

SPEAKING

PART 1

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

EXAMPLE

Your country

- Which part of your country do most people live in?
- Tell me about the main industries there.
- How easy is it to travel around your country?
- Has your country changed much since you were a child?

PART 2

Describe a well-known person you like or admire.

You should say:

who this person is

what this person has done

why this person is well known

and explain why you admire this person.

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:***Famous people in your country**

Example questions:

What kind of people become famous people these days?

Is this different from the kind of achievement that made people famous in the past?

In what way?

How do you think people will become famous in the future?

Being in the public eye

Example questions:

What are the good things about being famous? Are there any disadvantages?

How does the media in your country treat famous people?

Why do you think ordinary people are interested in the lives of famous people?

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Colour

- What's your favourite colour? [Why?]
- Do you like the same colours now as you did when you were younger? [Why/Why not?]
- What can you learn about a person from the colours they like?
- Do any colours have a special meaning in your culture?

PART 2

Describe a song or a piece of music you like.

You should say:

**what the song or music is
what kind of song or music it is
where you first heard it
and explain why you like it.**

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:

Music and young people

Example questions:

What kinds of music are popular with young people in your culture?

What do you think influences a young person's taste in music?

How has technology affected the kinds of music popular with young people?

Music and society

Example questions:

Tell me about any traditional music in your culture.

How important is it for a culture to have musical traditions?

Why do you think countries have national anthems or songs?

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Entertainment

- Do you prefer relaxing at home or going out in the evening? [Why?]
- When you go out for an evening, what do you like to do?
- How popular is this with other people in your country?
- Is there any kind of entertainment you do not like? [Why/Why not?]

PART 2

Describe one of your friends.

You should say:

how you met

how long you have known each other

how you spend time together

and explain why you like this person.

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:

Qualities of friends

Example questions:

What do you think are the most important qualities for friends to have?

Which are more important to people, their family or their friends? Why?

What do you think causes friendships to break up?

Other relationships

Example questions:

What other types of relationship, apart from friends or family, are important in people's lives today?

Have relationships with neighbours where you live changed in recent years? How?

How important do you think it is for a person to spend some time alone? Why/Why not?

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Clothes

- How important are clothes and fashion to you? [Why/Why not?]
- What kind of clothes do you dislike? [Why?]
- How different are the clothes you wear now from those you wore 10 years ago?
- What do you think the clothes we wear say about us?

PART 2

Describe a festival that is important in your country.

You should say:

**when the festival occurs
what you did during it
what you like or dislike about it
and explain why this festival is important.**

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:

Purpose of festivals and celebrations

Example questions:

Why do you think festivals are important events in the working year?

Would you agree that the original significance of festivals is often lost today? Is it good or bad, do you think?

Do you think that new festivals will be introduced in the future? What kind?

Festivals and the media

Example questions:

What role does the media play in festivals, do you think?

Do you think it's good or bad to watch festivals on TV? Why?

How may globalisation affect different festivals around the world?