Test Tips

IDAT: The International Diagnostic & Admissions Test tests students on what they have studied and should know. Unlike some other scholarship tests, which test students on materials in curricula above their current stage of study, the IDAT tests students at their current level of study.

Tintern Scholarship criteria is available on their website. Tintern is looking for academic excellence, leadership, general excellence, achievement, involvement and engagement. Remember these qualities when taking the test, as these are the skills that are the most important. Try to incorporate this into your answers and thoughts for the test.

Advice for Test Takers

- Read the instructions – Carefully! This is especially true for the written test.
- The written test will be conducted using a keyboard. Just like handwriting, you need to self-edit for punctuation, capitalisation and complete sentences.   We advise students to practice typing and editing their own work before the test.
- Look at the timer and question count. It is on the left side of the screen. Practice writing to a timer.
- Go to the website. There's a lot of free information there. Check what you will be tested on for Science & Technology in the Global Knowledge curriculum.
- Do not practice or worry about the Speaking Test – this is not for Tintern Students.
- Practice tests are not necessary – but if you do them, they are for format only. Become familiar with the format, but not the actual questions.
- During the test, you must select an answer to move to the next question and you cannot go back to a question after you have moved on.
- The science and technology topics are general knowledge questions form the classroom you should know from your studies.
- Sign up early and get a good slot that fits your study-peak performance times.
- You can study, but do not cram. Proficiency is a skill and rote memorisation is not required.
- Have a tutor or parent look over your writing practice. See if they can give you advice to edit better and meet the text type brief.

Preparing for the test

Section	Advice
Grammar/Punctuation	Say it out loud to yourself, does it sound correct? Review the curriculum for your age/stage of study to know what grammar and punctuation you will be asked to know.
Vocabulary/Spelling	Look at vocabulary lists in searches online that pertain to your grade/year of study.
Reading	Pay attention to the clock. Look at similar answers twice to review and make sure you have chosen correctly.
Writing	Review the text types and pay attention to them: Review and edit your work Make sure you meet the length suggestions. Look at the timer!
Mathematics	Use paper provided or calculator if it appears Review your work before selecting an answer Look at the curriculum online to know what maths you will be asked.
Logic	Look at the curriculum online to know what logic type of questions you will be asked.
Character	Prepare online. This is a self-assessment. Be honest!
Critical Thinking	This is asked as multiple choice and incorporated into your writing answers. For the multiple choice, be sure to read the questions carefully. Then re-read before you submit your answers. It helps to take notes. It is important that you show your personality, individual thoughts and point of view in your writing tasks to get top marks for Critical Thinking.

Test Procedures:

- You must practice the IDAT Secure 360 set up
- Make sure the room you are in is quiet and free of distractions
- USE the IDAT app to access the test.
- Do not use wireless headsets/microphones unless fully charged.
- Use the chat box if you have problems or difficulties
- Do not move away from the test window
- Take the 5-minute break at the end of English
- Make sure your keyboard language is set to English.
- Close all other windows on your computer
- If you accidently close the window, go back to the app and re-enter you code. You will start where you left off.

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