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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE / BUSINESS EXAMS FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Speaking Test – November/ December 2005

Intermediate Level

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

Conducting the test

Core Task 1

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 discussion 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.	What three things would you do if you won the lottery?
My ideal party.	Chatting on the Internet. Advantages and disadvantages.
My ideal holiday destination.	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.

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

Now you are going to have a conversation together, where you'll have to ask and answer some questions. I'd like you to imagine you are both at a party now, and that you don't know each other. Talk about the kind of music you like, your job/ studies, whether you like the party, and who invited you to this party. You may also talk about other areas you find appropriate to include in such a situation. You have about 2 minutes for this, so don't worry if I interrupt you.

After 2 minutes, **thank you!**

Let me now ask you some questions. (Candidate A), can you tell us about the last party you went to? Did you have a good time?

(Candidate A's answer)

Thank you!

(Candidate B), **do you like going to big parties where there are lots of people, or do you prefer small parties with only your closest friends?**

(Candidate B's answer)

Thank you!

For the next part of the test, you are each going to talk for one minute. First you need to choose a number between 1 and 10, and this will be your chosen topic.

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

(Candidate B's answer)

Thank you!

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

(Candidate A's answer)

Thank you!

(Candidate B), **you now have 1 minute to discuss the following topic.**

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

Optional second reading...

You now have 30 seconds to think about what you are going to say.

After 30 seconds, **(Candidate B), you can start now.**

The examiner times Candidate B's presentation and stops the candidate when time elapses.

Thank you!

The examiner now asks Candidate B one question related to his/ her presentation. This interaction should not last more than 1 minute.

When time elapses, **Thank you!**

The examiner repeats the same procedure with Candidate A.

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.

For the next part of the test, you are going to work together so as to rearrange these pictures in order to produce a story. The examiner places pictures on the table, in front of the candidates (**ref. pic.:** lion and hunter; **ref. num.:** Int1).

Could you please speak loudly enough for me to hear you both while you decide on the correct order of the story? You have a maximum of 2 minutes for this. You can start now.

After a maximum of 2 minutes, **Thank you!**

Now I'll give you a beginning and I'd like you to tell me the rest of the story from where I stop.

(Candidate A), one cloudy morning last April..., (The examiner makes gestures to signal the beginning of Candidate A's presentation and the candidate starts talking)

Before Candidate A goes on to picture 4, **thank you! (Candidate B), can you continue the story from where (Candidate A) stopped please?**

When Candidate B finishes the story, **thank you!**

Core Task 3
4 minutes in total

Both candidates are given a role-card each. 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.

For the last part of the test, the 3 of us are going to have a conversation together. Here you have your rolecards (The examiner gives both candidates their rolecards – **ref. rolecard.:** foreign student in town; **ref. num.:** Int2).

You now have 45 seconds to read your rolecards. Start now please.

When time elapses, **have you got any questions?**

The examiners answers accordingly.

OK, we can start now.

The main role of the examiner in this task is to guide the candidates throughout the conversation and prompt, when necessary.

After 2 and ½ minutes, **I'm afraid we have to stop now. Thank you! That is the end of the test. Goodbye!**