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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE / BUSINESS EXAMS FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Speaking Test – November/ December 2005

Preliminary Plus

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 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.

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 entry slips? ... Thank you. Examiner checks FULL name and ID card number on entry lists/ exam entry slips, and amends, if necessary. Examiner returns ID cards and 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 me about your family, friends, job/ studies, free-time activities... 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, free-time activities... 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:

- **What are you going to do this summer?**
- **What do you like doing in the summer?**
- **What's your favourite part of the year? Why?**
- **Why are you learning English?**
- **What did you do last weekend?**
- **What are you going to do next weekend?**
- **What do you like about your school/ job?**

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.

The examiner places the previously selected picture in front of the candidates, on the table. (ref. pic.: **man trying to steal radio from shop**; ref. num.: **Prel1A**)

Here's the story of Mr Smith (the examiner points to Mr Smith), and what happened to him last Wednesday. You now have to continue the story from where I stop.

Last Wednesday Mr Smith went...

(Candidate B), can you continue, please?

After Candidate B has completed 3 pictures, **(Candidate A), What happened then?** (The examiner makes gestures to signal the beginning of Candidate A's portion of the story).

When Candidate A finishes the story, **Thank you both!**

Should either or both candidates not say enough, or the level of the interaction be kept below standard, the examiner must then start prompting accordingly.

Examples of prompt questions may include:

- **What did the shop sell?**
- **Where in the shop was the radio?**
- **What colour was the radio?**
- **Did Mr Smith put the radio in a white bag?**
- **When did the shop-assistant hear the radio?**
- **Where did the policeman catch Mr Smith?**

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.

Now you're going to ask each other questions about the story.

The story must be left on the table, in front of the candidates. The examiner gives the candidates their rolecards.

The questions and answers are NOT complete, so you have to COMPLETE them.

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!**

That is the end of the test. Well done! Thank you! Happy holidays. Bye bye then!