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TEACHER'S/EXAMINER'S NOTES

Approximately 15 minutes

The information in this document is confidential and must NOT reach candidates either directly or indirectly.

INSTRUCTIONS

- This booklet contains:
 - (a) administrative guidance on conducting the tests
 - (b) marking criteria
 - (c) copies of assessments A–J with notes for the teacher/examiner.

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PREPARATION IN ADVANCE OF THE SPEAKING TESTS

- Centres must ensure well in advance of the tests that a suitably quiet room is available, and that recording equipment is in good order.
- Centres receive a set of Speaking Assessment cards with this set of Teacher's/Examiner's Notes. These cards **must not be opened** until one working day before the test. Both the cards and the notes must remain confidential and must be kept in a secure place by the centre until the end of the examination period.

ON THE DAY OF THE SPEAKING TESTS

- All tests must be recorded in full throughout. The recording must not be paused or stopped at any point during the test.
- The Speaking test must be conducted in English throughout.
- The Speaking tests must take place in a suitable examination room under exam conditions. Adequate supervision must be provided to ensure that candidates leaving the examination room do not communicate with those waiting to enter.
- No other person should be present during the Speaking test, with the exception of another teacher/examiner, moderator or representative of Cambridge International.
- The examiner, and not the candidate, selects one of the Speaking Assessment cards before the candidate enters the examination room.
- Candidates cannot bring any notes into the examination room. They are not allowed to consult dictionaries or make any written notes.
- Candidates are allowed to ask for clarification if necessary at any point during the test.
- The examiner should be positioned so that he or she is facing the candidate with a table or desk in between. The examiner must not allow candidates to see notes made by the examiner.

RECORDING THE TESTS

Before the start of the Speaking test session, centres must make sure their recording equipment is in good working order by testing the equipment in the room where the Speaking tests will take place. Check audibility levels to avoid adjusting the volume during the Speaking test and ensure there is no extraneous noise in the examination room. Checks for audibility should continue throughout the Speaking test session.

Once the Speaking test has begun, the recording must run without interruption. Each recording should begin with a clear statement by the examiner as follows:

Examiner name: [e.g.] *Ms Z Abced*
Candidate number: [e.g.] *0021*
Candidate name: [e.g.] *Abdi Zachariah*
Date: [e.g.] *1 April 2026*.

At the end of the recording the examiner should state clearly 'end of recording'.

Before the recordings are submitted, spot checks must be made to ensure that every candidate is clearly audible. A separate audio track is required for each candidate.

CONDUCTING THE SPEAKING TEST

Refer to the Speaking Assessments on pages 10–29 for details of the tests. The Speaking tests should proceed as follows:

Task	Duration	Task focus
Introduction	Approximately 1 minute	Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date. Welcome the candidate and read out the examiner script. This part is <u>not</u> assessed.
Warm-up	Approximately 1–2 minutes	Use the warm-up to put the candidate at ease by conducting a short conversation using the questions provided. This part is <u>not</u> assessed.
Part 1: Interview	Approximately 2–3 minutes	Tell the candidate the topic for this part by reading out the examiner script. Conduct a short interview with the candidate by asking the questions provided on this topic. This part is assessed.
Part 2: Short talk	Approximately 3–4 minutes, including 1 minute of preparation time	<u>Preparation period for short talk</u> Read out the examiner script and give the Speaking Assessment card to the candidate. The candidate has up to 1 minute to read the card and prepare for the talk. Candidates are not allowed to make any written notes. <u>Short talk</u> The candidate talks on their own about the topic on the card. The candidate can keep the card until the end of the short talk. This part is assessed.
Part 3: Discussion	Approximately 3–4 minutes	Read out the examiner script and conduct a discussion using the questions related to the topic in Part 2. This part is assessed.

The total duration of the Speaking test, from the beginning of the introduction to the end of Part 3, should be 10–15 minutes and recorded in full.

Additional instructions on conducting Part 2 of the test

If the candidate has not started speaking after approximately 15 seconds, prompt the candidate by reading the following script:

Examiner script: *Are you ready to start talking about the points on the card?*

If the candidate has still not responded after another 5 seconds, prompt the candidate again by reading the following:

Examiner script: *Would you like to tell me about the options on the card?*

If the candidate still does not start, move on to Part 3 of the test by saying the following:

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

If the candidate has started speaking but then appears to be unable to continue, ask the following before moving on to Part 3 of the test:

Examiner script: *Is there anything else you would like to say? Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

Additional instructions on conducting Part 1 and Part 3 of the test

To elicit further discussion before moving on to another question, use any of the following:

Examiner script:

- *Can you tell me more about ...?*
- *Can you tell me why ...?*
- *Can you explain what you mean ...?*
- *Can you give me any examples of ...?*

If the candidate has very little to say in response to a question after being prompted, move on to the next one.

