

IETLS SPEAKING TASK

Speaking 2017/1/1--2017/4/30 Duration:

11–14 minutes

In the Speaking test, you have a discussion with a certified examiner. It is interactive and as close to a real-life situation as a test can get.

There are three parts to the test and each part fulfils a specific function in terms of interaction pattern, task input and candidate output.

In Part 1, you answer questions about yourself and your family. In Part 2, you speak about a topic. In Part 3, you have a longer discussion on the topic.

The Speaking test is the same for both Academic and General Training tests. Each of the three parts are designed to test a different aspect of your communication ability.

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Speaking task – Part 1

Part 1 Introduction and interview

[This part of the test begins with the examiner introducing himself or herself and checking the candidate's identification. It then continues as an interview.]

Work or Studies

- Are you a student or do you have a job?

Your Work

- What work do you do?
- Do you like your job?
- Why did you choose to do that type of work?
- Do you miss being a student?

Your Studies

- What subjects are you studying?
- What is your major?
- Do you like your major?
- Why did you choose to study that major?

Hometown

- Where are you from?
- What is your hometown famous for?
- Is that a big city or a small place?
- How long have you been living there?
- Do you like your hometown?
- What do you like most about your hometown?

Home/Accommodation

- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- What kind of house or accommodation do you live in?
- Who do you live with?
- How long have you lived there?
- Do you plan to live there for a long time?
- Can you describe the place where you live?
- What do you do in your house/flat/room?
- Which room does your family spend most of the time in?
- What can you see from your window of your flat or your house?

Family

- How often do you meet your family?
- How do you spend the time with your family?
- Do you want to live with your family in the future?
- Are you close to all of your family members?
- How has your family influenced you?

Weekends

- What do you do in your spare time?
- What do you usually do on weekends?
- What did you do last weekend?
- Do you prefer to stay at home or hang out with friends on weekends?
- What are you going to do next weekend?
- Do you think it's important to make the most of your weekend?
- Do you think employees should work at weekends?

Sunny Days

- Do you like sunny days?
- What do you like to do when it's a sunny day?
- Would you like to stay at home or go outside when the weather is great?
- Are there many sunny days in your hometown?

Music

- Do you like to listen to music?
- When do you listen to music?
- What kinds of music do you like to listen to?
- Have you ever been to a concert before?
- Do you prefer to listen to music at home or listen to live music?
- Do you like listening to songs?
- What kinds of music are popular in your country?
- Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?
- Can you play a musical instrument?
- Do you want to learn to play a musical instrument in the future?

Colours

- What colour do you like best?

- What's the most popular colour in China?
- Do you like to wear dark or bright colours?
- What's the difference between men and women's preference on colours?

Gifts

- How often do you buy others gifts?
- Do you like to send expensive gifts?
- What kinds of gifts are popular in your country?
- Why do people send gifts?

Transportation

- What's the most popular means of transportation in your hometown?
- How do you travel in your city?
- How often do you take buses?
- Is driving to work popular in your country?
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Do you prefer public transportation or private transportation?

- When was the first time you took a taxi?
- Is it convenient to take the bus/taxi in your city?
- Would you ride to work in the future?

Photography

- Do you like to take photos?
- How do you take photos?
- How often do you take photos?
- How do you keep your photos?
- Do you frame any of your photos?
- What do you like to take photos of?
- Do you prefer to take photos of people or of scenery?
- Do you keep your photographs on your computer?
- Are there any photos on the walls of your home?

Outdoor Activities

- Do you like outdoor activities?
- What outdoor activities do you like to do?
- How often do you do outdoor activities?
- What types of outdoor activities are popular in your country?
- What outdoor sports do you like?
- How much time do you spend outdoors every week?

Teacher

- Who was your favourite teacher when you were young?
- Would you like to be a teacher in the future?
- What kinds of teachers do you like best?
- Have you ever had bad teachers before?

Celebrity

- Who is your favourite celebrity in China?
- Do you like any foreign celebrities?
- Would you like to be a celebrity in the future?
- How do celebrities influence their fans in China?
- Do you think we should protect famous people's privacy?

Activity near water

- What activities would you do if you were spending some leisure time at a beach?
- Why do some people like water sports?
- Do you think it's important for children to learn how to swim?
- Do you think the government should invest money in developing facilities for water sports?

