

IELTS Speaking Questions

Speaking test 1

Interview

- Do you study or work? (I said I recently graduated)
What did you study?
Do you like that subject?
Why do you like it?
Why did you choose this particular subject?

Cue card

- I had to talk about some interesting news I read in a newspaper
- when did this happen?
 - what was the news about?
 - why was it interesting?

Discussion

- We talked about the marketing of the newspapers in my country:
- How do they market themselves in order to increase sales?
 - What marketing practices do they use?
 - Do I think that some newspapers put a spin on the real story to increase sales?
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Speaking test 2

Interview

- Where do you live
- Describe your city and your immediate area
- What are your leisure time activities

Cue Card

- Describe any law which you like,
- explain what law that is,
 - how you will follow it,
 - what you like the most about it

Discussion

What international law should be applied all over the world?

Are policemen popular in your country?

Who are more popular, the layers or the police?

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Speaking test 3

Interview

- Do you study or work? (I said I was a student)
- What course are you studying and why did you choose this course?
- Who does the cooking in your home?
- Can you cook?
- Do you think it's necessary to learn how to cook at school?
- What do you do when you hang out with friends?
- Do you hang out with 1 or 2 friends or with a large group of friends?
- When was your last time of going out?

Cue Card

If you could take another course when you finish your current one, what would you choose? You should say:

- What kind of course it would be
- What do you want to learn from it
- Why would you choose it

Discussion

- Do you think university should only offer courses related to the employment/job or courses on other topics as well?

I said on other topics as well and the examiner said "Good" then asked me

- Which do you think employer should pay more attention to, the qualifications or the experience.

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Speaking test 4

Interview

The questions were about my city, what I liked about it and whether I liked partying.

Cue Card

Describe a house you have been too (not your own house), you should say:

- Why you liked it,
- Where it was,
- Who you've been there with

Discussion

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 - Famous speech
 - TV program
 - Cooking
 - Healthy lifestyle
 - Traffic problems
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Thanks to a couple of nice people from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and Malaysia we have 2 sets of Speaking test questions, here they are:

Speaking Test 5

Interview

- Tell me your full name
- What should I call you?
- Where are you from?
- Can you tell me something about your home / apartment?
- What improvement for your home you think needs to be done?
- When was the last time you went out with your friends?
- Do you prefer to go out alone or with friends?

Cue card

You should speak about a special toy you got as a child

- describe the toy
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Discussion

- Do you think toys should be shared by children?
 - What do you think is the impact of sharing toys between children?
 - What can you tell about toys before and toys nowadays?
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Speaking Test 6

Interview

- What is your name?
- Where do you stay?
- Tell me about the area you live in.
- Do you like to stay there, why?
- Any public transport available in your area?
- Do you drive? If yes, why?
- Do you want your children to drive in future?

(I was quite shocked to be asked about 10-13 questions during my 1st interview.)

Cue card

I was asked to talk about my trip which was not up to my expectations and say:

- what happened,
- what did I do and
- what was my feeling.

(I finished it in less than 2 minutes and frankly I didn't encounter any such bad experience before.)

Discussion

I was asked question about the tourist industry, the impacts of it, both positive and negative, future tourists, etc.

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Speaking questions Test 7

Interview

- Where do you live?
- What is your favorite room in the house?
- What would you like to change in your house?

Cue Card

Describe an advertisement that convinced you to buy a product. You should say:

- Was it on TV, newspaper or in the Internet
- What the advertisement was about
- What was good about it

Discussion

- What is your opinion about advertising?
- In what ways advertisements are used in your country?

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This is the last set of IELTS Speaking topics and questions I've receive in February. Fresh ones from March are coming soon.

Speaking test 8

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Speaking Test 10

Interview

- What is your name?
- Are you working or studying?
- What kind of work do you do?
- What makes you like your job?
- Did you have experience in painting, when you were little?
- Do you think painting will be good for school age children?
- Why do you think people buy paintings?
- Are you going to buy a painting?

Cue Card

Tell me about the job you would like to have in the future, you should say:

- What kind of job is it?
- Why you would like it?
- What difference does it have with the job you have now?

