

The English School

Diagnostic Examination 2024

ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 1hr

General Instructions:

1. Answer all questions
2. Write neatly
4. Check your work carefully at the end

Time Guidance:

Section A: Information Retrieval and Vocabulary (32 marks) – 20 mins

Section B: Usage (43 marks) – 20 mins

Section C: Writing Task (25 marks) – 20 mins

Good Luck!

Section A: Information Retrieval and Vocabulary

(32 marks)

Read the following adapted article, '*A Day at the Thermal Baths*' and answer the questions that follow.



A Day at the Thermal Baths

In a quiet corner of north-west Spain, there are magical thermal baths. Imagine a grassy riverbank with round-ish pools, surrounded by trees. The water is warm and soothing. It feels like a special place, even though it's thousands of miles away from Japan.

The baths are called Outariz and Burga de Canedo. They have six warm pools and two cold ones. A curved metal footbridge connects them. Today, there are hardly any people here, and the best part is that it's free to use!

Before I found out about these baths, I didn't even know this place existed. But now, I'm melting into the thermal waters, feeling relaxed and happy.

On my way back, I pass wise-looking trees, pretty red flowers, and even some birds by the river. It's a peaceful journey, and the sound of the flowing river drowns out the noise of nearby cars.

I stop to rinse my mouth with warm water from a blue fountain. It's on a wooden deck overlooking the river. Then I walk past some pretty but waterlogged baths. They're called Chavasqueira thermal baths. Next, I cross an impressive old Roman bridge. Finally, I arrive in Ourense's old town.

As I swill the thermal water, I feel its gentle warmth. The Fonte do Tinteiro fountain stands alone on a wooden deck, its blue water reflecting the sky. Nearby, the Chavasqueira thermal baths, although waterlogged due to winter, still hold their charm. The Ponte Romana, an ancient Roman bridge, spans the river, connecting the past to the present. And now, I'm here in Ourense's old town, where history whispers through every cobblestone street.

Answer the questions that follow, in complete sentences where necessary.

1. Where are the thermal baths located?

(1 mark)

2. How many warm pools and cold pools do these baths have?

(2 marks)

2. List **three** things that make the thermal baths special.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

(3 marks)

3. What natural features does the writer come across on the way back to Ourense?

(3 marks)

4. **In your own words**, explain why the writer feels relaxed and happy in the thermal waters?

(3 marks)

5. Describe the Fonte do Tinteiro fountain. Include **three** details

(3 marks)

6. **In your own words** explain what the writer feels while discovering this hidden place. Include **four** feelings.

(4 marks)

8. Tick if the following statements are true or false, according to the passage.

Statement	True	False
The thermal baths in North-West Spain are called Outariz and Burga de Canedo.		
The baths actually have six warm pools and three cold ones.		
The Chavasqueira thermal baths are waterlogged due to winter.		
The Ponte Romana is an ancient Roman bridge in Ourense's old town.		
The Fonte do Tineiro fountain stands alone.		

(5 marks)

9. Using **your own words**, explain what the writer means by each of the words below. They have also been underlined in the passage for your easy reference:

i. Thermal:

_____ (1 mark)

ii. Melting:

_____ (1 mark)

iii. Peaceful:

_____ (1 mark)

iv. Waterlogged:

_____ (1 mark)

v. Impressive:

_____ (1 mark)

vi. Charm:

_____ (1 mark)

11. Find a **word or phrase** from the last paragraph of the passage which suggests the same idea as the words below.

i. Olden: _____

ii. Murmurs: _____

(2 marks)

Section B: Usage

(43 marks)



1. Write **five** sentences describing what you see in the picture above.

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

(5 marks)

2. Write a paragraph (around 50 words) about a time when you visited a beautiful place.

You may write about the following:

- Where it was;
- What made it beautiful.

(8 marks)

3. Imagine you have been asked to write a visitor's guide to the Thermal Baths. Fill in the gaps to the sentences below which you will include in your guide.

The warm pools at the thermal baths are perfect for (to soak) _____ in relaxation.

While (to stroll) _____ along the grassy river bank, you'll enjoy the tranquillity.

Don't forget (to explore) _____ the ancient Roman bridge during your visit.

Visitors (to marvel) _____ at the majestic Alhambra in Granada.

Before leaving, make sure (to rinse) _____ your mouth with warm water from the blue fountain.

As you (to feel) _____ the gentle warmth of the Fonte do Tinteiro, fountain, you imagine the cormorants by the river.

(6 marks)

5. Write the questions to the following answers like in the example:

e.g. The place is very different.

What makes the place special?

a) A curved metal bridge connects the warm and cold pools.

b) What makes these baths special is that they are free to use.

c) The riverbank is full of trees and flowers.

d) On the way back, you see thermal baths and an impressive Roman bridge.

e) Yes, the baths are still special.

f) The town has cobblestoned streets.

(12 marks)

6. Read each sentence carefully. Identify any errors in grammar, punctuation, or word usage. Correct the sentences by rewriting them accurately.

e.g. The cat chased it's tail around and around.

The cat chased **its** tail around and around.

a) She enjoy play soccer with her friends after school.

b) The book on the shelf is mine, but the one on the table are yours.

c) We was going to the park when it started raining.

d) He don't like vegetables, but he does like fruits.

e) My sister and me are going to the cinema tonight.

f) The teacher said that we should to study harder for the test.

g) The dog wagged it's tail happily when it saw its owner.

h) She want to visit the museum and the zoo during the school holidays.

i) The children played in the park, and then they ate ice cream.

(9 marks)

Section C: Writing Task

(25 marks)



Write about a time when you found a hidden space in your home.

Write around 200 words.

- Explain where it was
- Describe what was inside
- Make sure you include your feelings about your experience.

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- This is the end of the examination –