IELTS Foundation: Reading and Speaking

Paper 1 - Student paper

Free original EWS skills practice | Foundation to B1-B2 | 20 practice marks

A short foundation skills paper, not a full IELTS mock. The reading text and practice marks are original EWS material.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Suggested time: 25-40 minutes. For speaking tasks, say your response before writing. Use extra paper where necessary.

මුලින් ඔබම පිළිතුරු ලියන්න. පසුව වෙනම පිළිතුරු පත්‍රය බලන්න.

A. Read and understand - 5 marks

Read the text and answer the five questions. Each earns 1 mark.

පාඨය කියවා ප්‍රශ්නවලට පිළිතුරු ලියන්න.

A neighbourhood library began a trial of evening opening on Tuesdays. Before the trial, staff asked residents which times were most convenient. Many people who worked during the day preferred an evening session. During the six-week trial, the library stayed open until eight, rather than its usual closing time of five. Visitors could borrow books, use computers and attend a short reading group. Staff counted visits, but they did not collect information about visitors' examination results. At the end of the trial, most feedback forms were positive. However, the library had not yet decided whether it could afford the extra staffing throughout the year.

1. TRUE, FALSE or NOT GIVEN: The trial offered later opening on Tuesdays. [1 mark]

2. TRUE, FALSE or NOT GIVEN: The trial lasted six months. [1 mark]

3. TRUE, FALSE or NOT GIVEN: All visitors improved their examination results. [1 mark]

4. TRUE, FALSE or NOT GIVEN: Computers were available during the evening sessions. [1 mark]

5. TRUE, FALSE or NOT GIVEN: Permanent evening opening had already been approved. [1 mark]

B. Language practice - 5 marks

Choose or write the correct answer. Each earns 1 mark.

නිවැරදි පිළිතුර තෝරා ලියන්න.

1. Complete with ONE WORD: The library stayed open until ___. [1 mark]

2. Complete with ONE WORD: Staff counted ___. [1 mark]

3. Complete with ONE WORD: Most feedback forms were ___. [1 mark]

4. Complete with ONE WORD: Extra ___ could be costly. [1 mark]

5. Complete with ONE WORD: The trial ran for six ___. [1 mark]

C. Write for a purpose - 10 marks

Speaking practice: say and then write a 1-2 minute answer about a useful place in your area. Explain where it is, what people do there, when you visit and why it is useful. Use notes, not a memorised script.

දී ඇති උපදෙස් අනුව ඔබේම පිළිතුර ලියන්න.

1. Write your response below. [10 marks]

Academic Writing: compare information

FREE EXTENDED PRACTICE - STUDENT WORKSHEET

Selected-skills preparation, not a full mock. This is an Academic Task 1 activity; General Training Task 1 uses a letter instead. Use additional paper for your complete response.

1. The table shows book loans at a small library in two years. Fiction: 2020 - 1,200; 2025 - 1,500. Non-fiction: 2020 - 800; 2025 - 1,100. Children's books: 2020 - 1,000; 2025 - 1,800. Write two sentences giving the main patterns, without explaining causes.

2. Write a report of at least 150 words summarising and comparing the information. Include an introduction, overview and accurate comparisons. Do not add your opinion.

Use an extra sheet for longer writing if needed. Check the separate guide after your attempt.

Indika Mallawarachchi
WhatsApp 0703 101 101

www.englishwithasmile.lk
info@englishwithasmile.lk

Essay writing and a speaking follow-up

FREE EXTENDED PRACTICE - STUDENT WORKSHEET

Task 2 preparation applies to both Academic and General Training. Write connected paragraphs, not bullet points. Practise the speaking follow-up after finishing your essay.

1. Some people think public libraries should spend more money on digital resources than printed books. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Plan your position and two developed reasons, then write at least 250 words on additional paper.

2. Speaking follow-up: Why do some people prefer printed books? Should every village have a library? Give a reason and a relevant example for each answer.

Use an extra sheet for longer writing if needed. Check the separate guide after your attempt.

Indika Mallawarachchi
WhatsApp 0703 101 101

www.englishwithasmile.lk
info@englishwithasmile.lk