

Integrated Skills in English Foundation

Time allowed: 2 hours

This exam paper has four tasks. Complete all tasks.

Reading -
Writing -

Task 1 – Long reading

Read the following text about Iceland and answer the 15 questions on page 3.



Paragraph 1

Iceland is in the North Atlantic Ocean. The capital city, Reykjavik, is the most northern capital city in the world. It is only three hours by plane from London and almost six hours from New York.

Paragraph 2

Eleven per cent of Iceland is covered by ice and it's an island. But it isn't only famous for ice. In fact lots of people call it the 'Land of Fire and Ice'. The country has 200 volcanoes, and 20 volcanoes are active. There are also many waterfalls and hot pools. Almost all of the electricity and heating comes from water power.

Paragraph 3

The Icelandic flag is red, white and blue to show the main features of the island. The red is for the island's volcanic fires, the white is for the snow and ice fields of the island, and the blue is for the sea.

Paragraph 4

People in Iceland speak Icelandic and it's more than a thousand years old. It hasn't changed much, although modern Icelandic has new vocabulary. Today schools teach Danish and English as well. People don't pay for school in Iceland. Surnames or family names aren't used in Iceland. People use their father's first name as a surname. The telephone book lists people by their first name. If more than one person has the same name, a person's job might be listed.

Paragraph 5

There are plenty of activities in Iceland. The national sport is handball and it's very popular with children. They also enjoy swimming. In June and July there are 24 hours of sunlight and this is good for visitors who can enjoy midnight golf. They can play all day or night and then go swimming in one of the hot pools. Another big attraction for tourists is whale watching.

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Questions 1-5

The text on page 2 has five paragraphs (1-5). Choose the best title for each paragraph from A-F below and write the letter (A-F) on the lines below. There is one title you don't need.

1. Paragraph 1
2. Paragraph 2
3. Paragraph 3
4. Paragraph 4
5. Paragraph 5

- A Nature in Iceland
- B Things to do in Iceland
- C What colours mean
- D Language and names
- E Animals in Iceland
- F How to find Iceland

Questions 6-10

Choose the **five statements** from A-H below that are **TRUE** according to the information given in the text on page 2. Write the letters of the **TRUE** statements on the lines below (in any order).

6.
7.
8.
9.
10.

- A School is free for everybody in Reykjavik.
- B You can fly from London to Iceland in three hours.
- C The national sport of Iceland is swimming.
- D Water power creates most of the electricity and heating.
- E There are two hundred active volcanoes.
- F Names and jobs are sometimes in the telephone book.
- G The blue in the flag represents the sky.
- H Some visitors like playing golf at night.

Questions 11-15

Complete sentences 11-15 with an exact number, word or phrase (maximum three words) from the text. Write the exact number, word or phrase on the lines below.

11. It takes about to fly from New York to Iceland.
12. Ice covers of Iceland.
13. The language of Iceland is a thousand years old.
14. Handball is with children.
15. As well as golf and swimming, visitors also enjoy

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Task 2 – Multi-text reading

In this section there are three short texts for you to read and some questions for you to answer.

Questions 16-20

Read questions 16-20 first and then read texts A, B and C below the questions.

As you read each text, decide which text each question refers to. Choose one letter – A, B or C – and write it on the lines below. You can use any letter more than once.

Which text

16. compares the size of parks? _____

17. gives information to visitors to a park? _____

18. says how many people do different activities in parks? _____

19. explains who can use a place in a park in winter? _____

20. says what people think of different parks? _____

Text A



Hyde Park, Central London

Activities

There is a lake for boating called the Serpentine. It is open from April to October, from 10am to sunset. It is closed in winter. The boats hold six people, but there is a larger boat for up to 40 people.

There is an open-air swimming pool. It opens at weekends in May and every day from June to September. After this season, only members of a swimming club can use the lake. They have a race every year on Christmas Day. There is a café by the pool for drinks and light snacks.

Text B

	Suzi: I went to Hyde Park today, it was great!
	Leo: Yeah, it's nice, but I love St James's Park.
	Suzi: It's quite small. Hyde Park is much bigger.
	Leo: Yes, but there are bicycles everywhere. There aren't so many cyclists in St James's Park – so it's safer for walkers like me.
	Suzi: Yes, but cycling is fun! There are football pitches and tennis courts in Hyde Park, too. There aren't any in St James's Park.
	Leo: No, but I like walking by the lake, even in winter!
	Suzi: You can't swim there! There's a lake at Hyde Park, too. I swim at five o'clock, after college!
	Leo: Well, I like resting in the park.

