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**The information in this document is confidential and must NOT reach candidates either directly or indirectly.**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- This booklet contains:
  - (a) administrative guidance on conducting the tests
  - (b) marking criteria
  - (c) copies of assessments A–J with notes for the teacher/examiner.

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## PREPARATION IN ADVANCE OF THE SPEAKING TESTS

- Centres must ensure well in advance of the tests that a suitably quiet room is available, and that recording equipment is in good order.
- Centres receive a set of Speaking Assessment cards with this set of Teacher's/Examiner's Notes. These cards **must not be opened** until one working day before the test. Both the cards and the notes must remain confidential and must be kept in a secure place by the centre until the end of the examination period.

## ON THE DAY OF THE SPEAKING TESTS

- All tests must be recorded in full throughout. The recording must not be paused or stopped at any point during the test.
- The Speaking test must be conducted in English throughout.
- The Speaking tests must take place in a suitable examination room under exam conditions. Adequate supervision must be provided to ensure that candidates leaving the examination room do not communicate with those waiting to enter.
- No other person should be present during the Speaking test, with the exception of another teacher/examiner, moderator or representative of Cambridge International.
- The examiner, and not the candidate, selects one of the Speaking Assessment cards before the candidate enters the examination room.
- Candidates cannot bring any notes into the examination room. They are not allowed to consult dictionaries or make any written notes.
- Candidates are allowed to ask for clarification if necessary at any point during the test.
- The examiner should be positioned so that he or she is facing the candidate with a table or desk in between. The examiner must not allow candidates to see notes made by the examiner.

## RECORDING THE TESTS

Before the start of the Speaking test session, centres must make sure their recording equipment is in good working order by testing the equipment in the room where the Speaking tests will take place. Check audibility levels to avoid adjusting the volume during the Speaking test and ensure there is no extraneous noise in the examination room. Checks for audibility should continue throughout the Speaking test session.

Once the Speaking test has begun, the recording must run without interruption. Each recording should begin with a clear statement by the examiner as follows:

Examiner name: [e.g.] *Ms Z Abced*  
Candidate number: [e.g.] *0021*  
Candidate name: [e.g.] *Abdi Zachariah*  
Date: [e.g.] *1 October 2025*.

At the end of the recording the examiner should state clearly 'end of recording'.

Before the recordings are submitted, spot checks must be made to ensure that every candidate is clearly audible. Each track should be renamed, giving the candidate number and name, rather than 'track 1', 'track 2', etc. A separate audio track is required for each candidate.

## CONDUCTING THE SPEAKING TEST

Refer to the Speaking Assessments on pages 10–29 for details of the tests. The Speaking tests should proceed as follows:

Task	Duration	Task focus
<b>Introduction</b>	Approximately 1 minute	Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date. Welcome the candidate and read out the examiner script.  <b>This part is <u>not</u> assessed.</b>
<b>Warm-up</b>	Approximately 1–2 minutes	Use the warm-up to put the candidate at ease by conducting a short conversation using the questions provided.  <b>This part is <u>not</u> assessed.</b>
<b>Part 1: Interview</b>	Approximately 2–3 minutes	Tell the candidate the topic for this part by reading out the examiner script. Conduct a short interview with the candidate by asking the questions provided on this topic.  <b>This part is assessed.</b>
<b>Part 2: Short talk</b>	Approximately 3–4 minutes, including 1 minute of preparation time	<u>Preparation period for short talk</u> Read out the examiner script and give the Speaking Assessment card to the candidate. The candidate has up to 1 minute to read the card and prepare for the talk. Candidates are not allowed to make any written notes.  <u>Short talk</u> The candidate talks on their own about the topic on the card. The candidate can keep the card until the end of the short talk.  <b>This part is assessed.</b>
<b>Part 3: Discussion</b>	Approximately 3–4 minutes	Read out the examiner script and conduct a discussion using the questions related to the topic in Part 2.  <b>This part is assessed.</b>

The total duration of the Speaking test, from the beginning of the introduction to the end of Part 3, should be 10–15 minutes and recorded in full.

### Additional instructions on conducting Part 2 of the test

If the candidate has not started speaking after approximately 15 seconds, prompt the candidate by reading the following script:

Examiner script: *Are you ready to start talking about the points on the card?*

If the candidate has still not responded after another 5 seconds, prompt the candidate again by reading the following:

Examiner script: *Would you like to tell me about the options on the card?*

If the candidate still does not start, move on to Part 3 of the test by saying the following:

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

If the candidate has started speaking but then appears to be unable to continue, ask the following before moving on to Part 3 of the test:

Examiner script: *Is there anything else you would like to say? Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

### Additional instructions on conducting Part 1 and Part 3 of the test

To elicit further discussion before moving on to another question, use any of the following:

Examiner script:

- *Can you tell me more about ...?*
- *Can you tell me why ...?*
- *Can you explain what you mean ...?*
- *Can you give me any examples of ...?*

If the candidate has very little to say in response to a question after being prompted, move on to the next one.

