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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE / BUSINESS EXAMS FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Intermediate Level

Guidelines for teachers / Instructions for examiners

Procedure

The AES Intermediate Speaking Test consists of three Core Tasks. The test should take approximately 16 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: 2 candidates per interview; examiner; usher, if desired.

Materials needed

Core Task 1:

List of 10 discussion topics for Intermediate level.

Core Task 2:

2 sets of pictures to be rearranged in an appropriate sequence so that both outcomes account for 2 successfully accomplished stories.

Core Task 3:

One role card for either candidate on which there are a few sentences describing the candidate's role. The examiner is also attributed a minor role in order to be able to control or influence the role play, if necessary.

Conducting the test

Core Task 1A: 3 minutes in total.

The examiner welcomes and reassures the candidates. They are then encouraged to ask each other questions to elicit as much information about each other as possible. At an appropriate point, the examiner may stop the candidates and start prompting him/herself.

Core Task 1B: 4 minutes in total.

The examiner asks the candidates to choose a number each, between 1 and 10. After the candidates have picked their numbers, the examiner shows them the list of topics for Intermediate level and gives them 30/45 seconds to think about their chosen topic. Then the examiner invites them, in turn, to speak.

List of possible "Topics of discussion"

- The importance of learning English.
- My ideal party.
- My ideal holiday destination.
- What three things would you do if you won the lottery?
- Chatting on the Internet. Advantages and disadvantages.
- The future of my country.

The object of this part is to let the candidates speak uninterrupted for 1 minute each, after which the examiner will stimulate debate with one candidate at a time. The debate should take no more than 1 minute.

Core Task 2: 5 minutes in total.

The examiner gives candidate A a sequence of pictures to rearrange. The candidate should first decide on an appropriate sequence and then tell the story in the past. The examiner may provide the candidate with the beginning of the story. The same procedure is then repeated with candidate B.

Alternatively, the examiner may give both candidates the same sequence of pictures for them to rearrange together

Core Task 3: 4 minutes in total.

Both candidates are given a role-card. The examiner also gets one him/herself, though his/her role is minor compared to those of both candidates. The candidates are given 30 seconds to read their role-cards and clarify anything they don't understand. Then the interaction should begin.

Stay cheerful and encouraging, and when the test is over, thank the students and say "well done".