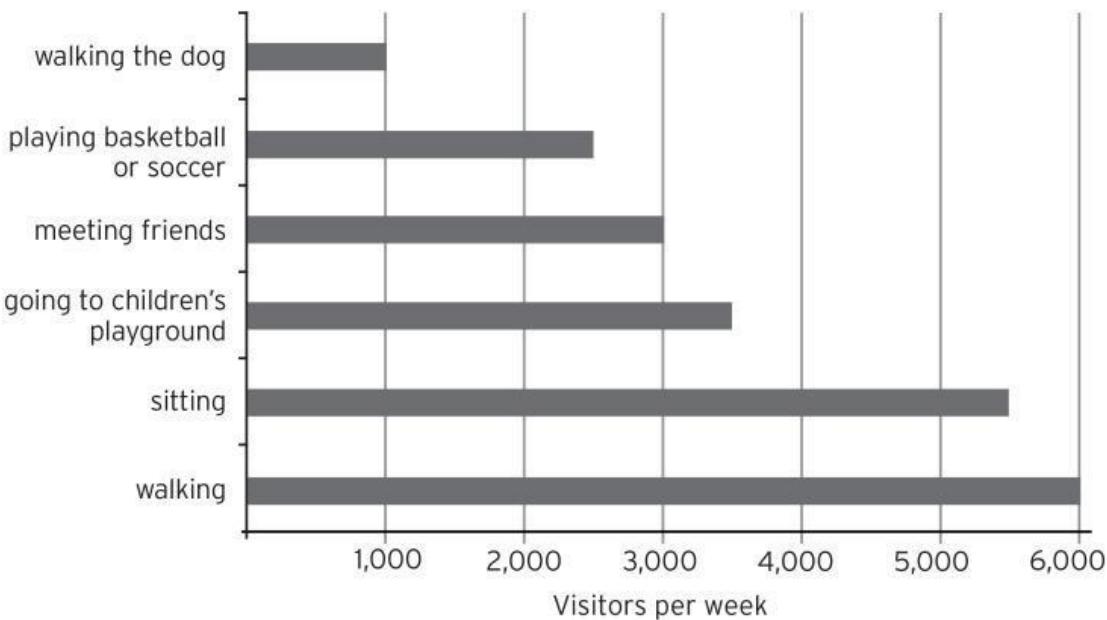
Text C

PARKS FACT FILE

70% of park users visit parks more than once a week
 More people use parks in the evening than at other times
 74% of park users stay more than 1 hour

Park users' top activities

What do people like doing in parks?



Questions 21-25

Choose the **five** statements from A-H below that are **TRUE** according to the information given in the texts above. Write the letters of the **TRUE** statements on the lines below (in any order).

21. _____

A More people go to parks to play with their children than to play team sports.

22. _____

B A group of more than six people cannot go on a boat on the lake.

23. _____

C Suzi does more activities in a park than Leo does.

24. _____

D The boating lake closes when it gets dark.

25. _____

E Leo thinks it's more dangerous to walk in Hyde Park than St James's Park.

F The morning is the most popular time of day to go to a park.

G In May you can only go swimming in Hyde Park on a Saturday and Sunday.

H Suzi goes to Hyde Park for a rest after work.

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Questions 26-30

The notes below contain information from texts A-C. Find a word or phrase from the box at the bottom to complete the missing information in gaps 26-30. Remember to look back at the texts when you choose your answer from the word bank.

Write your answers on the lines below. You don't need all the words and phrases.

Notes**Activities in Hyde Park**

- Boating on the lake from (26.)
- Swimming – (27.) in the summer
- You can see people in a swimming (28.) once a year

Comparing Hyde Park and St James's Park

- Hyde Park is the biggest park in London
- Both parks have a (29.)
- A lot of bicycles in Hyde Park

Popular activities in parks

- More than half of all visits to parks last for over (30.)
- People enjoy:
 - walking
 - sitting
 - playing

Word bank

club
June to September
1 hour
race
every day
lake
at weekends
members
April to October
pool

Task 3 – Reading into writing

Write an article (70-100 words) about parks for your school or college magazine.

Use the information you read in texts A, B and C (pages 4 and 5) to:

- ▶ describe what people can do in Hyde Park
- ▶ compare Hyde Park and St James's Park and
- ▶ say what activities people enjoy doing in parks.

Do not copy from the texts. Use your own words as far as possible.

You should plan your article before you start writing. Think about what you are going to write and make some notes to help you in this box:

Planning notes

(No marks are given for these planning notes)

Now write your article of 70-100 words on the lines below.