Discussion

- What kind of friends would you like to meet?
- Are you going to invite them in your house or go out instead?

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Speaking Test 11

Interview

- Do you work or study?
- Do you enjoy shopping?
- What do you usually do in your free time?
- Who shops most of the time?
- What is music to you?
- What kind of music do they usually play in the Philippines?
- What is the significance of music for every individual?
- Why do they play music in the shopping malls?
- When you were young, think of a music that you liked most – why did you like that kind of music?

Cue card 1

Talk about a situation you needed help, you should say

- What it was all about
- Who helped you,
- Why it is very important to you

Cue Card 2

Describe a conversation you had in the past, that is very important to you.

- Whom did you have it with ?
- What happened?
- What did you learn from it?
- Why was it important to you?

Discussion

- Do you still talk to that person?
- Did you share the conversation you had with that person with any other family member?
- What do you think would be the problem if two people talking had two different languages?
- Do you think a face to face conversation is better than talking to someone over the phone?
- What do you think is a good conversationalist?
- Do you think using an interpreter would help if two people conversing had different languages?
- What do you think could be a problem when using an interpreter?

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Our friend L shares the speaking questions from a recent exam:

Speaking Test 12

Interview

- Do you work or are you a student?
- What is difficult about your job?
- Would you recommend your job to someone else?
- What are the types of shops that you usually go to?
- What is the name of the shop?
- What changes have you seen in those shops these days?
- Do you read books? What kinds of books?
- Did you read books when you were a child? How often?
- Do children nowadays love reading?
- Would you give a book as a gift?

Cue Card

Describe a magazine that you read, you should say

- Why is it interesting?
- Who reads them?
- Is it popular with other people?

Explain why is it important to read them.

Discussion

- Compare reading a newspaper and a magazine.
- How do people read them? Do they just read the headlines or the entire story?
- Why do people read magazines?
- Is reading the newspaper popular in your country?
- What are the other sources of news? Do people from the rural areas have the same access to these sources as people from the urban areas?
- What are the advantages of the Internet?
- Are there any disadvantages?
- Describe the impact of the internet in the lives of the students.
- Do you recommend that all countries adopt the latest trends in technology?

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Somehow the Speaking test is easier for people to remember than the Listening, Reading and Writing. Here is a collection of questions that appeared in 2 recent Speaking tests. I hope you get the same in your exam!

Speaking Test 13

Interview

- Describe the town you come from in your country.
- Do you believe bicycles are popular where you live?
- Do you believe bicycles are important to children?

Cue Card

Describe something you have always wanted to buy.

- What is it?
- Why do you like it?
- Do you think you will buy it some day?

Discussion

- Do you believe shopping is more popular today than in the past?
- Does it affect our society positively or negatively?
- Do you believe we spend too much time shopping?
- How does advertisement affect our shopping habits?
- What are the pros and cons if it?
- How does advertisement affect business?

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Speaking Test 14

Interview

- What is your full name?
- Tell me about your town.
- What do you like about your town?

Cue card

Discuss a sports activity you watched or joined, you should say

- Where it happened
- What exactly happened
- Why it was memorable

Discussion

- What do you think is the most popular sports nowadays?
 - What do you think about the benefits of swimming?
 - Do you think swimming is a good sport?
 - What sports activities were you engaged in at school?
 - If you were given a chance to go back to school, what sports would you engage in?
 - Should children be encouraged to do more sports?
 - What kind of sports are better for the kids, team or from individual sports?
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Speaking test 15

Interview

1. What is your full name?
2. How can I call you?
3. Can I see your identification?
4. What do people usually do on weekends in your country?
5. What do you do on weekends?
6. Did you think art is important in life, like painting and sculptures?
7. Did you draw anything when you were at school?
8. Are there any art galleries and museums in your home town?

Cue card

Describe an animal you saw, which you find very interesting. You should say:

Where you saw it?

How you felt about it?

Why do you think it was interesting?

