



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.