Visitors

- Do you often invite friends to visit your home?
- Do you like visitors coming to your home?
- Do people often visit you at your home?
- How often do visitors come to your home?
- Do you prefer to have friends or relatives visit you?
- When someone visits you, how do you usually show your hospitality?

Newspapers and Magazines

- Do you often read newspapers?
- Why do some people still read newspapers nowadays?
- Which is more popular where you live, newspapers or magazines?
- Do you prefer local news or international news?
- In the future, do you think more people than today will read magazines or fewer people?
- Do you think newspapers will be very important to you in the future?

Bags

- Do you like bags?
- What types of bags do you like?
- Do you usually carry a bag when you go out?
- What types of bags do you use in your everyday life?
- Do you have different bags for different occasions?
- What do you put in these bags?
- What sorts of bags do women like to buy?

Books

- How often do you read?
- Do you like reading?
- Do you have many books at home?
- Do Chinese people like reading?
- Do you prefer to read paper books or e-books?
- What kinds of people like reading and what kinds of people don't like reading?

Advertisement

- Are there many advertisements in your country?
- What are the various places where we can see advertisements?
- How do you feel about advertisements?
- Why do you think there are so many advertisements today?

Art

- Do you like art?
- Do you think art classes are necessary?
- How do you think art classes affect children's development?
- What kinds of paintings do Chinese people like?
- What can you learn from western paintings?
- What benefits can you get from painting as a hobby?

Chocolate

- How often do you eat chocolate?
- Do you like to eat chocolate?
- What's your favourite flavour?
- Is chocolate expensive in your country?
- When was the first time you ate chocolate?
- Is chocolate popular in China?
- Why is chocolate so popular?

Forgetting things

- What kinds of things do you have to bring when you go out?
- Did you ever forget to bring something?
- How do you remind yourself?
- Do you carry different things in the morning and in the evening?

Indoor games

- Do you play any indoor games?
- Do you prefer to play indoor games or outdoor games?
- What indoor games did you play when you were a child?
- What sorts of indoor games do children play now?

Video games

- Do you play video games?
- What kinds of video games do you like to play?
- Is it good for young people to play video games?

Television

- What TV programs are you interested in?
- When do you watch TV?
- In China, have television programs changed much in recent years?
- How do you think TV programs in China could be improved?

Shoes

- How often do you buy shoes?

- Where do you buy shoes?
- Have you ever bought shoes online?
- Do you know anyone who likes to collect shoes?
- What's your favourite type of shoes?
- Do you prefer to wear comfortable shoes or fashionable shoes?
- Do you like shopping for shoes?
- What kinds of shoes do you usually buy?

Housework

- Do you do housework at home?
- Do you think men and women share housework?
- What kinds of housework do you dislike to do?
- Did your parents help you do housework when you were young?
- Do you think children should do housework?

Mirror

- How often do you look at yourself in the mirror every day?
- Do you have mirrors at home?
- Do you think mirrors are necessary?
- Do you like mirrors?
- Would you carry a mirror with you every day?

Watch

- Do you like to wear a watch?
- How often do you wear a watch?
- What kinds of watches do you like to wear?
- Do people in your country like to wear watches?
- Why do some people like to wear expensive watches?

Dream

- Do you often have dreams while you are sleeping at night?
- Can you remember your dreams?
- Would you like to share your dreams with others?
- What do you usually dream about?
- Have you had a bad dream before?
- What was the strangest dream you have had?

Robot

- Do you like robots?
- Have you seen robots in a movie before?
- Do you want to have robots in your home?
- What do you think of robots?
- What kinds of robots would you like to have?
- Would you like to use robots to do the housework?
- If a robot were driving a car, would you like to take it?
- Will robots change our society significantly?

- Will robots be more popular in the future?

Speaking task – Part 2

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a family member who has an important influence on you

You should say:

Who this person is

What kind of person he or she is

What this person has done to influence you

And explain why you think this person is important to you

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Why do some children get spoiled at home?
- Do you think family relationships are important?
- Do young adults in your country like to communicate with old people?
- In this day and age, people from different generations live together; do you think this is a problem?
- How much do you think people should be responsible for their own parents?

Candidate Task Card

Describe a family member who made you proud

You should say:

Who this person is

When this happened

What this person did

And explain why you felt proud of the person

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What did you do to make your parents proud when you were young?
- What do children do to make their parents proud?
- What merits of yours make you proud?
- When was the last time that you felt proud of yourself?
- What kinds of things do children feel proud of?