Follow up questions

1. What kind of animals people have in their home?
2. An animal you saw which is very rare to see in your home town?

3. Why people have pets in their home?
 4. Do you think people do not give respect animals in these days. What about 50 years ago?
 5. Earlier people used animals for their work. Now, what people use to do their work?
 6. Researchers are conducted on animals, is this a good idea?
 7. So many animals are extinct in these days. What do you think? why it is happening?
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Speaking test 16

Interview

1. Recent changes of home town.
2. Meaning of your name?
3. Why your were given this name?
4. How may I address you?

Cue card

Describe a recent happiest event you had.

Follow up questions

1. What moments make other people happy?
 2. What moments are happy for elderly?
 3. Are rich people happy?
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Speaking test 17

Interview

1. What is your full name?
2. How may I address you?
3. Where are you living?
4. How long have you been living there?
5. What are the advantages of your home town?
6. Is there any swimming pool?
7. Have you visited any swimming pool any where?

Cue card

Describe a famous person in your country.

Follow up questions

1. Why do people want to get fame?
2. How can a person be famous?
3. Which person get inspiration by famous people?
4. Which type of people get inspiration from celebrities?
5. What sort of people were famous in past, say 50 years ago?

N from UK shared his Speaking questions from a recent IELTS. Many thanks, and here they are:

Speaking test 18

Interview

- What is your name?
- What shall I call you?
- Where are you from?
- Do you work or study? – I said I am looking for work.
- What is your profession?
- What do you do in your job?
- Do you know how to use the Internet?
- What are the advantages of using the Internet?
- Who do you think in your country use Internet the most?

Cue Card

Describe an advertisement that you have just seen and influenced you.

- What about the advertisement?
- Where did you see it?
- How does the advertisement influence you?
- Do you think advertising is helpful?

Discussion

- In your country, what are the types of advertisement used?
- Where do you usually see an advertisement?
- Does it easily influence you when you see an advertisement?
- In your country, how is an advertisement carried out to influence others?
- Do you think advertisement here in UK works the same way as in your country?
- What other form of advertisement do you think they would have used if they don't use a celebrity in their ad? And do you think it is useful?

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Here is another set of Speaking questions from Aussie IELTS test, thanks to A for remembering and sharing:

Speaking test 19

Interview

- What is your full name?
- Do you work?
- What kind of job do you do?
- What kind of courses did you do for the current work that you are doing?
- Do you hope to further your education ?

Cue Card

Talk about an article you recently read in either a magazine or a newspaper,

- Mention the name of this magazine or newspaper.
- What was the article about?
- Why did you remember it?

Discussion

- Do you think journalists who report on TV are different from those who report on radio or in newspapers and why.
- Why do you think some people listen to radio rather than watching TV or reading newspapers?
- What influence has the media got on the journalists who report on TV or in newspapers?
- What will happen to newspapers in future with the coming of the Internet?
- What do you prefer, reading a newspaper, watching TV, or listening to the radio and why?

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Speaking Test 20

- What is your name?
- Do you work or study?
- Why did you choose this occupation?
- Do you write a lot?
- What do you write in your work?
- Is it rather handwritten or processed by a computer?
- Did you learn handwriting in school?
- Do you think is important to teach handwriting/calligraphy in school?

Cue card

What can we do / what do you do to stay healthy?

- what activity?
- why is it important?

Discussion

- Should schools be involved in promoting healthy life style? How?
- What could employers do to help their employees stay healthy/ promote healthy life style?

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Speaking Test 21

Interview

- Give me your full name.
- Where are you from?
- Tell me about your hometown or city.
- Where are people usually swim in area where you are live?
- Have you ever tried to swim (if not, why not)?
- Do you think swimming is good for people?

Cue card

Describe a period in your life you enjoyed,you should say:

- When this period was?
- Where were you living?
- What did happen then?
- Explain why you enjoyed this period?

Discussion

I was asked about people’s attitude towards the elderly in my country. Then another topic came up:

- Do you go to parties?
- What are you do not like about parties?

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Speaking test 22

Interview

- Where are you from?
- Do you work or study?
- Do you intend to do more courses?
- Why do you think people have paintings in their homes?
- Have you got paintings?
- Did you have art classes as a child?
- Do you think it is important for children to have art classes?

Cue card

- Talk about a film you saw recently at home or cinema, you should say:
- What kind of film was it?
- When , where, who did you see it with?
- What was it about?
- Why did you like it?

