



Developing English Language Skills / English Language Framework Level 4

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

Hometown

- 1 Do you live in a large or small town?
- 2 What are the advantages of living in your hometown?
- 3 What are the disadvantages?

Topic 2

Colours

- 1 Do you have a favourite colour?
- 2 How do different colours make you feel?
- 3 Are there any colours which you dislike?

Topic 3
Going out

- 1 Do you prefer going out or staying at home?
- 2 What do you do when you go out?
- 3 What do people in your country do when they go out?

Topic 4
Clothes

- 1 What kinds of clothes do you like best? Why?
- 2 Who usually buys your clothes? Why?
- 3 Is there any type of clothing which you dislike? Why?

Topic 5
Tourism

- 1 Do many tourists visit your country? Why (not)?
- 2 What places can tourists see in your country?
- 3 Do you enjoy being a tourist? 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 between one and 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 Do people in your country prefer to celebrate events with traditional food or fast food? Why?
- 2 Which kinds of celebrations are most popular in your country?
- 3 Why do you think celebrations and food are often connected?
- 4 Do you think too much money is spent on celebrations? Why (not)?
- 5 Do people in your country prefer to celebrate events in big or small groups?
- 6 How do you think celebrations 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 time when you have had a special meal.

What was the occasion?

What and where did you eat?

Who was with you?

What did you enjoy about the meal?

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.

Describe a celebration which you have been to.

What was the occasion?

How was the event celebrated?

Who was with you?

What did you enjoy about the celebration?

You can also give other information.