

## Language requirements for ISE I

In addition to the items specified for ISE 0, the candidate is expected to demonstrate the ability to use the language functions and language items listed below.

### Language requirements

#### Language functions

- ▶ Describing the future – informing and predicting
- ▶ Expressing preferences
- ▶ Describing events in the indefinite and recent past
- ▶ Giving reasons
- ▶ Stating the duration of events
- ▶ Quantifying
- ▶ Expressing and requesting opinions and impressions
- ▶ Expressing intention and purpose
- ▶ Expressing obligation and necessity
- ▶ Expressing certainty and uncertainty
- ▶ Describing past actions over a period of time

#### Grammar

- ▶ Present perfect tense including use with *for*, *since*, *ever*, *never*, *just*
- ▶ Connecting clauses using *because*
- ▶ *Will* referring to the future for informing and predicting
- ▶ Adjectives and adverbials of quantity, e.g. *a lot (of)*, *not very much*, *many*
- ▶ Expressions of preference, e.g. *I prefer*, *I'd rather*
- ▶ Zero and first conditionals, using *if* and *when*
- ▶ Present continuous tense for future use
- ▶ Past continuous tense
- ▶ Modals connected to the functions listed above, e.g. *must*, *need to*, *might*, *don't have to*
- ▶ Infinitive of purpose

#### Lexis

- ▶ Vocabulary specific to the topic and subject areas
- ▶ Further expressions relating to the past, e.g. *two days ago*, *the day before yesterday*
- ▶ Expressions relating to future time, e.g. *the day after tomorrow*, *in the future*
- ▶ Common phrasal verbs
- ▶ Phrases and expressions relating to the language functions listed above

#### Phonology (Interview only)

- ▶ The correct pronunciation of vocabulary specific to the topic and subject areas
- ▶ The combination of weak forms and contractions, e.g. *I've been to...*
- ▶ Sentence stress to clarify meaning
- ▶ Basic intonation and features of connected speech at sentence level
- ▶ The intonation patterns of more complex questions
- ▶ Avoidance of speech patterns of recitation

### Subject areas for the Conversation phase of the Interview

One subject area will be selected by the examiner from the list below.

- ▶ Travel
- ▶ Money
- ▶ Fashion
- ▶ Rules and regulations
- ▶ Health and fitness
- ▶ Learning a foreign language

Please note ISE I candidates should **not** select their topic from the list of subject areas above (see guidance notes on page 30).

### Subject areas for the Portfolio and Controlled Written exam

In addition to the subject areas listed for the Conversation phase of the Interview:

- ▶ Festivals
- ▶ Means of transport
- ▶ Special occasions, e.g. birthday celebrations
- ▶ Entertainment, e.g. cinema, television, clubs
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Recent personal experiences