what happened next.  
Remember — you must choose your ISE II creative and descriptive writing task from the above list.