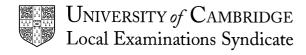


English

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Speaking Test

Sample Question Paper



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BULATS Speaking Test Sample Materials

There are **three** parts to the speaking test; in **Part 1**, you will have an **Interview**. This will include questions from the sections below:

- all candidates will be asked questions from Section 1;
- people in work will be asked questions from **Section 2**;
- students will be asked questions from Section 3;
- all candidates will then be asked questions from one of the Sections 4 7.

This part will last approximately **four** minutes.

PART 1 Interview

Section 1 Introduction

In this part you will be asked questions about your self, where you live and where you study or work.

Section 2 Current work

In this part you will be asked more details about what you do in your job.

Section 3 Current studies

In this part you will be asked more details about your studies.

Section 4 Travel

In this part you will be asked about places you have visited.

Section 5 Language learning

In this part you will be asked about your experiences of studying English.

Section 6 Future career prospects

In this part you will be asked about your future career development.

Section 7 Interests

In this part you will be asked about your hobbies and interests.

In **Part 2** of the test you will be asked to give a short presentation on one of three topics. According to your work experience, the topics may be on general work, technical work, or study.

This part will last approximately **four** minutes.

PART 2 Presentation

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all THREE topics below carefully.

Choose **ONE** which you feel you will be able to talk about for one minute.

You have one minute to read and prepare your talk.

You may take notes.

Topic A

Describe an important business meeting you attended.

You should say:

where it was; what it was about; why it was important.

What were the most interesting moments?

Topic B

Describe someone you particularly enjoy working with.

You should say:

what this person does; what sort of work you do with this person; why you like working with this person.

Would you change anything about this person? Give reasons for your answer.

Topic C

Describe the best workplace you have ever had.

You should say:

where the workplace was; what you were doing there; why you liked to work there.

Would you change anything about it? Give reasons for your answer.

In **Part 3** of the test you will be asked to take part in a communicative activity with the examiner which is made up of an information exchange and a discussion. According to your work experience, this activity may be on a general work, technical work, or study topic.

This part will last approximately **four** minutes.

PART 3 Communicative Activity

Conference arrangements

You have one minute to read through this task.

Information Exchange

You are making the arrangements for a one-day conference at a local hotel. The Examiner is the Conference Organiser for the hotel and is visiting you to discuss the conference.

Find out this information i) the size of the largest conference room

ii) the cost for that room

iii) equipment available

Do you think the hotel is offering you a good service for the price it is charging?

Discussion

Now discuss this topic with the Examiner:

What makes a successful conference?