

Interlocutor's instructions

CHECK THAT THE TAPE RECORDER IS ON AND WORKING

Test time: 10 minutes

I = Interlocutor C = Candidate

PART 1 (2 minutes)

I: City & Guilds International Spoken ESOL Test, Communicator level, *(give today's date)*. ***(NB This introduction only needs to be recorded before the first candidate's test begins, not for subsequent candidates.)***

(Give candidate's name.) Test begins.

Hello. My name's *(give full name)*. Can you spell your family name for me, please?

C: *(Spells family name.)*

I: Thank you. Where are you from?

C: *(Responds.)*

I: Thank you. Now, in the first part of the test I'm going to ask you some questions about yourself and your ideas. All right? *(Choose **up to five** questions, one from each of the different topic areas, as time allows. Name the topic; eg 'Now, Family'.)*

Topics

Family

- What are the important things about family life for you?
- How much time do you spend with other members of your family?
- Do you think it's good for families to eat their meals together? Why/Why not?
- What do you most enjoy doing with your family?

The area where you live

- What's the best thing about the area where you live?
- What would you do to improve your area?
- How near to the shops and places of entertainment do you live?
- How busy or quiet is the area where you live?

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Education

- Tell me something about your education so far.
- Which qualifications would you like to obtain?
- Are there any courses you're considering taking in the future?
- Why is a good education important nowadays?

The Press

- Tell me something about the popular newspapers in your country.
- What kind of magazines do you enjoy reading?
- Do young people in your country still get the news from newspapers?
- How much of what you read in the papers do you believe?

Time

- What's your favourite time of the day? Why?
- Which season do you least enjoy? Why?
- Are schooldays the best days of your life? Why/Why not?
- How would more free time improve your life?

C: *(Responds.)*

I: *(Interlocutor makes **brief** responses and/or comments.)*

I: Thank you.

PART 2 (2 minutes)

I: Now, Part Two. I'm going to read some situations. I want you to start or respond as necessary. First situation (*choose one situation from A*).

A

- We're students in the same English class. I start.
Thinking about English novels, do you think it's better to read the book or watch the film first?
- I'm a stranger at your college. I start.
Excuse me, I can't find the chemistry department.
- I'm your boss at work. I start.
This is the second time this week that you've been late.
- We're friends. I start.
I'm fed up with studying. I'm thinking of leaving college.

C: (*Responds.*)

I: (*Role-play the situation with the candidate – approximately two turns each.*)

I: Second situation (*choose one situation from B*).

B

- Your electricity bill seems to be very high. You phone customer services.
You start.
- I'm your doctor. You've been getting headaches recently. You start.
- We're friends. I've emailed to cancel our weekend together. You phone me.
- We're neighbours. You're going away for a week leaving your house empty.
You start.

C: (*Initiates.*)

I: (*Role-play the situation with the candidate – approximately two turns each.*)

I: (*Role-play a third situation from A or B if time allows.*)

I: Thank you.

PART 3 (3 minutes)

Now Part Three. In this part of the test we're going to discuss something together.
All right?

We want to go out together next week. Here is a copy of your diary, what's on at the cinema and some notes. (*Hand over candidate's copy of the task sheet.*) My diary is different. Let's make some plans. Take twenty seconds to think about what you want to say. (*20 seconds.*) Why don't you start?

Interlocutor's Task Sheet**Diary**

Mon: Working late
Tues: Free
Weds: Tennis club
Thurs: Free
Fri: Italian course
Sat: Free
Sun: Free

Cinema - What's on

Mon - Thursday

- *Casino Royale* (Bond re-run)
- *The Colour Green* (romantic comedy)

Fri - Sunday

- *Cats and Bats* (cartoon)
- *Don't look down* (thriller)

NOTE

Eat first?
Where?

I: Thank you. (*Retrieve candidate's task sheet.*)

Candidate's Task Sheet (Interlocutor's copy)**Diary**

Mon: Free
Tues: Dinner with Mark
Weds: Free
Thurs: Free
Fri: Working late
Sat: Away all day
Sun: Free

Cinema -What's on

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NOTE

Meet where?
What time?

PART 4 (3 minutes)

I: In Part Four you are going to talk on your own for about one and a half minutes. Your topic is *(choose topic for candidate)*.

Topics

- A The effects of tourism on your country.**
- B The best ways to save money.**
- C An experience you will always remember.**

I: First, think about it for thirty seconds and make some notes if you want. *(Hand over piece of paper and pen/pencil.)* So your topic is *(repeat topic)*. All right? *(Withdraw eye contact for thirty seconds. Leave tape/CD running.)*

I: *(Candidate's name)*, please start.

C: *(Talks for about one and a half minutes.)*

I: *(Choose follow-up questions if time allows.)*

Follow-up questions**The effects of tourism on your country.**

- Why do people like to travel abroad?
- Are budget airlines a good or bad thing? Why?
- Is your country popular with tourists? Why/Why not?
- Where would you like to travel to in the future?

The best ways to save money.

- How much pocket money should children have?
- Do you think students should get a job in their spare time?
- Why do some people get into debt?
- How good are you at saving money?

An experience you will always remember.

- Which kinds of experiences from childhood do people remember best?
- Describe a childhood experience you remember clearly.
- What do you think about keeping a diary?
- How can photos help us remember things?

I: Thank you. That is the end of the test. *(Give candidate's name.)* End of test.

Candidate's Task Sheet for Part Three (Candidate's copy)**Diary**

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