

ISE videos – scores and rationales

Level ISEII		Candidate: Tai
Criteria	Score	Rationale
Communicative effectiveness	4	The candidate fulfils all tasks with confidence and ease. Throughout the first three phases of the exam, she initiates and responds with effective turn-taking, and the interaction proceeds very smoothly and in a manner that fully balances the contributions of examiner and candidate. Her contributions fully address the interventions of the examiner and she effectively develops points and moves the conversation on as appropriate. There are no communication problems to solve.
Interactive listening	4	The candidate understands all interventions on first hearing and at no point does she have to seek confirmation. She interprets the examiner's aims and viewpoints accurately and, in the collaborative phase, makes links with earlier information in what is a fairly complex discussion. Her responses are prompt and relevant throughout.
Language control	4	The candidate employs an impressively wide range of functional language including <i>giving advice, expressing and expanding ideas, expressing agreement, highlighting advantages/disadvantages, speculating and eliciting further information</i> . Her lexical range, including the use of idiomatic language, is similarly broad - e.g. <i>'giving it another shot', 'all that jazz', 'my premise is wrong'</i> . She is able to deal with topics with great flexibility and any inaccuracies are barely noticeable.
Delivery	4	The candidate is clearly intelligible throughout all of the tasks and requires no careful listening. She speaks promptly, spontaneously and fluently, and consistently uses appropriate stress and intonation to good effect to support her meaning. The candidate is demonstrably relaxed when speaking English and there is no evidence of non-standard phonemes.
Independent listening	4	The candidate identifies and reports all the important points, linking them to the message as a whole. She thus shows a clear and comprehensive understanding of the text. She confidently makes sense of connected English speech rapidly and accurately as well as fully inferring the speaker's unstated attitude.