Candidate Task Card

Describe a famous person you are interested in

You should say:

Who this person is

How you know this person

How this person has become famous

And explain why you like this person

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- How do people become famous?
- What kinds of people can become famous in your country?
- What qualities do most famous people have in common?

- Do you think people are famous because of their real talent or for some other reasons?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of being famous?
- Why do some people want to be famous?
- What the different between celebrities today and celebrities in the past?
- What do you think of famous stars' privacy being reported by journalists and media?
- Do you think celebrities have rights to have their privacy?
- Is it possible that some celebrities just want to hype themselves by some negative news about them?

Candidate Task Card

Describe an interesting neighbour

You should say:

Who this person is

How you know this person

What this person likes to do

And explain why you think this person is interesting

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you think neighbours are important?
- Do you think it is important to have a good relationship with one's neighbours?
- Do you think people's relationship with their neighbours today is the same as it was in the past?
- Why do some people who live in big cities do know their neighbours?
- How to improve people's relationship with their neighbours?
- What kinds of problems might people have with their neighbours?

Candidate Task Card

Describe the politest person you know

You should say:

Who this person is

How you know this person

What this person likes to do

And explain why you think this person is the politest

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you think politeness is important?
- How do Chinese people show their politeness?
- How to teach children to be polite?
- How do you deal with impolite person?
- What kinds of behaviour are not polite?
- What's the difference of politeness between the countryside and urban areas?
- Why is respect important?
- What's the difference between politeness and respect?

Describe a person whom you have met before and you want to know more about

You should say:

Who this person is

When and where you met this person

What you did or talked about

And explain why you would like to know more about this person

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- How do Chinese people make friends?
- Why some people are good at making friends but others aren't?
- Why some people can make friends with people of different backgrounds?
- How can some people make new friends if they are not good at making friends?
- How to improve social ability?
- Who are more important to you, friends or family members?
- Do you like to make friends with someone who is different from you?
- Do you have any foreign friends?
- Why it is easier to make friends on the Internet than in reality?

Candidate Task Card

Describe a person who just moved home

You should say:

When and where this person moved

How you know this person

What this person brought with him or her

And explain how this person felt about moving

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you like to live in big houses or small houses?
- Where do old people like to live, cities or the countryside?
- Do Chinese people like to move frequently?
- Is it easy to move house in China?

Describe two people you know from the same family

You should say:

Who they are

What they look like

How close they are to each other

And explain how you think of them

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Which do you think better, big families or small families?
- How has family life changed?
- Do you think you become closer or farther with your relatives?
- Do you think it is good to live with your relatives?
- Why do more and more families have more than one child?
- Do you like to live with your parents or live on your own?
- Are children's personalities similar to their parents' personalities?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an important place like (stadium, swimming pool) in your city

You should say:

Where it is

How often you go there

What people do there

And explain why you think it is important

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Where do Chinese people play sports?
- What are the benefits of group sports?
- What sports do children like?
- What can children benefit from playing sports?
- Should young people try some dangerous sports?
- What is the meaning of sports games like Olympic Games?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a person/something that made you laugh

You should say:

When it happened

Where it happened

Who you were with

And explain why you laughed

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- How do you define happiness?
- What's the difference between comedies in books and in TV?
- Which will make people laugh more easily, reading a book or watching TV?
- Why are some TV programs interesting?
- Do Chinese people like to watch comedy?
- Who is the most popular comedian in China?
- What do you do when you feel unhappy?
- Why do children tend to be happier than adults?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a place where you relaxed

You should say:

Where it is

What you usually do there

How often you go there

And explain why it is a relaxing place

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Where do Chinese people like to go on weekends?