Discussion

- What do you think is the difference between seeing a movie at home or on DVD?
- What do you prefer and why?
- What does a movie need to be good?
- Do you prefer dubbed or subtitled films, why?
- What actors do you like?
- About vegetables:
- Do you think they are important to get?
- Can you get fresh vegetables in your country?

Overall, I think the oral test was easy, but as has been noted on the blog, it feels a bit awkward in the beginning because it’s a lot of questions and you try to answer short but not staccato.

Practicing with a watch as you recommend helped me sense when to stop talking in order for the interviewer to move on.

Thank you and good luck to everyone,

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Speaking test 23

Interview

- What is your name?
- What do you do, study or work?
- Did you have to have training for your job?
- Where do you live?
- What do you think about advertisement?
- Did you buy any product, because it was advertised?

Cue card

Tell me about a conversation, which happened recently, you should say:

- why was it important
- who was that person that you had the conversation with
- when was it
- describe what did you learn from that conversation

Discussion

- Talk about conversations between women and men, what is the difference, if there is a difference.
- Is conversation important?
- How can you improve it?

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Speaking test 24

Interview

- Full name?
- What should I call you?
- Tell me about your house.
- What is the part of the house that you like the most?
- What you can do to improve your house?
- What do you think about the Internet?
- How did you learn to use the Internet?
- What time do you like shopping?
- Do you prefer small shops or big shops?
- What kind of shops do you like?

Cue card

Talk about what kind of music you liked in your childhood, you should say:

- What you felt about that music.
- What made it important to you.

Discussion

- How does the role of music in culture change over time?
 - Do you think music reflects age-group of people?
 - How do you think we can keep the music in the culture?
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Speaking test 25

Interview

- Tell me about your city.
- Describe the room where you live.

Cue card

Speak about success that you experienced in your life recently, you should say

- when it happened
- what was it
- why you feel it was a success

Discussion

- Talk about success:
 - How does it affect peoples lives?
 - How can a person become successful?
 - What do you have to do?
 - How long does success last?
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Speaking test26

Interview

- What is your full name?
- Where do you live at the moment? Describe that place.
- Do you eat fruit and vegetables?
- How important are the fruit and vegetables? Is it easy to get them?
- Why do you think new generation doesn't like their old culture/outfits?
- Do you have any of your childhood toys?
- Do you think nowadays kids have more toys? Why?

Cue card

Talk about one of your childhood's memorable events, you should say

- why do you remember it?
 - when did it happen?
 - what happened during the event?
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Speaking test 27

Interview

- What is your full name?
- Tell me where you are from.
- Do you work or study?
- What kind of work you have to do?
- Do you have to deal with people in work?
- Do you like people? Why?

Cue Card

Tell us about something you want to be, but you are not at present, you should say

- Who is the person you want to become?
- Why do you want the change?

Discussion

- Do you cook? When did you learn cooking?
- Do you think students should learn cooking?
- Do you like change?
- Why people do not like change?
- What change you would like to see in your country now?
- About old age. What change people experience at old age?

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Speaking test 28

Interview

- Full name?
- What should I call you?
- Tell me about where you live now.
- Transportation facilities where you live, what are they?
- Fruits and vegetables – what do you think of them as a part of your diet?
- Do you read?
- Should kids be encouraged to read?

Cue card

Talk about a conversation you had with someone, you should say:

- Whom you had it with.
- What made it important to you.

Discussion

- Have you had this conversation with anyone else?
- In which situations do strangers talk to each other?
- What are the conversations that are usual in your country?

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Speaking test29

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Speaking test30

Interview

In this part my examiner asked me about myself and my hometown.

Cue card

Describe a dress that you wore to a ceremony, you should say:

- Do you have a photograph with that dress on?
- How did you feel about wearing that dress?

Discussion

- What is your view of wearing uniforms in workplaces?
- Could you name workplaces that require uniform?
- Which way of communication do you prefer: receiving letters, emails or phone calls?

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Speaking test31

Interview

Th examiner asked me some personal and general questions, such as

- where I come from,
- whether I like visiting museums,
- whether I like cooking,
- whether I am working or studying and
- why I choose nursing as my profession.