General advice

1 To conduct Speaking tests effectively:

- try to put candidates at their ease from the beginning (smiling as they enter the room, indicating where they should sit) while maintaining a clear sense that the Speaking test is being conducted in a formal examination situation
- be sensitive to candidates' circumstances when selecting the card. If you become aware during the warm-up that a topic may be inappropriate for the candidate in question, consider selecting another card
- show interest in candidates' responses
- encourage candidates to develop their responses by using additional questions.

Please avoid:

- distracting candidates
- interrupting with your own views or correcting mistakes
- showing impatience or too much surprise
- giving the impression that there are 'right' answers to questions or that the test is a test of knowledge
- indicating how well the candidate has performed by using phrases such as 'well done' or 'that was very good'.

2 Please consider the following when marking:

Be objective. Do not allow any knowledge of a candidate's personality and attributes to influence objective assessment. For example, knowledge that a candidate is very conscientious should not be taken into account when assessing his or her Speaking test. If the candidate's performance is affected because he or she faces difficult circumstances or personal problems at the time of the test, this should be dealt with by an exams officer via special considerations procedures. Examiners must not make any separate allowance themselves.

Be positive. Marking the test should be seen as giving credit for what candidates can do, not penalising them for what they cannot do. This does not mean that matters of inaccuracy in, for example, grammar and pronunciation are to be overlooked, but is a reminder that a Speaking test is intended to credit positive achievement. Remember that it is not necessary for a candidate to be of first language speaker standard to be given maximum marks within any single category.

Be consistent. It is important that the marking criteria are applied in the same way for all the candidates at the centre so that a reliable rank order for the centre is obtained.

AFTER COMPLETING ALL THE SPEAKING TESTS AT THE CENTRE

- If using more than one examiner, internal moderation must be carried out by the centre so that a common standard is applied to all candidates. Further guidance on carrying out internal moderation at the centre is available in the *Cambridge Handbook* and on the Cambridge International website.
- Refer to the *Cambridge Handbook* for detailed instructions on submitting marks and recordings. You should keep a copy of each Speaking test. If any of the recordings submitted to Cambridge International is inaudible or faulty in any way, you may be asked to provide a replacement.

MARKING CRITERIA

The marking criteria must be applied consistently to all three parts of the test, resulting in an overall mark for each of the four criteria.

Level	Grammar	Vocabulary	Development	Pronunciation	Marks
5	- a range of simple and complex structures used - structures are used mostly accurately; errors are rare and do not impede understanding	a wide range of vocabulary used precisely to discuss a variety of ideas, facts and opinions	- responses are relevant and consistently well-developed - communication is maintained with ease	- pronunciation is clear - intonation is frequently used effectively to convey intended meaning	9–10
4	- a range of simple structures used; complex structures are attempted - simple structures are used mostly accurately; errors often occur when attempting to use more complex structures but these do not impede understanding	a sufficient range of vocabulary used appropriately to discuss a variety of ideas, facts and opinions	- responses are relevant and mostly developed - communication is maintained with occasional support	- pronunciation is mostly clear; inaccuracies do not impede communication - intonation is sometimes used effectively to convey intended meaning	7–8
3	- a range of simple structures used; complex structures occasionally attempted - simple structures may not be used accurately; errors may impede understanding	a range of vocabulary used mostly appropriately to discuss simple ideas, facts and opinions	- responses are relevant with attempts at development - communication is maintained but with frequent support	- pronunciation is mostly clear; inaccuracies occasionally impede communication - intonation is rarely used effectively to convey intended meaning	5–6
2	- a limited range of only simple structures used - structures rarely used accurately; errors frequently impede understanding	a limited range of vocabulary used to discuss basic facts and opinions	- responses are mostly relevant but limited - communication may not always be maintained even with frequent support	- pronunciation is frequently unclear; inaccuracies often impede communication - intonation is not used effectively to convey intended meaning	3–4
1	response limited to widely spaced single words or short phrases	insufficient vocabulary to convey the most basic facts and opinions	- responses are brief and infrequent - communication is not achieved even with frequent support	- pronunciation is unclear and impedes communication - intonation is not a feature	1–2
0	No creditable response.	No creditable response.	No creditable response.	No creditable response.	0

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SPEAKING ASSESSMENT A

Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date.
Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What kind of music do you listen to?
- Can you tell me something about your best friend?
- Do you enjoy watching films?

Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **birthday celebrations**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

Birthday celebrations

- What kind of gifts do you usually give to friends and family on their birthday?
- Can you tell me what you did on your last birthday?
- Do you think it is important to celebrate birthdays? Why? Why not?

Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Working as a journalist**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

Working as a journalist

You have the opportunity to spend a week working as a journalist. You are considering the following options:

- writing articles about sports
- interviewing people in the fashion industry.

Compare the two options. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Should schools produce their own magazines? What is your opinion?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of getting news from social media?
- Should stories about celebrities be in the news? Why? Why not?
- Is listening to the news better than reading about it? Why? Why not?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

SPEAKING ASSESSMENT B

Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date.
Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What is your favourite food?
- What would you like to do during your next holiday?
- Can you tell me something about your family?

Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **driving**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

Driving

- Can you tell me if you would like to learn to drive a car? Why? Why not?
- Can you tell me about a car journey you enjoyed, and what happened?
- What other forms of transport do you use, and why?

Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **A school play**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

A school play

Your class wants to perform a play for the other students at school. Everyone must take part. You are considering the following options:

- acting in the play
- helping to make the costumes.

Talk about how easy or difficult each option would be for you. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Is it better to watch a play about the past or about modern life, and why?
- What is the most popular type of entertainment among young people, and why?
- Is being an actor a good career choice? Why? Why not?
- Should people eat and drink in the theatre or cinema? Why? Why not?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

SPEAKING ASSESSMENT C**Introduction** (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date.
Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- Can you tell me something about your best friend?
- What did you do during your last holiday?
- What kind of films do you enjoy watching?

Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **presents**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

Presents

- Can you tell me about the types of presents you like to receive, and why?
- Can you tell me about a present that you gave to someone, and why you chose it?
- Do you think it is important to spend a lot of money on a present? Why? Why not?

Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **A career in health and fitness**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

A career in health and fitness

You are thinking of having a career in health and fitness. You are considering the following options to help you decide what to do in the future:

- working in a hospital in your school holidays
- working in a local gym at weekends.

Compare the two options. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- All students should have part-time jobs. Do you agree?
- Do you think it is necessary to go to a gym to keep fit?
- Should all healthcare be free for everyone? Why? Why not?
- Being a doctor is one of the most difficult jobs. What do you think?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

SPEAKING ASSESSMENT D

Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date.
Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- How often do you go to the cinema?
- What kind of job would you like to do in the future?
- Can you tell me something about your best friend?

Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **going on holiday**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

Going on holiday

- Where do you and your family usually go on holiday, and why?
- Can you tell me about a short trip you made, and what happened?
- Is a short visit to a city more enjoyable than a long holiday at the seaside? Why? Why not?

Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Repairing things**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

Repairing things

You usually ride your bicycle to school, but it has broken. You are considering the following options:

- repairing the bicycle
- saving up some money to buy a new bicycle.

Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Is cycling the best way to keep fit? Why? Why not?
- Schools should teach young people how to save and spend money. What do you think?
- What type of things should people try to mend instead of always buying new, and why?
- It is better to travel by car than walk or cycle. What is your opinion?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

SPEAKING ASSESSMENT E

Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date.
Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- How do you get to school every day?
- What is your favourite food?
- What would you like to do when you finish school?

Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **using your mobile phone**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

Using your mobile phone

- How important is your mobile phone to you, and why?
- Can you tell me about a time when you did not have your mobile phone with you, and what happened?
- Do you prefer sending text messages or talking to people on your phone, and why?

Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **An afternoon out**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

An afternoon out

You and your family are planning an afternoon out with some elderly relatives. You are considering the following options:

- a boat trip on a river
- a live concert of the relatives' favourite music.

Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- When is the best time to listen to music, and why?
- Do you think that family trips are more enjoyable than trips with friends? Why? Why not?
- What are the benefits of living by a river, lake or the sea?
- What can young people learn from their older relatives?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

SPEAKING ASSESSMENT F

Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date.
Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What kind of music do you like listening to?
- How do you get to school every morning?
- What is your favourite sport?

Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **interesting places**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

Interesting places

- Can you tell me about places in your country that people like to visit, and why?
- Can you tell me about an interesting place you visited, and what you did?
- Do you think old buildings are more beautiful than modern buildings? Why? Why not?

Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Living without technology**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

Living without technology

You have decided to limit your use of technology. You are considering the following options:

- not using your mobile phone for a day
- not being on social media sites for a week.

Talk about how easy or difficult each option would be. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Is learning online better than learning in the classroom? Why? Why not?
- Do you think we should believe everything we see and read on social media? Why? Why not?
- Is it a good idea to have a lot of technology in our homes? Why? Why not?
- Young children should not have a mobile phone. What do you think?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

SPEAKING ASSESSMENT G

Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date.
Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What is your favourite food?
- What subject do you most enjoy at school?
- Can you tell me something about your family?

Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **local news**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

Local news

- How can you find out about what is happening in your local area?
- Can you tell me about something interesting that happened in your local area?
- Do you think it is important to know about news from other countries? Why? Why not?

Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **An environmental project**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

An environmental project

Students in your school want to take part in an environmental project. Your class is discussing which project to join and is considering the following options:

- a project to clean up a forest in your area
- a project to save an endangered animal in another country.

Compare the two options. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Why do some people enjoy spending time in parks and forests?
- Is it better to go and see animals in the wild than to watch them on a screen? Why? Why not?
- What are the benefits of working on group projects?
- What is the best way to make people aware of environmental issues?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

SPEAKING ASSESSMENT H

Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date.
Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What do you and your family enjoy doing together?
- What is your favourite food?
- What kind of music do you listen to?

Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **where you live**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

Where you live

- Can you tell me about the buildings in your local area?
- Can you tell me about a time you visited an interesting building, and what happened?
- Do you think your local area is an enjoyable place to live? Why? Why not?

Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **A gardening club**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

A gardening club

You and other students at the after-school gardening club are deciding what to grow next year. You are considering the following options:

- growing flowers
- growing fruit and vegetables.

Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Why do some people become vegetarian?
- Gardening is a hobby for older people. Do you agree?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of working on a farm?
- What are the advantages of after-school clubs?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

SPEAKING ASSESSMENT I

Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date.
Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What kind of music do you listen to?
- What kind of job would you like to do in the future?
- What is your favourite sport?

Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **shopping**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

Shopping

- Can you tell me something about the shops in your area?
- Can you tell me about a time you went shopping with a friend, and what happened?
- Do you prefer buying from local shops or shopping online?

Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **Learning about a city**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

Learning about a city

You would like to know more about a large city in your country and are considering the following options:

- finding information about the city online
- visiting the city.

Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of each option. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Is living in a large city better than living in a small village? Why? Why not?
- Travelling by car is the most enjoyable way to travel. What do you think?
- Why do people take a lot of photographs when they visit new places?
- Is it easier to travel alone or with other people, and why?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

SPEAKING ASSESSMENT J

Introduction (approximately 1 minute)

Start the recording. State your name, the candidate's number and name, and the date.
Welcome the candidate and read the following script:

Examiner script: *First, we will start with a short warm-up where I will ask you some questions to find out more about you. This part is not assessed. After the warm-up there are three assessed parts to the test: an interview, a short talk and a discussion.*

Warm-up (1–2 minutes)

Use the following questions to find out more about the candidate.

- What is your favourite sport?
- What would you like to do when you finish school?
- What did you do during your last holiday?

Part 1 Interview (2–3 minutes)

Read the following script to the candidate and ask the questions listed below in the order given. Allow the candidate to respond to each question as fully as they can before you move on to the next one.

Examiner script: *The first assessed part of the test is an interview. I am going to ask you some questions about **your family**. Try to say as much as you can for each question. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

Your family

- Can you tell me about your family?
- Can you tell me about a time when you visited a relative's house, and what happened?
- Do you prefer spending free time with friends or with your family, and why?

Part 2 Short talk (3–4 minutes)

Read the following script and then give the candidate the card **A competition prize**.

Examiner script: *The second assessed part of the test is a short talk. I will give you a card and you will have one minute to read it and think about what you want to say. You should talk about the points on the card. You can't make any written notes, but you can ask me if there is anything you do not understand. You may keep the card until the end of the short talk. Here is your card.*

A competition prize

You and your friend have won a competition and can choose the prize. You are considering the following options:

- a helicopter ride over a city
- a boat trip along a river.

Compare the two options. Say which option you would prefer, and why.

Allow one minute for preparation and then ask the candidate to start the short talk.

Examiner script: *You now have up to two minutes to talk about the topic on the card. I will stop you after two minutes, but do not worry if you have not finished your talk. Would you like to start?*

After two minutes, thank the candidate and collect the card. Then move on to Part 3 of the test.

Examiner script: *Thank you. Can I have the card back, please? Now let's move on to Part 3 of the test.*

Part 3 Discussion (3–4 minutes)

Select questions as appropriate to develop a discussion based on the short talk in Part 2. Avoid asking questions on aspects the candidate has already talked about. If the candidate responds at length, it may not be necessary to use all the questions.

Examiner script: *Now I am going to ask you a few questions related to the topic you have just talked about. This part of the test will last approximately three minutes. Before we start, do you have any questions?*

- Spending time with friends is better than talking to them online. Do you agree?
- Train travel is the most exciting form of transport. What is your opinion?
- Being a pilot is a good career choice. What do you think?
- Why do some people enjoy taking part in sports competitions?

Examiner script: *Thank you. This is the end of the test. End of recording.*

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