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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE / BUSINESS EXAMS FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Preliminary Plus Level

Guidelines for teachers / Instructions for examiners

Procedure

The AES Preliminary Speaking Test consists of three Core Tasks. The test should take approximately 14 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 2:

A set of 4 / 5 pictures showing one simple sequence story each. Each story must be broken down into sequences, which must be presented in chronological order. The first sequence in every story must show a definite past time expression followed by ellipsis (...).

Core Task 3:

2 pictures of one of the characters from every sequence story. Each character must also show different information gaps and question prompts.

Conducting the test

Core Task 1: 2 minutes per candidate.

The examiner welcomes and reassures the candidates. The examiner invites one candidate at a time to talk about him/ herself. At some point, the examiner stops the candidate and asks questions. It is at the examiner's discretion when to start prompting.

Core Task 2: 3 minutes per candidate.

The examiner has several pictures facing down on the table. The candidates have to choose one picture each. The examiner briefly sets the scene for candidate A's picture and asks him/her to continue the story in the past. When candidate A has finished, or when time is up, the examiner follows the same procedure with candidate B. The examiner may stop the candidate and start prompting when necessary.

Core task 3: 2 minute per candidate.

Information Gap Activity – The examiner gives both candidates the picture of the same character from one of the stories chosen for Task 2. This character displays

different information gaps about him/ herself. Both candidates should complete their grids by asking/ answering questions about the same character using the details/ question prompts given.

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