Cue Card

I had to talk for 2-3 minutes about a special present that I gave someone.

Discussion

The examiner asked me

- why people like giving present to other people,
- when do we give presents in my country,
- why some people like giving homemade presents rather than buying them from a shop

Then he asked me about a bit about charity, like why people do not give charity anymore.

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Speaking test32

Some questions were about about my professional course and why have I chosen that particular course.

Then they were asking about shopping:

- Do you like shopping?
- When did you shop last?

Cue card

Describe a library you have been to. You should say

- Where is it
- How is it useful

Discussion

Then they asked me more questions on library.

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Speaking test33

Interview

In Speaking my examiner began with some questions about my studies and my work.

Then we talked about the television and she asked:

- What do you watch when you need to relax?
- How many hours do you watch TV a week?
- What do you like the most on TV?

Then she asked me about reading, those were nearly the same questions as the ones she asked me concerning the TV. What I read, how many hours I spend on reading and so on.

Cue Card

Talk about someone who helped you very much in a difficult situation. You should say:

- Who helped you
- What it was about
- When it occurred and
- Why it was so important for you

Discussion

- Nowadays old people are often in need of our help. Years ago the younger generations spent more time doing that. Why did it change?
 - What are the reasons for that change?
 - Do you think it is important to help older people?
 - And in what ways do they need help?
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Speaking test34

Interview

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- Where do you live at the moment? Describe that place.
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- Why do you think new generation doesn't like their old culture/outfits?
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Cue card

Talk about one of your childhood's memorable events, you should say

- why do you remember it?
 - when did it happen?
 - what happened during the event?
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Speaking test35

- What is your full name?
- Are you a student or a worker?
- Do you like travel? Why?
- Where did you travel recently?
- Do you like going out with some friends?
- Where do you usually go?
- Do you prefer going out with a group or with only one or two people?

Cue card

Describe a speech you heard recently, you should say:

- Where was it?

- Who was the speaker?
- What was the main purpose of this speech?

Discussion

- What do you think are the most important qualities for a good speaker?
- Do you prefer a speech or a one on one discussion?

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Speaking test36

Interview

- What is your full name?
- Tell me about your city.
- Do you like going to parties?
- What kind of parties?
- Is it popular with young or old people?

Cue Card

Tell me about your best friend, you should say:

- How and when you met him/her?
- What does he/she look like?
- What do you do together?
- Why you like him/her?

Discussion

- I was asked questions about other type of relationships.
- What do you think about relationships at work?
- Work places need good relationships among workers?
- Do international events help to ease tension between nations or not?

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Speaking test37

Interview

- What's your name? What can I call you?
- Tell me about your home town.
- Why do you like your town?
- Do you like parties?
- Do you like to go to parties with your friends or with family members?
- What do you dislike about parties?
- Do young people enjoy parties more than older people?
- What was the recent gift you have given to anyone?

Cue Card

What famous person would you like to meet if given the chance? You should say

- Who the person is
- Where you've heard about him
- What you like about him

Discussion

- Why people want to be famous?
- Do famous people have private life?
- Does their attitude change toward others after becoming popular?

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Speaking test38

Interview

- What is your name?
- Are you studying or working?
- What do you think about using museums and art galleries for educational purposes?
- What can students learn from them?

Cue card

Talk about something that you don't know how to do now and would like to learn, you should say

- What it is
- How you will learn
- Who can teach you

Discussion

- When did you start learning about the Internet?
- What are the advantages of the Internet?
- Will computers ever replace teachers? Do you agree or disagree?

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Speaking Test39

Interview

- Tell me about your full name?
- What should I call you?
- Where are you from?
- Why people travel to your country?
- Do you work or study?
- Why did you choose to study your course?
- Do you like to study with a group or alone?
- Why?
- How often do you go out?
- When was the last time you went out with your friends?
- Do you prefer to go out alone or with friends?

Cue card

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Discussion

- Do you think toys should be shared by children?
- What do you think is the impact of sharing toys between children?
- What can you tell about toys before and toys nowadays?
- How would a toy help in the development of children?

