

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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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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PART 3

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?