- What do old people do to relax?
- What is the best way to relax?
- Do you think modern people are under great pressure?
- Do you need a quiet place to concentrate?
- Some students are living in dormitories, do you think it is good for studying?
- How would you do under a noisy situation?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a quiet place

You should say:

Where it is

When you like to go there

What you like to do there

And explain why you like this place

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you know other quiet places?
- Why do some people like to spend time in quiet places?
- Why do some people dislike quiet places?
- Do you know anyone who likes noise?
- Do you think cities will be much noisier in the future?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a popular place where people like to go swimming

You should say:

Where it is

What it is like

Who like to go swimming there

And explain why it is a popular place

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Is it important to swim?
- Do you think people are born to swim or it is a skill to be learned?
- What are the benefits of swimming?
- Why do young women like yoga?
- What do you think of Tai Chi?
- Should children learn how to swim?
- Why can swimming help people become healthier?
- Do you think schools should offer swimming courses?
- Do you think sports facilities should be free?
- Do you think governments should invest money in developing facilities for water sports?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a garden you have visited

You should say: Where

it was What it

looked like

What you did there

And explain why you liked the garden

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Are public gardens very important in your country?
- Are there many public gardens in your country?
- Do you think there are enough public gardens in your hometown?
- What do you think are the benefits of having gardens in the city?
- Do you think governments should provide more public gardens for people to visit?
- What do people do when they go to a public garden?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a tall building you like or dislike

You should say:

Where it is

What it is used for

What it looks like

And explain why you like or dislike it

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you like to live in tall buildings?
- Do you think people will live in tall buildings in the future?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in tall buildings?
- What do you think of people designing their own houses?
- Do you think climate will have effects on the design of architecture?
- Do you think architect is an interesting job?
- Do you think underwater cities will be realized?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a café you have been to

You should say: Where

this café is

What type of food the café has

What you like to do there

And explain why you like this café

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Who like to go to a café?
- What's the difference between a restaurant and a café?

- What are the reasons why people eat out?
- What's the difference between eating at home and eating out?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an interesting apartment or a house you visited

You should say:

Where it is

What it is like

Why you visited the place

And explain why you think it is an interesting house or apartment

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- In your country, what type of home do most people live in?
- Do you prefer to live in modern homes or the older-style homes?
- Do you think old buildings should be pulled down?
- How are modern homes different to old homes?
- What do you imagine people's houses will be like in the future?
- Why do people sometimes move to live in a different home?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a shop that just opened in your hometown

You should say: Where

the shop is When

it opened What it

sells

And explain how you feel about the shop

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you like to big shops or small shops?
- Why do some people like to visit small shops?
- Should governments develop big shops or small shops?
- Should shops be located in city centres or in the suburbs?
- What can shops do to attract customers?

Candidate Task Card

Describe a decision made by others that you disagreed with

You should say:

What the decision was

How it was made

What you disagreed with

And explain why you disagreed with it

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What skills are necessary when making decisions?
- How can people improve their decision-making skills?

- When do you think is the suitable time to decide your future career?
- How do you think computers will change the way people make decisions?
- Do parents in China allow their children to make important decisions about the future?
- Do you think students should have their own ideas or is it better for them to listen to what their teachers tell them?
- Do you think parents should make important decisions for their children?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a time that you were waiting for something

You should say:

When it happened

Where it happened

What you were waiting for

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you think patience is important?
- Why is it difficult for children to be patient?
- What would you do if you wait for someone for a long time?
- Would you easily feel angry when you wait for a long time?
- Have you ever been late for meeting someone?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a time you were very busy

You should say:

When it happened

Where you were

What you did

And explain why you were that busy

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you like the past pace of modern life?
- How do you feel when you are really busy?
- What's the best way to deal with stress?
- What kind of lifestyle is suitable to people in modern society?
- What are the benefits of busy working?
- How can companies do to motivate their employees?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an experience you spent your time with a child

You should say:

When you spent time with this child

Who this child was

What you did together

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Who should spend more time with their children, father or mother?
- Do you think it is easier to raise a child or some children?
- Do you think it is good for parents to show ipad and smart phones to their children?
- What the difference between children's activities today and in the past?
- Do parents in your country spend a lot of time with their children?
- Who did you spend most time with when you were young?
- Why do some young people dislike living with old people?
- What do you usually do when you hang out with your friends?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an important event in history in your country

You should say:

When and where this happened

How you know it

What happened

And explain why it was an important event

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you think it is important to learn history?
- How can people learn history?
- Why some historical figures can be remembered by us?
- What do you think will be shown in future museums?
- Should governments invest money in museums?
- Do you museums should be free?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a time you had good experience in the countryside

You should say:

