



# **Advanced English Language Skills / English Language Framework Level 5**

## **Sample**

### **Speaking Examination**

**Note to Examiner:**

**The cards on the last page are to be copied, cut up and given to candidates in Part B of the examination.**

**Candidates are also to be given notepaper and a pencil in Part B.**

## Speaking

Candidates must answer ALL parts

The following is a script to be read aloud by the Examiner on the recording. Anything in square brackets [...] requires specific details to be added. The bold pieces of text are instructions to the Examiner that should not be read aloud.

**Begin the recording now.**

This is the English Language Framework speaking examination. The candidate is [candidates' full name] and the candidate's number is [candidate's NCC Education candidate number].

There are three parts to this examination. It is similar to the IELTS speaking examination, but shorter. Part A involves some questions about everyday topics. It will take about three minutes. In Part B, you will have to speak for up to two minutes about a topic. You will have one minute to prepare for this. In Part C, you have to answer some more general questions about the same topic as in Part B. Part C takes about three minutes.

**Begin timing three minutes for Part A now. Choose two or three of the following topics and ask all three questions from the chosen topics. Do not go over three minutes for this section. Choose a fourth topic only if the candidate finishes three topics in less than two minutes.**

### Part A

#### Topic 1

##### Your hometown

- 1 What is the most interesting area of your hometown?
- 2 Is your hometown a good place to live? Why (not)?
- 3 What is changing in your hometown?

#### Topic 2

##### Clothes

- 1 What kind of clothes do you usually wear? Why?
- 2 Do you like shopping for clothes? Why (not)?
- 3 Do you think you have too many clothes? Why (not)?

**Topic 3**  
**Mobile phones**

- 1 When did you last get a new phone?
- 2 Do you enjoy calling and texting by mobile phone? Why (not)?
- 3 Do you think you spend too much time using a mobile phone? Why (not)?

**Topic 4**  
**The weather**

- 1 What is your favourite type of weather? Why?
- 2 How does the weather change in your country?
- 3 Does the weather in your country cause any problems?

**Topic 5**  
**Food and drink**

- 1 Do you like cooking? Why (not)?
- 2 Who usually does the cooking where you live?
- 3 Do you think you eat a healthy diet? Why (not)?

## Part B

Now we're moving on to Part B. I am going to give you a card with a topic on. You have to speak about this topic for up to two minutes. I will tell you when the time is up. First, you have one minute to prepare. You can take notes if you wish. Here's a pencil and some notepaper.

**Pass the notepaper and a pencil to the candidate.**

**Choose one of the two cards and pass it to the candidate.**

Here is your topic. **Read the first sentence of the topic, starting 'Talk about...'**

Your one-minute preparation time begins now.

**Start timing one minute. At the end of this minute say:**

The preparation time is up. You can start speaking now.

**Start timing two minutes. If the candidate finishes considerably before one minute is up, say:**

You still have some time. Can you say some more?

**When the two minutes are up, or if the candidate finishes before this, say:**

OK. Can I take the pencil and paper and card back please?

**Take these back.**

## Part C

Now we're moving on to Part C. I will ask you some more general questions about this topic.

### Questions

- 1 Why is it important to get a good education in your country?
- 2 What do you think are the qualities needed to be a good teacher?
- 3 Is it better to study alone or with classmates?
- 4 Can technology help people study? How?
- 5 Should all schools have computers? Why (not)?
- 6 How do you think education in your country will change in the future?

**Cards for the candidates**

**The Examiner chooses one for each candidate and hands it to the candidate at the start of Part B**

**Card 1**

**You have one minute to think about the following topic. Then you should speak about it for two minutes.**

Describe a school which you have been to (or still go to).

When did you go/start there?

What did/do you study there?

How many people went/go there?

What did/do you like and dislike about it?

You can also give other information.

**Card 2**

**You have one minute to think about the following topic. Then you should speak about it for two minutes.**

A course or subject you have studied (or are still studying).

What was/is the course?

What was/is your opinion of the teacher?

What did/do you find most and least interesting about the course?

How many classmates did/do you have and did/do you work well with them?

You can also give other information.