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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE / BUSINESS EXAMS FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

First Step Plus Level Guidelines for teachers / Instructions for examiners

Procedure

The AES First Step Speaking Test consists of two Core Tasks. An optional third task may be added at the examiner's discretion, depending on the candidate's performance during the first two parts. The test should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. It is conducted by you, the external examiner, with procedural help from an usher, when needed.

The Speaking Test comprises 25% of the total score for the entire examination.

Participants: candidate(s) (a maximum of 3 students per interview); examiner; usher, if desired.

Materials needed

Core Task 2: a set of pictures with a large number of items to point at. All the items must be part of the *vocabulary list* for this level.

Conducting the test

Core Task 1: 2 minutes per candidate.

The examiner welcomes and reassures the students. The examiner encourages the students to talk about some of the following topics.

name	age
family	pets
friends	

Core Task 2: 3 minutes per candidate.

The examiner has several pictures facing down on the table. The students pick one each.

Core task 2A: 1 minute per candidate.

The examiner names a few *number + colour + object* combinations (e.g. two blue books) for the candidates to point at.

Core Task 2B: 1 minute per candidate.

The examiner points to some *number + colour + object* combinations for the candidates to name.

Core task 2C: 1 minute per candidate.

The examiner asks questions about some of the items in the picture.

Task 3 (optional): 1 minute.

This task should be simultaneously conducted with both/ all candidates. The object of this part is to give weaker students the opportunity to get a higher score. At this stage, be ready to allocate bonus points for signs of successful production of the Target Language. Tasks may include one / two of the following:

songs	chants
rhymes	short poems

When the test is over, thank the candidates and say "well done".