

October 2008

# Teacher Support Programme Mexico 2008

## Seminars in October & November

25 Oct - **Preparing for TKT** – Mérida

15 Nov – **TKT: Module 3** – Cd. de México

### Focus on FCE – Paper 2: Writing

1 hour 20 minutes

The updated FCE Writing paper has two parts:

- **Part 1** (Question 1) is a compulsory task; candidates are asked to write either an email or a letter.
- **In Part 2** (Questions 2 – 5) candidates have a choice of tasks: an article, an essay, a letter, a report, a review or a story. Question 5 has one task on each of the two set texts.

Candidates should write between 120 – 150 words for the first task and 120 – 180 words for their chosen Part 2 question.

Candidates write their answers in a question-paper booklet. When candidates come to answer a question in the FCE Writing paper, they need to ensure that they read the question carefully so that they are clear about who they are writing to (the target reader) and what they hope to achieve (the purpose) before beginning to plan their work. Allowing time to check and correct answers is an important skill for candidates to develop, so that their answers communicate coherently and accurately.

Set texts for the period December 2008 – December 2009 are:

- *Charles Dickens*, *Great Expectations*
- *Gaston Leroux*, *The Phantom of the Opera*



### ICFE - International Certificate in Financial English

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A group of financial professionals were awarded the first **ICFE** certificates in Mexico during a cocktail reception held in collaboration with International House on August 28<sup>th</sup> in Mexico City. The certificates were awarded by Armando Nuricumbo, Presidente de la Comisión de Asuntos Internacionales del Instituto Mexicano de Contadores Públicos (IMCP), and Isabel Suárez, Gerente de Talento y Educación de IBM de México. Congratulations to our first ICFE generation!



### TKT CLIL and TKT KAL - Two new modules of the Teaching Knowledge Test

#### TKT: Content and Language Integrated Learning and TKT: Knowledge About Language

become available this month. CLIL describes an approach to teaching where subjects are taught and studied through the medium of a foreign language, eg students learn Science, Geography, etc. in English. The global need for language learning, particularly for English, means the potential for CLIL as a teaching tool is enormous.

**TKT: Knowledge About Language** is a test of a candidate's knowledge of the structures of the English language, the concepts behind language teaching theory, and the framework and terminology used in teaching English. TKT: Knowledge About Language will be of benefit to any teachers working with language learning.

For information on fees and dates, contact your nearest centre.



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