Where you went

What you did

Who you went with

And explain why it was enjoyable

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do young people enjoy living in the countryside?
- Do old people prefer to live in the countryside or in the city?
- What's the difference between living in the countryside and living in the city?
- Why do many people move from small towns to big cities?
- How has life changed in the countryside in your country?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an occasion that you received a good service from a restaurant or shop

You should say:

What the service was

When and where you received the service

Whom you were together with

And explain why you think it was a good service

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What jobs require staff to get in touch with many people?
- What qualities do the staff need and why?
- What's the difference between services in big shops and small shops?
- What people will do when they get bad service?
- Why do some people not know what service is good?
- What do you think of general service in China?
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There are some websites where you can write reviews about the service of a restaurant or a shop, are there any websites like that in China?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an interesting speech

You should say:

When you heard it

Where you heard it

What it was about

And explain why you think it was interesting

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What kinds of people will be invited to give a speech?
- What kinds of speeches are interesting?
- Is listening to speeches important to children?
- What qualities should a good speechmaker have?
- Why do some people feel nervous when they give a speech?
- Will Chinese people feel nervous when it comes to public speaking?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an experience that you were not allowed to use your mobile phone

You should say: Where

you were When it

happened

What you did there

And explain why you were not allowed to use your phone

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- When do people have to use mobile phones?
- When it is not necessary to use mobile phones?
- How do young people and old people use mobile phones differently?
- What's your attitude towards people using mobile phones loudly in public places?
- Is it popular to use mobile phones in your country?
- Is it harmful for children to use mobile phone?
- How have mobile phones changed our life?
- Why modern people can't live without their mobile phones?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a bicycle/motorbike/car trip that you would like to take

You should say:

Where you would like to go

How you would like to go there

Who you would like to go with

And explain why you would like to go there by bicycle/motorbike/car

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do Chinese people prefer to travel by car or by train?
- What do you think of travelling by bike?
- What do you think of renting a bike and travelling around a city?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling in a tour group?
- Where do Chinese people like to travel?
- Do Chinese people like to travel abroad?
- What are the benefits of travelling?
- What do you think of the transportation system in your country?
- What is the meaning of a good transportation system for a country?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a holiday you want to go on in the future

You should say:

Where and when you want to go

Who you would like to go with

What you can do for the holiday

And explain why you want to have this holiday

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you like short holidays or long holidays?
- Do you think modern lifestyles give people enough time for recreation?
- Where do Chinese people like to go for a holiday?
- What's the most important factor for a tourist attraction?
- Do you think we should have more public holidays?

- Why do some people dislike having a holiday?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an interesting or unusual thing you did recently (in your free time)

You should say:

What you did

When and where you did it

Who you did it with

And explain why you think it was interesting or unusual

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- How do people in China spend their leisure time, for example, after school, after work or on weekends?
- What kinds of things do families in China do together in their leisure time?
- Would you say that people have enough leisure time today?
- How do you think science and technology has changed people's lives in China in the past few years?
- Compare the way men spend their leisure time and the way women spend their leisure time.
- Comparing the past, do you think modern people have less leisure time?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an area of science that you are interested in (such as physics, mathematics, or chemistry)

You should say:

What it is

When you started to become interested in it

What you have learned from it

And explain why you are interested in it

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What is your opinion of modern education in school?
- Do you think economy is a popular course in universities?
- Can you describe an example of science being used in daily lives?
- Can you describe an example of medical science being used in real lives?
- What school subjects do you think are most important in school?
- What school subjects do you think will be the most useful in adult life?
- Which subjects do you think should be optional and which should be compulsory?
- Do you think science is important to our society?
- In the west, high school students are allowed to choose many of the subjects they study, do you think it would be a good idea in China?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an activity that is a little expensive

You should say:

What it is

How much it usually costs

Who you usually do it with

And explain why you like to do this activity

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do Chinese people like to buy expensive things?
- If people get a lot of money suddenly, what should they do?
- If you get a lot of money suddenly, will you still work?
- What expensive activities do people like in your country?
- What expensive activities do men like to do?
- What expensive activities do women like to do?
- Are there some expensive activities free?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a special meal you have had

You should say:

Where you had it

Who you had it with

What you ate

And explain why it was special for you

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What do you think is a healthy diet?
- Why do you think some people choose to be vegetarians?
- Is the food the people eat today in China different to the food that people used to eat in the past?
- How do you think the way we eat will change in the future?
- Is fast food popular in China?
- More and more people are becoming overweight nowadays, what do you think might be the cause of this phenomenon?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a time you were really close to a wild animal

You should say:

What it looked like

Where you saw it

What the animal did when you saw it

And how you felt about seeing this animal

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you think animals have feelings and rights?

