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Speaking Test – November/ December 2005

Elementary Level

NOTE: This sample test frame will not be shown to the candidates.

Conducting the test

Core Task 1

2 minutes per candidate

The examiner welcomes and reassures the candidates. The examiner invites candidate A 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 begin prompting. The same interaction pattern is repeated with candidate B.

Suggested examiner's lines **in bold**:

Hello! My name's ... (examiner's name) and I'll be your examiner today. What are your names? (looking at both candidates in turn)

Thank you! Can I please have your ID cards and exam entry slips? ... Thank you.

The examiner checks FULL name and ID card numbers on entry lists/ exam entry slips, and amends, if necessary. The examiner returns ID cards and exam entry slips to both candidates.

For the first part of the test, (Candidate A), can you talk about yourself for about 1 minute, please? Tell us about your family, friends, job/ studies, your last holidays... You can start now.

When time elapses, **Thank you!**

The examiner now asks Candidate A 2/ 3 questions of a personal nature, connected with some of the issues raised above.

After about 1 minute, **(Candidate B), it's your turn now. Can you talk about yourself for about 1 minute, please? You can talk about your family, friends, job/ studies, your last holidays... Can you start now, please?**

When time elapses, **Thank you!**

The examiner now asks Candidate B 2/ 3 questions of a personal nature, connected with some of the issues raised above.

When time elapses, **Thank you!**

Some of the prompt questions above may include:

- **Why are you learning English?**
- **How long have you been a student of English?**
- **What would you like to do when you grow up/ in the next five years?**
- **How do you like spending your free time?**
- **Have you ever travelled abroad/ to another country?**

If the answer is "yes"...

- **What countries have you visited?**
- **What did you like about those countries?**

If the answer is "no"...

- **Would you like to visit any other countries?**
- **What countries would you like to visit, and why?**
- **How did you spend last weekend?**

Core Task 2

6 minutes in total

For this task the two candidates must interact with each other. The examiner gives candidate A a prompt card to encourage him/her to ask candidate B questions of a personal / non-personal nature. Candidate B is given an answer card. He/She is expected to give appropriate answers with reference to his/her answer card.

The examiner stops the interaction after all the questions have been asked and answered. A different set of prompt cards is then given to both candidates, so that candidate B can now ask questions and candidate A can answer them.

For the second part of the test, you're going to ask and answer each other questions about a set of pictures.

The examiner places the first picture on the table, in front of the candidates (**ref. pic.:** family in lounge – burglars in the background; **ref. num.:** Elem1A). Now the examiner gives both candidates their rolecards (**ref. rolecard.:** questions & answers; **ref. num.:** Elem1B+C)

(Candidate A), the questions are NOT complete, so you have to COMPLETE them. (Candidate B), you can use the short answers you have, or, if you want to, you can give a full answer.

Now (Candidate A), can you ask (Candidate B) question 1, please?

Interaction starts...

The examiner repeats same interaction pattern for Candidate B...

When interaction comes to an end, **Thank you!**

Core task 3 **2 and a half minutes per candidate**

The examiner/ candidate chooses a discussion topic from the list, and candidate A is prompted to talk about it. As for Task 1, it is at the examiner's discretion when to stop the candidate and start prompting. The same interaction pattern is repeated with candidate B.

List of possible "Topics for Discussion":

Tell me about...

- The best party you've ever been to.
- The best present you've ever got.
- A typical family holiday.
- The happiest day of your life.
- Your plans for the future.

I'd like you to describe...

- One of your friends.
- Your house.
- Your school.

- Your favourite video game.
- Your favourite weekend activities.

For the last part of the test, you are going to talk about a topic you are going to choose. First you have to choose a number between 1 and 10.

(Candidate B), between 1 and 10, what number would you like?

Thank you!

(Candidate A), now it's your turn. Between 1 and 10, what number would you like, except (Candidate B)'s number?

Thank you!

(Candidate B), you now have to talk about the following:

The examiner reads out the selected topic from the list of discussion topics and asks Candidate B: **Would you like me to repeat that?**

Optional second reading...

(Candidate B), you can start now.

The examiner stops Candidate B when (s)he considers appropriate and starts prompting.

Thank you!

The examiner now asks Candidate B one question related to his/ her presentation. This interaction mustn't take any longer than 1 ½ minute.

When time elapses, **Thank you!**

The examiner now repeats the same procedure with Candidate A.

Thank you! That is the end of the test. Well done!