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Speaking Test

Sample Question Paper



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There are **three** parts to the speaking test; in **Part 1**, you will have an **Interview**. This will include questions from the sections below:

- all candidates will be asked questions from **Section 1**;
- people in work will be asked questions from **Section 2**;
- students will be asked questions from **Section 3**;
- all candidates will then be asked questions from **one** of the **Sections 4 - 7**.

This part will last approximately **four** minutes.

PART 1	Interview
Section 1	Introduction
In this part you will be asked questions about your self, where you live and where you study or work.	
Section 2	Current work
In this part you will be asked more details about what you do in your job.	
Section 3	Current studies
In this part you will be asked more details about your studies.	
Section 4	Travel
In this part you will be asked about places you have visited.	
Section 5	Language learning
In this part you will be asked about your experiences of studying English.	
Section 6	Future career prospects
In this part you will be asked about your future career development.	
Section 7	Interests
In this part you will be asked about your hobbies and interests.	

In **Part 2** of the test you will be asked to give a short presentation on one of three topics. According to your work experience, the topics may be on general work, technical work, or study.

This part will last approximately **four** minutes.

PART 2 Presentation

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all THREE topics below carefully.

Choose **ONE** which you feel you will be able to talk about for one minute.

You have one minute to read and prepare your talk.
You may take notes.

Topic A

Describe an important business meeting you attended.

You should say:

- where it was;
- what it was about;
- why it was important.

What were the most interesting moments?

Topic B

Describe someone you particularly enjoy working with.

You should say:

- what this person does;
- what sort of work you do with this person;
- why you like working with this person.

Would you change anything about this person? Give reasons for your answer.

Topic C

Describe the best workplace you have ever had.

You should say:

- where the workplace was;
- what you were doing there;
- why you liked to work there.

Would you change anything about it? Give reasons for your answer.

In **Part 3** of the test you will be asked to take part in a communicative activity with the examiner which is made up of an information exchange and a discussion. According to your work experience, this activity may be on a general work, technical work, or study topic.

This part will last approximately **four** minutes.

PART 3 Communicative Activity

Conference arrangements

You have one minute to read through this task.

Information Exchange

You are making the arrangements for a one-day conference at a local hotel. The Examiner is the Conference Organiser for the hotel and is visiting you to discuss the conference.

Find out this information

- i) the size of the largest conference room
- ii) the cost for that room
- iii) equipment available

Do you think the hotel is offering you a good service for the price it is charging?

Discussion

Now discuss this topic with the Examiner:

What makes a successful conference?