

Revise for IGCSE in ESL exam

General Points Regarding TIME

- The exam lasts for 2 hours (= 120 mins for the extended and 90mins for the core level) and there are a total of 84 marks for the extended and 56 for the core level. You should aim to manage your time as follows:

Extended level

- **Ex. 1 and 2** about *20 mins*
- **Ex. 3** (form-filling) - about *10 mins*
- **Ex. 4** (note-taking) - about *12 mins*
- **Ex. 5** (summary) - about *15 mins*
- **Ex. 6** (informal writing) - about *30 mins*
- **Ex. 7** (formal writing) - about *30 mins*

Core level

- **Ex. 1 and 2** about *15 mins*
- **Ex. 3** (form-filling) - about *10 mins*
- **Ex. 4** (note-taking) - about *10 mins*
- **Ex. 5** (summary) - about *5 mins*
- **Ex. 6** (informal writing) - about *20 mins*
- **Ex. 7** (formal writing) - about *20 mins*

NB: The suggested times for Exercises 5-7 include **editing** time. Do **not** write frantically until the invigilator calls out, "The exam is over. Please stop writing now."

You must spend a few minutes re-reading your work and making necessary changes – not just corrections, but possibly also adding improvements such as transition phrases ("As a result of this", "On the other hand", "Finally" etc) or more expressive vocabulary (e.g. so-fun thrilling / exhilarating).

General Points Regarding READING Tasks

- Do **not** waste time reading the text before you look at the questions. **Do** glance through it quickly so you know what type of text it is (e.g. travel brochure, magazine article) and what the topic is. Then go straight to the questions and let each question guide your more detailed reading.