



## Certificate of Proficiency in English Speaking Test

### Part 1 (2 mins/3 mins for groups of three)

**Interlocutor** Good morning / afternoon / evening. My name is ..... and this is my colleague ..... . And your names are ..... ? Could I have your mark sheets, please?

**Thank you. First of all, we'd like to know something about you. Where do you live (Candidate A)? And you (Candidate B)?**

*[address Candidate B]* **Are you working or studying at the moment?**

*[address Candidate A]* **And you?**

*Select a further question for each candidate:*

- **Is your town/city an interesting place to live?**
- **What is your favourite time of year?**
- **What would be your dream holiday?**
- **Are you happy with your work-life balance?**
- **Do you have much opportunity to travel?**
- **Do you prefer time alone or in company?**

**Candidates ..... Interlocutor**

**Thank you.**





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**Part 2** (approximately 4 minutes / 6 minutes for groups of three)

**1 – Home is where the heart is**

**Interlocutor** Now in this part of the test, you're going to do something together. Here are some pictures of different home environments.

Place **Part 2** pictures, **Test 1**, in front of the candidates. Select **two** of the pictures for the candidates to look at\*.

First, I'd like you to look at pictures \* and \* and talk together about why people may have chosen to live in these environments.

You have about a minute for this, so don't worry if I interrupt you.  
(2 minutes for groups of three)

**Candidates**

🕒 1 minute .....

2 minutes groups of three

**Interlocutor** Thank you. Now look at all the pictures.

I'd like you to imagine that a television documentary is being produced on human dwellings. These pictures show some of the issues that are being considered.



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Talk together about the different issues related to homes that these pictures show. Then decide which issue might stimulate most interest.

You have about three minutes to talk about this. (4 minutes for groups of three)

Candidates .....

 3 minutes

4 minutes for groups of three

Interlocutor Thank you. *Retrieve Part 2 pictures*


**Part 3** (approximately 10 minutes)

### 1 - Past and Present

Interlocutor Now, in this part of the test you're each going to talk on your own for about two minutes. You need to listen while your partner is speaking because you'll be asked to comment afterwards.

So (*Candidate A*), I'm going to give you a card with a question written on it and I'd like you to tell us what you think. There are also some ideas on the card for you to use if you like.

Alright? Here is your card.

Place **Part 3 card, Task 1(a)**,  in front of Candidate A.



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Please let (Candidate B) see your card. Remember (Candidate A), you have about two minutes to talk before we join in.

[Allow up to 10 seconds before saying, if necessary: Would you like to begin now?]

Candidate A .....

🕒 2 minutes

Interlocutor Thank you.

Interlocutor Ask **one** of the following questions to Candidate B:

- Generally speaking, are you a person who thinks ahead?
- When can making a mistake be a positive thing?
- Should history be a compulsory subject in schools?

Invite Candidate A to join in by selecting one of the following prompts:

- What do you think?
- Do you agree?
- How about you?

Candidates .....

🕒 1 minute

Interlocutor Thank you. Retrieve card.

### Past and Present (cont.)

Interlocutor Now (Candidate B), it's your turn to be given a question. Here is your card.

Place Part 3 card, Task 1(b), 🗏 in front of Candidate B.

Please let (Candidate A) see your card. Remember (Candidate B), you have about two minutes to tell us what you think, and there are some ideas on the card for you to use if you like. All right?

[Allow up to 10 seconds before saying, if necessary: Would you like to begin now?]

Candidate B .....





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🕒 2 minutes

**Interlocutor** Thank you.

**Interlocutor** Ask *one* of the following questions to Candidate A:

- In what ways is modern day society influenced by the past?
- Are you optimistic about the future?
- Do you find it easy to focus on the here and now?

*Invite Candidate B to join in by selecting one of the following prompts:*

- What do you think?
- Do you agree?
- How about you?

**Candidates** .....

🕒 1 minute

**Interlocutor** Thank you. *Retrieve card.*

### Part 3 Card, Task 1 (a)

Which is more important, learning from the past or focussing on the future?

- Money
- Professional life
- Personal relationships




**Part 3 card, Task 1 (b)**

**How can personal experience help our decision making?**

- At work
- In the family
- In stressful situations

**Interlocutor** Now, to finish the test, we're going to talk about 'decisions' in general.

*Address a selection of the following questions to both candidates:*

 *Up to 4 minutes*

- Should we always be trying to improve our standard of living?
- How do you think current generations will be remembered?
- Do some things really never change?
- Is change always a good thing?
- Some say that "history is another country". What do they mean by this?
- Does age always bring wisdom?

**Interlocutor** Thank you. That is the end of the test.