- Do you think animals should be kept in zoos?
- Do you think there should be laws to protect the welfare of pets and farm animals?
- Are there any wild animals in China that are not found in any other countries?
- How do Chinese people feel about the protection of wild animals?
- What do you think are the benefits to humans from protecting wild animals?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a kind of foreign food you have had

You should say:

What it was

When you had it

Where you had it

And how you felt about it

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do people in your country like to try new food?
- What kinds of foreign food are popular in your country?
- What the difference between traditional food and export food?
- Who like export food?
- Is it expensive to eat out in your country?
- What's the difference between Chinese food and western food?
- What kinds of food do people eat in some countries but people don't eat in other countries?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of GM foods?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an exciting activity you want to try for the first time

You should say:

What it is

Where you can do it

How you would do it

And explain why you feel excited

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you like to do risky things?
- Who prefer adventurous activities, young people or old people?
- Who are more willing to try adventurous things, men or women?
- Why it's good to be adventurous?
- Does it benefit people when they try new things?
- Why do some people eat the same things all the time?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a plan in your life that was not related to work or study

You should say:

What it was about

When you made it

How it worked

And how you felt about the result

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Should parents set goals for children?
- When do young children start to set goals for themselves?
- What kinds of goals are not realistic?
- Why do people set goals?
- Do you think making plans is important for one's success?
- What would you feel if you couldn't achieve your goals?
- Should people have clear aims for the future or is it better to take each day as it comes?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a well-paid job that you will be good at

You should say:

What it is

How you can find this job

What it requires you to do

And explain why you think you will be good at it

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Is it hard to find a good job in China?
- In China, what kinds of people can get higher salary and why?
- Why do some people choose jobs because of high salary?
- What kinds of jobs are well-paid in China and why?
- Why do some people keep changing their jobs?
- What should a good employer do?
- How do you define a good job?
- Do you think employees should work at weekends?
- In the future, what jobs will be more popular and what jobs will be replaced?
- Do you think it's fair for famous stars to get higher salary?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a place in other countries where you would like to work

You should say:

Where you would like to work

What kind of work/job you would like to have

When you would like to have the work

And explain why you want to work in that place

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What kinds of jobs are easy to get in a foreign country?
- Why do some people want to work in a foreign country?
- Why do some Chinese people not work in a foreign country?
- Do Chinese students like to do part-time job in a foreign country?
- What kinds of part-time jobs do you think are good in a foreign country?
- What are the benefits of working in an International company?
- Should young adults work abroad?
- If young adults don't work abroad, would it be helpful for them to travel in a foreign country?
- Do Chinese parents encourage their children to work abroad?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a small business you want to have in the future

You should say: What

would it be

What you need to prepare for it

Where you would have this business

And explain why you would like to do this business

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Why do some people create their own business?
- What kinds of small business are popular in China?
- What qualities does a small business owner need to have?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of small business compared to large companies?
- How can small business benefit the people in the community where the businesses are located?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a team project for study or entertainment

You should say:

When you did it

Where you did it

Who you did it with and how you did it

And explain why you liked it or disliked it

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What are the reasons of the failure of teamwork?
- What activities can only be done in a team?
- Do children need to know more about teamwork?
- Is cooperation is more important than competition?
- What can people get from team activities?
- Do you think leaders are important?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a method that helps you save money

You should say:

What the method is

When you started to use it

How you knew it

And explain why you think it is helpful

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What can parents do to teach children to save money?
- Why do young people tend to waste money?
- What kinds of things do people like to buy in your country?
- Do schools in China teach anything about financial management?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a time you needed to use imagination

You should say:

What the situation was

Why you needed to use imagination

What the difficulties were

And explain how you felt about it

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Why do most children have a wild imagination?
- Do you think it is necessary to improve children's imagination?
- What kinds of books can boost people's imagination?
- Do you like to watch movies about the future?
- What can schools do for students' creativity?
- Do you think scientists and artists have the same imagination?
- Do you think people who do different jobs have the same imagination?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a time when you prepared for a happy event

You should say:

When it happened

Who you were with

What you prepared for

And how you felt about the event

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- How to prepare an event well?