SVB says: My Speaking test questions were exactly the same set of questions like the previous tests questions in Malaysia, Jeddah and Saudi Arabia, I prepared for above set of questions night before the exam and I did it well, I think that past IELTS speaking test questions are most probably to repeat in the future exams

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Speaking test40

- What is your full name?
- What can I call you?
- Where are you from?
- Do you work or study?
- What do you study?
- Why did you choose this course?
- Do you want to continue studying?

Cue card

- Talk about a change you would like in your life, you should say
- how will you make this change happen
 - how much time will you spend on this change

Discussion

- What type of changes people want in their lives?
- Did they make more efforts for these changes?
- What types of changes are happening in your country related to education?
- Are all the people satisfied with the changes?
- When was your last time shopping?
- Did you buy anything different than you did before?
- Where so you usually go shopping?

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Speaking test41

Interview

- Where are you from?
- Where do you live? (apartment, area)
- Can you describe your home?
- Which room in your home do you like more? Why?
- What do you do to improve your home?

- What time do you wake every day? Why?
- Which part of the day do you like more?
- Do you prefer handwriting or using computer? Why?
- Do you think that handwriting on it's way to die?

Cue card

- Talk about the most important phone call that you received and brought good news to you, you should say:
 - Who called you? When, where ?
 - What was it about?
 - Why was it so important to you?

Discussion

- Do you often receive phone calls?
- Do you often make phone calls?
- What do you prefer, mobile phone or land phone? Why?
- What do you think is more popular: cell phone or Internet?
- Do you prefer using cell phone or emails, why?
- Nowadays, do you think people communicate more or less than before?

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Speaking test42

In the interview there were some questions about a bicycle.

Cue card

Describe an item you would like to buy, you should say:

- What does it look like?
- How long have this purchase been planned?

Discussion

The questions were about advertisement on TV, what are its positive and negative features.

From business' or consumer's point of view, what will they do in future about advertising?

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Speaking test43

Interview

- What is your name?
- Do you work or study?
- Do you use any machines for your work?
- So you think your work can change in the future?
- What are your interests outside of work?
- Do you like visiting friends?
- Do you have many visitors?
- Is there anything special that you prepare for guests?
- What age is in your country in the most important for people?
- When people are considered adult (mature)?
- What occasions people celebrate in your country?

Cue Card

Tell me about best time in your life, please say

- when was it,
- what did you do,
- where did you live then,
- why was that time the best for you

Discussion

- At what age people can be responsible for themselves?
 - Our society is getting older – is that good or not?
 - What it looks like in your country?
 - Do you think it is good to be older?
 - What changes in society are caused by people living longer?
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Speaking Test44

Interview

The examiner started with some general questions about myself, where I stayed and my family. Then he asked

- What is the change that you suggest for the present accommodation?
- What is your favorite room in the house?
- Do you enjoy traveling?
- What country would you like to visit?
- Did you start cooking when you were in school?
- Do you enjoy cooking?
- What is the dish that you can cook best?
- Do you think that students should be allowed to cook while at school?

Cue card

Tell me about a famous historical place that you have visited:

- where is it located?
- what is it about that place that interests you the most?

Discussion

Then I was asked:

- Some of the famous historical places in my country & where they are located.
- Do you think people have stopped visiting these historical places and museums nowadays?
- Are you okay with purchasing tickets in order to visit these historical places and museums?
- Where else besides the Internet can you get information about history?
- Do you think TV is a good medium to convey the message?
- What about films, do you think they give complete information about the event?
- How far do you think the information is true?

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Speaking test45

Interview

The first group of questions was about sports.

- What sports did you play when you were a child?
- What sport do you want to learn?
- Do you think sports facilities are good enough ?

Then there was a group of questions about my studies.

- What was your major at university?
- Why did you chose it?

Then we talked about travel

- Do you like to travel
- When and where did you travel recently

Cue card

Talk about about traffic jam, you should say:

- When and where does traffic jam occur?
- What do you do while you are waiting?
- Explain what problems happen because of the delay?

Discussion

All the questions were related to traffic jam and transportation.

