

## SYLLABUS

**Language requirements for ISE I****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

- 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

**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*

**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**

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

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

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