- Do you think some people are born to have organizing ability?
- Do you think schools should teach organizing ability in school?
- What factors should people consider when planning for an event?
- How should parents teach children organizing skills?
- Do Chinese parents like to prepare things for their children?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a time you missed an important appointment for something

You should say:

When and where it happened

What the appointment was for

What happened when you missed it

And explain how you felt when you missed the appointment

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- How often do you make appointments?
- How can people remind them of important appointments in daily lives?
- Is it important to be punctual in your country?
- Is it easy to make an appointment in China?
- Which do you think is more important, appointments with friends or appointments in work?
- Will people be fired if they forget something important in work?
- Do you think being reliable is important in one's job?
- Some people forget to do something just because they don't want to, what do you think about it?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an interesting song

You should say:

What kind of song it is

How you found it

What it is about

And explain why it is interesting to you

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What's the difference between the music that Chinese young and old people listen to?
- Which are more popular, Chinese songs or Korean songs?
- Why are singing competitions on TV so popular?
- Why do you think old people like to listen to old songs?
- Why do you think people of different age groups have different favourite songs?
- What kinds of music do children in your country like to listen to?
- Do you think children should listen to traditional music?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe your favourite film

You should say:

When and where you saw it

What type of film it was

What the film was about

And explain why it is your favourite film

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Do you think women are more superficial when watching a movie compared to men?
- Why do you think documentary films are not so popular?
- How are films and real life different?
- Do men and women like to see the same kinds of films?
- Why do some young adults like watching black and white movies?
- Why do some people like to watch silent movies?
- Do you think some movies stars earn too much money?
- Do you think CGI will be more applied for the film market in the future?
- Some people invest a lot of money in movies, do you think it is worth it?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a website you like to visit

You should say:

When you found it

What it is about

How often you visit it

Why you like this website

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of shopping online?
- What's the difference between young people and old people when using the Internet?
- Do you think children should use the Internet?
- How to improve the elderly's skills to use a computer?
- What are some of the different reasons why people use the Internet?
- Some people say that different age groups have different tastes on Internet content, what do you think about it?
- Do you think parents should control what Internet sites their children visit?
- What influence can the Internet have on children?
- Why do some people don't use the Internet?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a piece of equipment in your home

You should say:

What it is

How often you use it

Who you usually use it with
And explain why this item is important to you

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- Has the item you just described changed much over the years?
- Do you think everyone needs to know how to use the item you just described?
- What kinds of electrical appliances are most used in the home, besides the telephone and computer?
- Do you think more people will use robots to do housework in the future?
- Why robots in some factories have replaced workers?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of using robots in factories?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe an advertisement you have seen recently

You should say:

When and where you saw it
What was advertised
What the contents of the advertisement were
And how you felt about it

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What are the different kinds of advertising?
- What are the ways in which advertisements catch the attention of viewers?
- Do you think advertisements should be banned?
- What are the good points and bad points of advertisements?
- Do you trust advertisements?
- Is advertising on the Internet very influential?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a gift that you recently gave to others

You should say:

When it happened
Who you gave it to
What gift you gave to the person
And explain why you gave this gift to others

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- In China, on what occasions do people give gifts to others?
- What kinds of gifts are suitable to give for young children?
- If giving a child an imitation gun as a gift, what effects will it have on the child?
- Do you think it is necessary to give some gifts about education?
- Why do people like to receive gifts?
- Do people today still give the same kinds of gifts that people used to give many years ago?

- Do you think it's suitable to give money as a gift?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a book you want to read again

You should say: What

the book is What

it is about

When you read it for the first time

And explain why you want to read it again

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- How often do you read?
- Do Chinese people like to read?
- What do Chinese people like to read?
- Do you think it's important for parents to read for their children?
- What kinds of materials do you think people should read?
- What benefits do young people get from reading?
- Do you think libraries will disappear in the future?
- Do you think paper books will be replaced by e-books in the future?

Part 2 – Individual long turn

Candidate Task Card

Describe a kind of weather you like

You should say:

What it is

Where you can usually experience it

What you will do in this kind of weather

And explain why you like it

Part 3 – Two-way discussion

- What types of weather are suitable for outdoor activities?
- What is the least favourite season for you?
- If the weather were bad, what would people do indoors?
- Who like to watch weather forecast?

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