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SPEAKING

PART 1

The examiner asks the candidate about him/herself, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics.

EXAMPLE

Food and cooking

- What sorts of food do you like eating most? [Why?]
- Who normally does the cooking in your home? [Why/Why not?]
- Do you watch cookery programmes on TV? [Why/Why not?]
- In general, do you prefer eating out or eating at home? [Why?]

PART 2

Describe a house/apartment that someone you know lives in.

You should say:

whose house/apartment this is
where the house/apartment is
what it looks like inside
and explain what you like or dislike about this person's house/apartment.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes.
You have one minute to think about what you are going to say.
You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Different types of home

Example questions:

- What kinds of home are most popular in your country? Why is this?
- What do you think are the advantages of living in a house rather than an apartment?
- Do you think that everyone would like to live in a larger home? Why is that?

Finding a place to live

Example questions:

- How easy is it to find a place to live in your country?
- Do you think it's better to rent or to buy a place to live in? Why?
- Do you agree that there is a right age for young adults to stop living with their parents? Why is that?

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Friends

- How often do you go out with friends? [Why/Why not?]
- Tell me about your best friend at school.
- How friendly are you with your neighbours? [Why/Why not?]
- Which is more important to you, friends or family? [Why?]

PART 2

Describe a writer you would like to meet.

You should say:

who the writer is

what you know about this writer already

what you would like to find out about

him/her

and explain why you would like to meet this writer.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes.

You have one minute to think about what you are going to say.

You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Reading and children

Example questions:

What kinds of book are most popular with children in your country? Why do you think that is?

Why do you think some children do not read books very often?

How do you think children can be encouraged to read more?

Reading for different purposes

Example questions:

Are there any occasions when reading at speed is a useful skill to have? What are they?

Are there any jobs where people need to read a lot? What are they?

Do you think that reading novels is more interesting than reading factual books?

Why is that?

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EXAMPLE**Photographs**

- What type of photos do you like taking? [Why/Why not?]
- What do you do with photos you take? [Why/Why not?]
- When you visit other places, do you take photos or buy postcards? [Why/Why not?]
- Do you like people taking photos of you? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

Describe a day when you thought the weather was perfect.

You should say:

where you were on this day
what the weather was like on this day
what you did during the day
and explain why you thought the weather was perfect on this day.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

PART 3**Discussion topics:****Types of weather****Example questions:**

What types of weather do people in your country dislike most? Why is that?

What jobs can be affected by different weather conditions? Why?

Are there any important festivals in your country that celebrate a season or type of weather?

Weather forecasts**Example questions:**

How important do you think it is for everyone to check what the next day's weather will be? Why?

What is the best way to get accurate information about the weather?

How easy or difficult is it to predict the weather in your country? Why is that?

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EXAMPLE

Names

- How did your parents choose your name(s)?
- Does your name have any special meaning?
- Is your name common or unusual in your country?
- If you could change your name, would you? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

Describe a TV documentary you watched that was particularly interesting.

You should say:

what the documentary was about
why you decided to watch it
what you learnt during the documentary
and explain why the TV documentary was particularly interesting.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Different types of TV programmes

Example questions:

- What are the most popular kinds of TV programmes in your country? Why is this?
- Do you think there are too many game shows on TV nowadays? Why?
- Do you think TV is the main way for people to get the news in your country? What other ways are there?

TV advertising

Example questions:

- What types of products are advertised most often on TV?
- Do you think that people pay attention to adverts on TV? Why do you think that is?
- How important are regulations on TV advertising?