

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE ESOL EXAMINATIONS

English for Speakers of Other Languages

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH

TRIAL TEST 1

Writing

45 minutes

Candidates answer on the question paper.
No additional materials are required.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

Write your name and the name of your school at the top of this page.

Write your answer clearly in pen on the question paper.

When you have written your answer, please complete the questionnaire at the end of the question paper.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Your performance in this test will not be considered in connection with any examination.

Thank you for your help.

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FOR EXAMINER'S USE

Part 1

This question paper consists of 3 printed pages, 2 lined pages and 3 blank pages.

Part 1

Read the two texts below.

Write an essay summarising and evaluating the key points from both texts. Use your own words throughout as far as possible and include your own ideas in your answer.

Write your answer in **240 – 280** words on the opposite page.

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Achievement in Sport

We all admire those who have achieved astonishing feats in sport, seeing them as almost superhuman, and so fail to realise the true basis of their success. Where they differ from

- 1) most of us is in their obsessive dedication to fulfilling their goals, often at the expense of friends and family, though it may be only later in life that they realise the price they have paid.
- 2) The role of coaches and trainers should not be forgotten either. The inspiration and encouragement they provide can make all the difference during times when improvement seems frustratingly slow.

Talented People

Whether we like it or not, the majority of talented individuals, be they great musicians or renowned poets, are born not made. They can therefore thank their genetic inheritance for their remarkable abilities. Having said that, if they, and indeed other less innately talented individuals, are to achieve their potential, it is crucial that they start working on their skills from a very young age. The brain is at its most receptive in childhood, and complex skills are best developed during this critical period of intellectual growth. Adults rarely achieve the same degree of mastery if they start learning something later in life.

Write your **essay**.

Question 1

Observing famous musicians, talented actors, great sportsmen and other prominent figures one can't help wondering how those people have achieved their success. Easy though it may seem, an accomplishment of any kind doesn't come to a person on its own, and even such things as genetic predisposition can't decide everything. In order to benefit one should make a considerable effort.

The recipe for true success requires a lot of ingredients. Amongst them are hard work from the early age, as well as tentative cooperation with a tutor or a trainer whose words and care may become a source of support and inspiration. What is even more important is an individual's own desire to flourish and do his or her best. It is a common knowledge that without aspiration and eagerness to go through inevitable changes and overcome all the difficulties eventually there is no point in starting the process.

It should also be mentioned that a person is to really enjoy an experience. An activity, however simple and mundane it may be, will not bring desirable results, if a person doesn't take pleasure in fulfilling it. For that matter, what is the use in performing a piece of music that isn't capable of evoking deep emotions in the musician? What is the point of depicting scenery that doesn't arouse any feeling other than boredom?

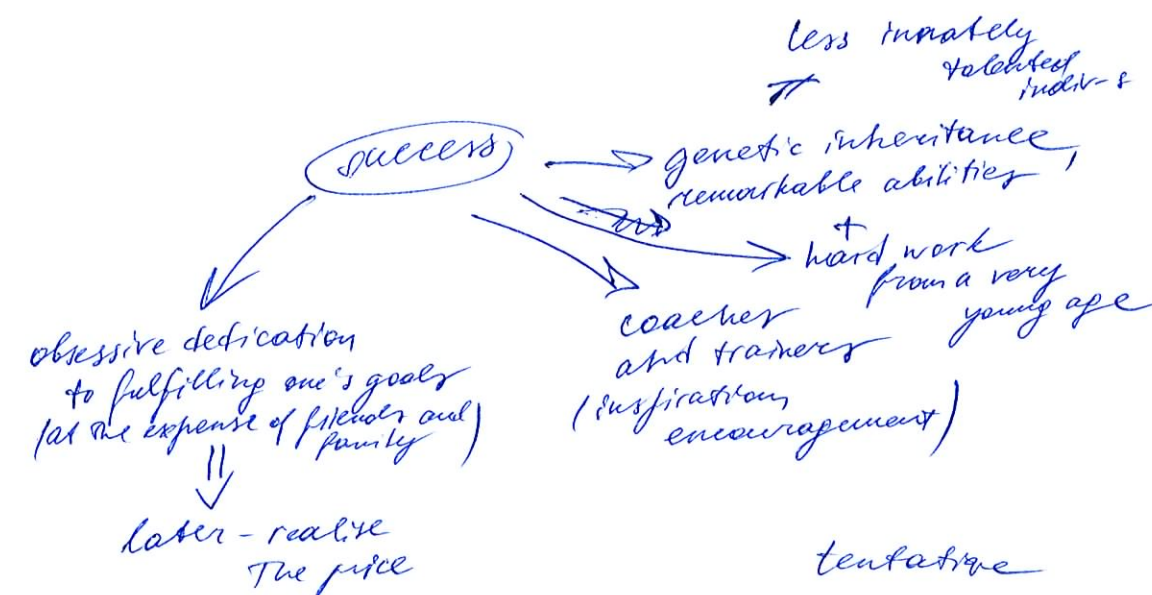
By and large, it may be concluded that success isn't a notion to be considered one-sided. Investing our time, energy and intellectual and physical resources, sacrificing interests and invaluable relationships with friends and family, we come to realise that our way, though painful, has brought great happiness in the end.

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You may use this blank page to write notes, or, if necessary, to finish your answer to the Part 1 question.

Success does not come on its own. People have to invest a lot...
 What is the true basis for success?
 That is a question that is not be answered without thinking and observing.
 The best examples - sportsmen, talented musicians...
 In order to be truly successful



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