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Speaking test46

Introduction

- Please tell your full name.
- Tell me about your job.
- What do you like to do during your holiday?
- Do you like to go to parties?

- Whom you prefer to go to party with, your friends or parents? Why?
- Do you think that you need more holidays?

Cue card

- Who did give the most important advice to you in your life?
- Who was he/she?
- What was the result of that advice?

Discussion

- Tell about an advice that you gave someone.
- What kind of characters should be required for a good adviser?

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Speaking test47

Interview

- What is your full name?
- Where are you from?
- Tell me about the apartment that you live in.
- Do you have plan to stay or you want to leave?
- What you can see from the window of your apartment?
- What kind of food do you like? (I said Italian)
- Can you easily find the ingredients for making Italian food in market?
- Where do you eat your favorite food?
- Were you helping your parents in cooking when you were a child?
- What did you cook?
- What kind of music do you listen to?
- Name one of you favorite bands.

Cue Card

Describe a book that you have recently read. You should say:

- What it was about
- What did you like about it
- What did you dislike about it

Discussion

The examiner asked me several question about these subjects:

- Whether I recommend that book to anyone or not.
- Children and books.
- Differences in type of reading between children and adult.
- Impact of modern life on reading.
- Book or movies. Which one in better and why.
- People who can't read and write and their problems in society.

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Speaking test48

Interview

This was fairly easy. And very quick. It is over in no time. You come in, exchange friendly phrases such as: "How are you" and so on and the examiner tells you about the procedure. He then starts the recording ♦ I am not sure if this was a test but in the beginning he said: today is November 18th, 2008 ♦, so I said, "Excuse me, but today is November 15th, not 18th" ♦ Anyway, he then asked me to give my full name and where I was from.

He asked me about my city, what kind it was, special features, what I like about it. It is funny, I always answered immediately and after about 2 sentences he interrupts you and asks something else.

Card

He then told me I should talk for 1-2 minutes on this topic, he gave me a card where the topic was: seasons: favorite season, what weather conditions are like, what I like to do in that season and why it is my favorite. I could take notes but I chose not to and started immediately.

Discussion

He then asked me, what different jobs there might be in different climatic regions, and what jobs I think refer to seasons and whether I think concern about climate change around the world in appropriate and what I would recommend to do against it. I told him and then he said: thank you and good bye."

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Speaking test49

Interview

I entered the room and we had a little smalltalk (the examiner started this smalltalk) and I was very confident. Up to the moment when the examiner said: "Oh by the way, that's not the test. I have to start the recorder first" Then she did, stated date, time, center number, my name and candidate number and so on.

The examiner was nice and very kind, no problem about our relation and so on but it felt like a bloody police questioning and I was not able to answer the bloody questions in two sentences.

Cue Card

What kind of course would you take if you had the time, you should say

- what would you learn in this course
- why would you chose it

Discussion

A few questions about

- quality of teachers

- sport facilities in my town,
- what kind of sports I'd like to do

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Speaking test50

Introduction

- Please tell me your full name.
- Tell me about your job.
- What do you like to do in the evenings?
- Whom you prefer to spend your free time with? Why?
- Do you think that you need more to spend more time with him/her?

Cue card

Tell me about a person you admire and love, you should say:

- Who that person is
- What you do together
- How much time you spend together

Discussion

- Compare the relationships in the past and in the present.
- Do you prefer living in groups or alone?
- How do we improve our relationships?

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Speaking test51

Interview

- Your full name?
- What do you do ? What is your job?
- Do you use any machine in your job?
- Do you use computers widely in your job?
- Do people in your home town still use bicycles?
- Do you use bicycle yourself?
- Tell me something about some news you've recently heard.

Cue card

Talk about a person whom you know as a good cook, you should say:

- Who is that person?
- When and how did you get to know him/her ?
- Why do you believe he/she is a good cook?

Discussion

- Do you think cooking should be taught at schools?
- What affects producing of food world wide?
- Do you think Food industry in your home country provides healthy food?
- Do you agree or disagree that food should be provided at schools?

