

SPEAKING

PART 1

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

EXAMPLE

Television programmes

- Where do you usually watch TV programmes/shows? [Why?/Why not?]
- What's your favourite TV programme/show? [Why?]
- Are there any programmes/shows you don't like watching? [Why?/Why not?]
- Do you think you will watch more TV or fewer TV programmes/shows in the future? [Why?/Why not?]

PART 2

Describe someone you know who has started a business.

You should say:

who this person is

what work this person does

why this person decided to start a business

and explain whether you would like to do the same kind of work as this person.

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:

Choosing work

Example questions:

What kinds of jobs do young people not want to do in your country?

Who is best at advising young people about choosing a job: teachers or parents?

Is money always the most important thing when choosing a job?

Work–Life balance

Example questions:

Do you agree that many people nowadays are under pressure to work longer hours and take less holiday?

What is the impact on society of people having a poor work–life balance?

Could you recommend some effective strategies for governments and employers to ensure people have a good work–life balance?

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Age

- Are you happy to be the age you are now? [Why/Why not?]
- When you were a child, did you think a lot about your future? [Why/Why not?]
- Do you think you have changed as you have got older? [Why/Why not?]
- What will be different about your life in the future? [Why]

PART 2

Describe a time when you started using a new technological device (e.g. a new computer or phone).

You should say:

- what device you started using**
- why you started using this device**
- how easy or difficult it was to use**
- and explain how helpful this device was to you.**

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:

Technology and education

Example questions:

What is the best age for children to start computer lessons?

Do you think that schools should use more technology to help children learn?

Do you agree or disagree that computers will replace teachers one day?

Technology and society

Example questions:

How much has technology improved how we communicate with each other?

Do you agree that there are still many more major technological innovations to be made?

Could you suggest some reasons why some people are *deciding to reduce their use of technology*?

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people say History is one of the most important school subjects. Other people think that, in today's world, subjects like Science and Technology are more important than History.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

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Animals

- Are there many animals or birds where you live? [Why/Why not?]
- How often do you watch programmes or read articles about wild animals? [Why?]
- Have you ever been to a zoo or a wildlife park? [Why/Why not?]
- Would you like to have a job working with animals? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

Describe a website you use that helps you a lot in your work or studies.

You should say:

what the website is

how often you use the website

what information the website gives you

and explain how your work or studies would change if this website didn't exist.

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:

The internet

Example questions:

Why do some people find the internet addictive?

What would the world be like without the internet?

Do you think that the way people use the internet may change in the future?

Social media websites

Example questions:

What are the ways that social media can be used for positive purposes?

Why do some individuals post highly negative comments about other people on social media?

Do you think that companies' main form of advertising will be via social media in the future?