

SPEAKING

PART 1

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

EXAMPLE

Email

- What kinds of emails do you receive about your work or studies?
- Do you prefer to email, phone or text your friends? [Why?]
- Do you reply to emails and messages as soon as you receive them? [Why/Why not?]
- Are you happy to receive emails that are advertising things? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

Describe a hotel that you know.

You should say:

where this hotel is

what this hotel looks like

what facilities this hotel has

and explain whether you think this is a nice hotel to stay in.

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:

Staying in hotels

Example questions:

What things are important when people are choosing a hotel?

Why do some people not like staying in hotels?

Do you think staying in a luxury hotel is a waste of money?

Working in a hotel

Example questions:

Do you think hotel work is a good career for life?

How does working in a big hotel compare with working in a small hotel?

What skills are needed to be a successful hotel manager?



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Languages

- How many languages can you speak? [Why/Why not?]
- How useful will English be to you in your future? [Why/Why not?]
- What do you remember about learning languages at school? [Why/Why not?]
- What do you think would be the hardest language for you to learn? [Why?]

PART 2

Describe a website that you bought something from.

You should say:

what the website is

what you bought from this website

how satisfied you were with what you bought

and explain what you liked or disliked about using this website.

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:

Shopping online

Example questions:

What kinds of things do people in your country often buy from online shops?

Why do you think online shopping has become so popular nowadays?

What are some possible disadvantages of buying things from online shops?

The culture of consumerism

Example questions:

Why do many people today keep buying things which they do not need?

Do you believe the benefits of a consumer society outweigh the disadvantages?

How possible is it to avoid the culture of consumerism?



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Swimming

- Did you learn to swim when you were a child? [Why/Why not?]
- How often do you go swimming now? [Why/Why not?]
- What places are there for swimming where you live? [Why?]
- Do you think it would be more enjoyable to go swimming outdoors or at an indoor pool? [Why?]

PART 2

Describe a famous business person that you know about.

You should say:

who this person is

what kind of business this person is involved in

what you know about this business person

and explain what you think of this business 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:

Famous people today

Example questions:

What kinds of people are most famous in your country today?

Why are there so many stories about famous people in the news?

Do you agree or disagree that many young people today want to be famous?

Advantages of being famous

Example questions:

Do you think it is easy for famous people to earn a lot of money?

Why might famous people enjoy having fans?

In what ways could famous people use their influence to do good things in the world?



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Jewellery

- How often do you wear jewellery? [Why/Why not?]
- What type of jewellery do you like best? [Why/Why not?]
- When do people like to give jewellery in your country [Why?]
- Have you ever given jewellery to someone as a gift? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

Describe an interesting TV programme you watched about a science topic.

You should say:

what science topic this TV programme was about

when you saw this TV programme

what you learnt from this TV programme about a science topic

and explain why you found this TV programme 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:

Science and the public

Example questions:

How interested are most people in your country in science?

Why do you think children today might be better at science than their parents?

How do you suggest the public can learn more about scientific developments?

Scientific discoveries

Example questions:

What do you think are the most important scientific discoveries in the last 100 years?

Do you agree or disagree that there are no more major scientific discoveries left to make?

Who should pay for scientific research – governments or private companies?