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Speaking test55

Interview

1. Tell me your full name.
2. Are you a student or you work?
3. What is your work?
4. Do you enjoy your work?

Cue card

Topic:About Photography

1. What, when and who did the photograph?
2. Did you dislike or like the photograph you saw?

Discussion

Followup questions to part 2:

1. Is photography important to you?
2. Do you agree that it is important to take all photos?(I answered yes, even on sad days)
3. So the examiner asked if I took sad photographs? Do you practice it in your country?

Another Discussion topics:

1. Is birthday important to you? How did you celebrate birthdays?
2. Is birthday more important to kids or to adults?
3. What National Museum do you like? What museums have you visited when you were little?
4. In your country what are the common photos taken by the artist?

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Speaking test56

Interview

- Questions about my home town
- What has changed over the past 20 years?
- What does your name mean?
- Why did your parents give you that name?
- Are there names that are common in your country?

Card

Described an animal you have seen. You should say:

- Where you saw it
- when you saw it
- What was important about it

Discussion

Why do people chose to be vegetarians?
 What health problems associated with keeping animals?
 Are there many vegetarians in Nigeria?

The examiner was very nice and lively, I enjoyed every moment of my speaking.

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Speaking test57

Interview

- What is you name?
- Where do you live?
- House or flat?
- Describe house.
- What are galleries and museums for?
- Did you visit them as a child?
- Do you think school children should be taken there?
- Do you like gardening?
- Can you imagine why people like it?
- Have you grown your own plants?
- What do people in your country grow – fruits or vegetables?

Cue card

It was about performing arts.
 - Describe a performance when and where you have seen it
 - What sort of performance was it?
 - What was special about it?

Discussion

- Would you like to see it again (the performance from the cue card above)?
- What is the purpose of performing arts?
- Should drama and dance only be taught in special schools?
- Where is the difference between girls and boys concerning dance education?
- What is the importance of arts in different cultures?
- Are tribal cultures in danger in a globalized world?

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Speaking Test58

Interview

- What is your full name?
- Explain about your home town

- Do you like living there? For what reasons?
- Are the bicycles used and popular in your home town?
- Why do children most like to riding bicycles?
- How often do visitors come to your home?
- What do you arrange for them?
- Do you like visitors? / Why?
- Were there any other occasions with lots of visitors coming to home?
- What are those?

Cue card

Describe an educational trip you have gone on in your school time

- Where to was the trip ?
- What did you do and learn there?
- What are the experiences you have had?

Then my examiner asked few questions about the trip and asked whether the field trip helped me to gain better education compared to studying in the classroom.

Discussion

- Why is there a trend for children to be learning at home?
- How do people help their children to study at home?
- What do you think about learning at home?
- Studying without a teacher: is it good or bad? What is your opinion?

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Speaking test59

Cue card

I did the speaking fluently but was a bit shocked at the 2nd stage, where I was asked to talk about
 “WHO WOULD BE THE FAMOUS PERSON YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET IN YOUR LIFE”.

Honestly, in my whole life I never thought about any famous person I’d like to meet. This question made me waste my time just to think of who the person would be. I panicked and lost a chance to write down some points to talk about. I still managed to say something but not as good as I could if the question was a different one.

Discussion

The follow-up questions were:

- Would you like to be famous?
- What is the most important thing the famous person you mentioned before should do, to make them a good role model?
- What is the difference between actors/actresses nowadays and in the past in you country?
- How and why your parents liked them back then, compared to the actors nowadays?
- When was your last holiday and what did you do?

Speaking test60

Interview

- Where are you from?
- Tell me about your flat or house
- What do you like about your flat?
- How long have you been living there?
- What is your favorite room in your flat/house?
- How could you improve your flat?
- Do you like traveling?
- What place that you have visited did you like most?
- What country would you like to visit? Why?

Cue card

You should talk about an interesting and impressive speech or talk you have heard, you should say:

- Who was the speaker
- Where have you heard the speech
- What it was about

Explain why did you like the speech and what impressed you so much

Discussion

- Why some people are good speakers and some are not?
- How can you develop or improve your speaking skills?
- What makes a speech interesting?
- What skills successful orator must have?
- Are visual aids helpful giving a speech?
- Are conferences related to integrating different cultures helpful?
- Which is more useful – a discussion or listening to a speech?

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