

SPEAKING

PART 1

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

EXAMPLE

Friends

- Are your friends mostly your age or different ages? [Why?]
- Do you usually see your friends during the week or at weekends? [Why?]
- The last time you saw your friends, what did you do together?
- In what ways are your friends important to you?

PART 2

Describe an interesting historic place.

You should say:

- what it is
- where it is located
- what you can see there now
- and explain why this place is interesting.

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

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

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

PART 3

Discussion topics:

Looking after historic places

Example questions:

How do people in your country feel about protecting historic buildings?

Do you think an area can benefit from having an interesting historic place locally? In what way?

What do you think will happen to historic places or buildings in the future? Why?

The teaching of history at school

Example questions:

How were you taught history when you were at school?

Are there other ways people can learn about history, apart from at school? How?

Do you think history will still be a school subject in the future? Why?

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Food and cooking

- What kinds of food do you like to eat?
- What kind of new food would you like to try? [Why?]
- Do you like cooking? [Why/Why not?]
- What was the last meal you cooked?
- Do you prefer home-cooked food or food from restaurants? [Why?]

PART 2

Describe an interest or hobby that you enjoy.

You should say:

how you became interested in it

how long you have been doing it

why you enjoy it

and explain what benefits you get from this interest or hobby.

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

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

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PART 3

Discussion topics:

The social benefits of hobbies

Example questions:

Do you think having a hobby is good for people's social life? In what way?

Are there any negative effects of a person spending too much time on their hobby? What are they?

Why do you think people need to have an interest or hobby?

Leisure time

Example questions:

In your country, how much time do people spend on work and how much time on leisure? Is this a good balance, do you think?

Would you say the amount of free time has changed much in the last fifty years?

Do you think people will have more or less free time in the future? Why?

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Leisure

- Do you have any hobbies or interests? [What are they?]
- How did you become interested in (*whatever hobby/interest the candidate mentions*)?
- What is there to do in your free time in (*candidate's home town/village*)?
- How do you usually spend your holidays?
- Is there anywhere you would particularly like to visit? [Why?]

PART 2

Describe a river, lake or sea which you like.
You should say:
 what the river, lake or sea is called
 where it is
 what the land near it is like
and explain why you like this river, lake or sea.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes.
You have one minute to think about what you're going to say.
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Discussion topics:

Water-based leisure activities

Example questions:

What do people enjoy doing when they visit rivers, lakes or the sea? Why do you think these activities are popular?

What benefits do you think people get from the activities they enjoy in the water?

What are the different advantages of going to the sea or to a swimming pool to enjoy yourself? What do you think the disadvantages are?

The economic importance of rivers, lakes and the sea

Example questions:

How does water transport, like boats and ships, compare with other kinds? Are there any advantages/disadvantages of water transport?

How important is it for a town or city to be located near a river or the sea? Why?

Have there been any changes in the number of jobs available in fishing and water transport industries, do you think? Why do you think this is?

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Your favourite place

- What place do you most like to visit?
- How often do you visit this place?
- Why do you like it so much?
- Is it popular with many other people?
- Has it changed very much since you first went there? [In what way?]

PART 2

Describe a useful website you have visited.

You should say:

- what the website was**
- how you found the address for this website**
- what the website contained**
- and explain why it was useful to you.**

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

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

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PART 3

Discussion topics:

The internet and communication

Example questions:

What effect has the internet had on the way people generally communicate with each other?

Why do you think the internet is being used more and more for communication?

How reliable do you think information from the internet is? Why? What about the news on the internet?

The internet and shopping

Example questions:

Why do you think some people use the internet for shopping? Why doesn't everyone use it in this way?

What kinds of things are easy to buy and sell online? Can you give me some examples?

Do you think shopping on the internet will be more or less popular in the future? Why?