### General advice

- 1 To conduct Speaking tests effectively:
  - try to put candidates at their ease from the beginning (smiling as they enter the room, indicating where they should sit) while maintaining a clear sense that the Speaking test is being conducted in a formal examination situation
  - be sensitive to candidates' circumstances when selecting the card. If you become aware during the warm-up that a topic may be inappropriate for the candidate in question, consider selecting another card
  - show interest in candidates' responses
  - encourage candidates to develop their responses by using additional questions.

Please avoid:

- distracting candidates
- interrupting with your own views or correcting mistakes
- showing impatience or too much surprise
- giving the impression that there are 'right' answers to questions or that the test is a test of knowledge
- indicating how well the candidate has performed by using phrases such as 'well done' or 'that was very good'.

2 Please consider the following when marking:

**Be objective.** Do not allow any knowledge of a candidate's personality and attributes to influence objective assessment. For example, knowledge that a candidate is very conscientious should not be taken into account when assessing his or her Speaking test. If the candidate's performance is affected because he or she faces difficult circumstances or personal problems at the time of the test, this should be dealt with by an exams officer via special considerations procedures. Examiners must not make any separate allowance themselves.

**Be positive.** Marking the test should be seen as giving credit for what candidates can do, not penalising them for what they cannot do. This does not mean that matters of inaccuracy in, for example, grammar and pronunciation are to be overlooked, but is a reminder that a Speaking test is intended to credit positive achievement. Remember that it is not necessary for a candidate to be of first language speaker standard to be given maximum marks within any single category.

**Be consistent.** It is important that the marking criteria are applied in the same way for all the candidates at the centre so that a reliable rank order for the centre is obtained.

## **AFTER COMPLETING ALL THE SPEAKING TESTS AT THE CENTRE**

- If using more than one examiner, internal moderation must be carried out by the centre so that a common standard is applied to all candidates. Further guidance on carrying out internal moderation at the centre is available in the *Cambridge Handbook* and on the Cambridge International website.
- Refer to the *Cambridge Handbook* for detailed instructions on submitting marks and recordings. You should keep a copy of each Speaking test. If any of the recordings submitted to Cambridge International is inaudible or faulty in any way, you may be asked to provide a replacement.

## MARKING CRITERIA

The marking criteria must be applied consistently to all three parts of the test, resulting in an overall mark for each of the four criteria.

Level	Grammar	Vocabulary	Development	Pronunciation	Marks
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a range of simple and complex structures used</li> <li>structures are used mostly accurately; errors are rare and do not impede understanding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a wide range of vocabulary used precisely to discuss a variety of ideas, facts and opinions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>responses are relevant and consistently well developed</li> <li>communication is maintained with ease</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pronunciation is clear</li> <li>intonation is frequently used effectively to convey intended meaning</li> </ul>	9–10
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a range of simple structures used; complex structures are attempted</li> <li>simple structures are used mostly accurately; errors often occur when attempting to use more complex structures but these do not impede understanding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a sufficient range of vocabulary used appropriately to discuss a variety of ideas, facts and opinions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>responses are relevant and mostly developed</li> <li>communication is maintained with occasional support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pronunciation is mostly clear; inaccuracies do not impede communication</li> <li>intonation is sometimes used effectively to convey intended meaning</li> </ul>	7–8
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a range of simple structures used; complex structures occasionally attempted</li> <li>simple structures may not be used accurately; errors may impede understanding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a range of vocabulary used mostly appropriately to discuss simple ideas, facts and opinions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>responses are relevant with attempts at development</li> <li>communication is maintained but with frequent support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pronunciation is mostly clear; inaccuracies occasionally impede communication</li> <li>intonation is rarely used effectively to convey intended meaning</li> </ul>	5–6
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a limited range of only simple structures used</li> <li>structures rarely used accurately; errors frequently impede understanding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a limited range of vocabulary used to discuss basic facts and opinions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>responses are mostly relevant but limited</li> <li>communication may not always be maintained even with frequent support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pronunciation is frequently unclear; inaccuracies often impede communication</li> <li>intonation is not used effectively to convey intended meaning</li> </ul>	3–4
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>response limited to widely spaced single words or short phrases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>insufficient vocabulary to convey the most basic facts and opinions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>responses are brief and infrequent</li> <li>communication is not achieved even with frequent support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pronunciation is unclear and impedes communication</li> <li>intonation is not a feature</li> </ul>	1–2
0	No creditable response.	No creditable response.	No creditable response.	No creditable response.	0



## SPEAKING ASSESSMENT A

### Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date. Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

### Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What is your favourite food?
- What kind of music do you enjoy listening to?
- How do you travel to school every day?

### Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **achievements**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

#### **Achievements**

- Can you tell me what you would like to achieve in the future, and why?
- Can you tell me about something you achieved that you are proud of?
- Do you think that money is the best reward for doing something well? Why? Why not?

**Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)**

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **TV series**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

**TV series**

A new TV series is coming out soon. There are eight episodes and each episode is an hour long. You would like to watch the series and are considering the following options:

- watching all episodes in one day with a friend
- watching one episode every day for eight days on your own.

**Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.**

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

**Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)**

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Is watching television more enjoyable than reading a book? Why? Why not?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a TV star?
- Some people say that watching a film at home is better than watching it at the cinema. What do you think?
- Do you think that people should read film reviews before deciding what to watch? Why? Why not?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

## SPEAKING ASSESSMENT B

### Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date. Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

### Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What kind of films do you like watching?
- What subject do you most enjoy at school?
- What did you do during your last holiday?

### Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **advertisements**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

#### **Advertisements**

- Can you tell me about an advertisement that you saw or heard recently?
- Can you tell me about something that you bought because you saw it advertised?
- Do you think there is too much advertising online? Why? Why not?

**Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)**

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Joining in**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

**Joining in**

You have moved to a new town and would like to make some new friends. You are considering the following options:

- joining a local youth club or a sports team in the neighbourhood
- joining a group of volunteers helping the local community.

**Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.**

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

**Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)**

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Do you think using social media is the best way to meet new people? Why? Why not?
- It is more enjoyable to spend free time on your own than with other people. Do you agree?
- Do you think that every team or group needs a leader? Why? Why not?
- People who live in the countryside are friendlier than people who live in cities. What do you think?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

## SPEAKING ASSESSMENT C

### Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date. Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

### Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- Can you tell me something about the area where you live?
- What subject do you most enjoy at school?
- What would you like to do during your next holiday?

### Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about a **typical day**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

#### **A typical day**

- Can you tell me about your typical day and what you usually do?
- Can you tell me about a day when you did something special?
- Do you think it is important to have a daily routine? Why? Why not?

**Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)**

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **The big match**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

**The big match**

Your favourite team is playing an important match. You would like to see it and are considering the following options:

- going to see the match live at the stadium
- watching the match at home on TV.

**Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.**

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

**Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)**

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Some people say that a match is only enjoyable if your team is winning. What is your opinion?
- Should sports stars be paid more than TV or film actors? Why? Why not?
- Are sportspeople the best role models for teenagers? Why? Why not?
- Do you think that sport brings people together? Why? Why not?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

**SPEAKING ASSESSMENT D****Introduction** (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date. Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

**Warm-up** (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What is your favourite sport?
- What did you do during your last holiday?
- How do you get to school every morning?

**Part 1 Interview** (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **food**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

**Food**

- Can you tell me about your favourite food, and why you like it?
- Can you tell me about a time when you ate a new dish, and what it was like?
- Do you think that fast food is always unhealthy? Why? Why not?

**Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)**

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Advice**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

**Advice**

You are thinking about your future career and need some advice. You are considering the following options:

- creating a post on social media to ask others for advice
- talking to family members to get advice.

**Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.**

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

**Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)**

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Is it better to ask others for advice or to try to solve problems on your own? Why? Why not?
- All students should have part-time jobs. Do you agree?
- In the future, everyone will have a virtual friend to give them advice. What do you think?
- Do you think young people prefer to spend their free time with family or with friends? Why? Why not?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

## SPEAKING ASSESSMENT E

### Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date. Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

### Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What kind of films do you enjoy watching?
- How do you get to school in the morning?
- What kind of job would you like to do in the future?

### Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **homes**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

#### **Homes**

- Can you tell me about your favourite room in your home?
- Can you tell me about a time when you visited someone in their home, and what happened?
- Do you think that everyone should have their own room at home? Why? Why not?

**Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)**

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Sharing experiences**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

**Sharing experiences**

You and your parents are going on a long holiday abroad. You would like to share your experiences with your grandparents. You are considering the following options:

- sending photos every day from your phone
- creating a video of the holiday to show them when you get home.

**Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.**

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

**Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)**

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Writing a diary is a better way of recording experiences than taking photos. Do you agree?
- Some people say that making videos on your phone during concerts should not be allowed. What is your opinion?
- Do you think that going on holiday with other people is more enjoyable than going on your own? Why? Why not?
- Why do you think some people enjoy sharing information on social media?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

## SPEAKING ASSESSMENT F

### Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date. Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

### Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What kind of music do you enjoy listening to?
- Can you tell me something about your family?
- What did you do during your last holiday?

### Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **actors**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

#### **Actors**

- Can you tell me about your favourite actor?
- Can you tell me about a film or play that you saw recently?
- Do you think that it is more important for an actor to be good-looking than to act well?

**Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)**

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Work**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

**Work**

You and your friends are discussing how to get a good job in the future. You are considering the following options:

- continuing to study after finishing university
- getting some work experience in different workplaces.

**Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.**

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

**Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)**

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Who should give young people advice about their future jobs, and why?
- Do you think that anyone can get their dream job if they just try hard enough? Why? Why not?
- Some people say that the most important thing about a job is the salary. What do you think?
- Do you think that in the future all jobs will be done by machines? Why? Why not?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

## SPEAKING ASSESSMENT G

### Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

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### Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- How do you get to school every day?
- What is your favourite food?
- What kind of music do you enjoy listening to?

### Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **teams**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

#### **Teams**

- Do you enjoy watching or playing team sports? Why? Why not?
- Can you tell me about a time when you worked on a group project at school, and what happened?
- Do you think it is always easy to work in a team? Why? Why not?

**Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)**

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Getting fit**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

**Getting fit**

You want to improve your physical fitness by doing more exercise. You are considering the following options:

- buying exercise equipment to use at home
- running outdoors every morning with friends.

**Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.**

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

**Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)**

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Getting more exercise is not the only way to improve your health. Do you agree?
- Do you think that keeping fit takes too much time? Why? Why not?
- Should everyone be able to use sports facilities free of charge? Why? Why not?
- Does watching sport motivate people to do more exercise? Why? Why not?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

## SPEAKING ASSESSMENT H

### Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

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### Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What is your favourite sport?
- How often do you go to the cinema?
- Can you tell me something about your family?

### Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **transport**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

#### **Transport**

- Can you tell me about your favourite type of transport, and why you like it?
- Can you tell me about a journey you made by train or bus, and what it was like?
- Do you think that people will stop travelling by car in the future? Why? Why not?

**Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)**

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Learning a practical skill**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

**Learning a practical skill**

You would like to learn a new practical skill such as making clothes or cooking. You are considering the following options:

- watching videos of people demonstrating this skill
- attending a course taught by an expert in this skill.

**Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.**

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

**Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)**

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Everyone should be able to cook and repair things. Do you agree?
- Do you think that anyone can become an expert at any skill if they practise a lot? Why? Why not?
- Is working as a chef at a restaurant a good job? Why? Why not?
- Why do you think people enjoy learning new things?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

## SPEAKING ASSESSMENT I

### Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

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### Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What do you enjoy doing after school?
- What is your favourite food?
- What did you do during your last holiday?

### Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **information**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

#### **Information**

- What are the best ways of finding information on different topics, and why?
- Can you tell me about a time when you had to find some information for a project or homework, and what happened?
- Do you think that everyone is interested in information about celebrities? Why? Why not?

**Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)**

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Meeting friends**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

**Meeting friends**

Your cousin is moving to your town and would like to meet your friends. To introduce your cousin to your friends, you are considering the following options:

- having a party at your house
- going on a trip to a theme park.

**Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.**

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

**Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)**

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Do you think it is important to have the same interests as your friends? Why? Why not?
- What are the benefits of having a lot of friends?
- Can people who only meet online become good friends? Why? Why not?
- Is spending free time on your own as enjoyable as spending it with family or friends? Why? Why not?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

## SPEAKING ASSESSMENT J

### Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

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### Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What is your favourite food?
- What do you enjoy doing after school?
- Where would you like to live in the future?

### Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **children**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

#### **Children**

- Can you tell me something about a child you know?
- Can you tell me what you enjoyed doing when you were a child?
- Do you think that children should have mobile phones? Why? Why not?

**Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)**

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Protecting the environment**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

**Protecting the environment**

You would like to do something to protect the environment. You are considering the following options:

- joining a team of volunteers to pick up litter in your neighbourhood
- persuading your family to recycle and reuse things.

**Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.**

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

**Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)**

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Do you think that everyone should do something to help the environment? Why? Why not?
- Some people believe that all countries must work together to protect the planet. What do you think?
- What are the benefits of working as a team?
- Why do people like spending time in nature?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*





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