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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE / BUSINESS EXAMS FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

## **Pre-Intermediate Level**

### **Guidelines for teachers / Instructions for examiners**

#### **Procedure**

The AES Pre-Intermediate Speaking Test consists of three Core Tasks. 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: 2 candidates per interview; examiner; usher, if desired.

#### **Materials needed**

##### **Core Task 2:**

A set of thematically linked visual stimuli to establish a starting point for a simulated situation between both candidates.

##### **Core Task 3:**

A set of 2 pictures. Although both pictures will normally show two different situations, they will also share similarities with each other.

#### **Conducting the test**

##### **Core Task 1: 4 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 2: 5 minutes in total.**

First, the examiner gives the visual stimuli to both candidates. Second, the examiner explains what both candidates are expected to do / achieve. Third, the candidates are given a short time to examine the visual prompts. Last, the examiner allows the candidates to carry out the task, interfering only if necessary.

The task is a simulated situation where the candidates are asked, for example, to make and respond to suggestions, express preference, make recommendations and negotiate agreement or agree to disagree.

**Core task 3: 6 minutes per candidate.**

The examiner has a set of 2 pictures and gives one to each candidate.

**Task 3A: 2 minutes per candidate.**

After being given a short time to look at the pictures, the candidates, in turn, are then encouraged to talk about the setting and activities. The examiner will guide the candidates, if necessary.

**Task 3B: 2 minutes in total.**

The examiner now asks both candidates to discuss the differences as well as the similarities between both pictures. The candidates now carry out the task, with minimal intervention from the examiner.

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