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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE / BUSINESS EXAMS FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

CHANGES TO WRITTEN PAPERS – DECEMBER 2006

Summary of changes made to the General English papers for general improvement, alignment to the CEF, and fulfilling the requirements of the UK NQF (ESOL) for QCA.

All changes have been added to the latest version of the Teachers' Handbook.

Elementary

- **Section D** now only has **5** questions (instead of **10**) for **10** marks.
- New **section E** added: form to fill in, with first name, surname, address, post or zip code if any, country, age, date of birth, interests. Handwriting to be taken into account for a mark.
- Old **section E** has now become **F**, **F** has now become **G**.

Pre-Intermediate

- **Section D** will not be only conversion from **past simple to present perfect negative**. In each paper there will be **2** of these and **3** other transformations from **active to passive**.
- **Section E** will only be **5** questions and **5** marks.
- New **Section F** added: choose the correct word of **3** given to put in the space provided. This section tests the difference between **noun, adjective** and **adverb** – **5** marks.
- Old **section F** becomes **G**.

Intermediate

- The text for **Section B** may be of **different genres** and may look slightly different e.g. **newspaper articles** will be set out as they would be in a **newspaper**, and **information about the natural world** will be set out as it would be in an **encyclopaedia**.
- **Section C** now has **10** questions only – **20** marks not **30** marks.
- New **section F** added: choose the correct **phrasal verb** from **5** in a box and put them into the sentence in the right tense and form - **10** marks.

Advanced

- The instructions/ title for the **narrative composition** will be worded differently, i.e., '**Give an account of ...**', with variations such as ... **a brave rescue/ a lucky escape/ a dangerous adventure/ a fantastic achievement**, etc.

Proficiency

- There is **NO 'story' composition**. A essay title requiring **discussion** will be offered instead.
- The **reading text** in **section C** is now **longer**: between **530** and **580 words**.
- The first **3** questions for **section C** are now the same as questions **4** and **5**, i.e., **True/False/Doesn't say**.

NB: All written papers, when combined with the listening and speaking tests, are weighted at **60%** of the **grand total**.

CHANGES TO LISTENING PAPERS – DECEMBER 2006

- **All** listening tests, when combined with the written tests, are weighted at **20%** of the **grand total**.
- To make this clearer, the marks per section have been changed so that the **Plus papers** listening tests are all out of **20** marks.
- The higher levels – **Elementary to Proficiency**, are all out of **100** marks. The **100** is then scaled down to **20%** for the final result.

SPEAKING COMPONENT – GENERAL REMINDER

- **All** speaking tests, when combined with the written and listening tests, are weighted at **20%** of the **grand total**.