



Independent Schools
Examinations Board

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH SKILLS

ON-LINE PRACTICE TESTS

GUIDE FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Registration

To register a candidate for a practice test, please contact ISEB, Jordan House, Christchurch Road, New Milton BH25 6QJ, tel: +44 (0)1425 621111, fax: +44 (0)1425 620044, e-mail: enquiries@iseb.co.uk. When the entry has been processed, you will be e-mailed login details.

Technical requirements

- Broadband internet connection
- Microsoft Windows 98, ME, 2000 or XP operating system
- Windows Media Player (or equivalent)
- Sun Microsystems Java
- Adobe Flash Player

Commencing a practice test

To start any of the practice tests, please go to http://www.iseb.co.uk/asmt_es_p.htm where clear instructions are given.

Elements of the test:

Listening

This part of the test will be taken by going on-line and filling in the fields on screen while listening to a voice track. Once the candidate has finished the questions, he / she must press **Submit** and the answers will be marked by the computer. Results will be displayed on screen, together with feedback for incorrect answers. If you wish to store the overall result for future reference, remember to press **Continue** at the bottom of the screen. Access to the results are for one month only.

Reading

This part of the test will be taken by going on-line and filling in the fields on screen which refer to a text. Once the candidate has finished the questions, he / she must press **Submit** and the answers will be marked by the computer. Results will be displayed on screen, together with feedback for incorrect answers. If you wish to store the overall result for future reference, remember to press **Continue** at the bottom of the screen. Access to the results are for one month only.

Speaking

This part of the test will be taken by going on-line where a picture will be displayed on the screen. The candidate will keep this window open and telephone the number on the screen where he / she will select the relevant test. The candidate will answer questions about himself / herself, talk about an unprepared and a prepared topic and finally describe the picture on the screen. When the candidate has finished, he / she must press **Submit**. Answers will be recorded and stored. To mark the practice tests, you can access the speaking files via http://www.iseb.co.uk/asmt_es_p.htm and the section entitled **View speaking test answers** where clear instructions are given.

Writing

This part of the test will be taken by going on-line and typing answers in the boxes provided on the screen. Once the candidate has finished the questions, he / she must press **Submit** and the answers will be stored by the computer. To mark the practice tests, you can access the answers via http://www.iseb.co.uk/asmt_es_p.htm and the section entitled **View writing test answers** where clear instructions are given.

Results

You can access the results for candidates via http://www.iseb.co.uk/asmt_es_p.htm and the section entitled **View results** where clear instructions are given. Please note that marks will be displayed for only the listening and reading sections, i.e. the ones marked by the computer. It is up to the teacher or parent to record marks for the speaking and writing tests independently.