

## Speaking Test:

**This is a sample speaking test topic as part of your preparation, and we want to clarify that the actual speaking exam will differ in one crucial aspect. In the real exam, you will face a diverse range of topics that will be randomly assigned by our skilled exam instructors.**

## Sample Topic

### Travel and Holiday

Welcome to the Speaking Test on the theme of "Travel and Holiday." In this test, you will be asked a series of questions related to travel and holiday experiences. This test aims to assess your ability to express yourself clearly, provide detailed responses, and engage in a natural conversation. The examiner will ask you questions, and you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences.

### Instructions:

1. **Preparation Time:** You will be given a few moments to think about your response before answering each question. Use this time wisely to organize your thoughts and gather ideas.
2. **Response Length:** Please aim to provide detailed responses. Try to speak for approximately 1-2 minutes for each question. Include relevant details, examples, and personal experiences to support your answers.
3. **Natural Conversation:** Imagine you are having a friendly conversation. Feel free to ask the examiner for clarification if needed or share additional information related to the topic. We want to hear your natural speaking style.
4. **Engagement:** Try to engage the examiner by using a variety of vocabulary, expressing your opinions, and providing reasons for your choices. This will help showcase your language skills effectively.
5. **Turn Taking:** The conversation will follow a turn-taking format. The examiner will ask a question, and after you have responded, the examiner may ask follow-up questions or move on to the next topic.

### Sample Questions:

1. **Do you like travelling?** Explain why you enjoy travelling or why you might not be a fan of it. Share a memorable travel experience if you have one.
2. **What is your favourite tourist attraction?** Describe the attraction, where it is located, and what makes it special to you. If you haven't been to a specific attraction, you can talk about one you'd like to visit.
3. **What is your favourite type of holiday?** Is it a relaxing beach getaway, an adventurous hiking trip, or something else? Describe what you enjoy about this type of holiday.
4. **What do you usually do on holidays?** Share your typical holiday activities, whether it's exploring new places, trying local cuisine, or simply relaxing.
5. **What kind of transport do you prefer on holidays, and why?** Discuss whether you like flying, driving, or using other modes of transport when you travel, and explain your preference.

6. **Do you prefer travelling alone or in tour groups? Why?** Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of both options and share any personal experiences you've had with solo or group travel.

### **Speaking Test Rubric:**

The Speaking Test will be assessed based on the following criteria, each of which carries a maximum of 20 points:

1. **Accuracy (20/100 points):**
  - Demonstrates precise and appropriate use of grammar, vocabulary, and sentence structure.
  - Minimizes errors in grammar, verb tense, and word choice.
  - Effectively communicates ideas without causing confusion or misunderstanding.
2. **Fluency (20/100 points):**
  - Speaks naturally and confidently, without excessive pauses or hesitations.
  - Maintains a consistent and appropriate pace of speech.
  - Links ideas together coherently and smoothly.
3. **Pronunciation (20/100 points):**
  - Clearly articulates words and phrases.
  - Uses correct intonation, stress, and rhythm.
  - Pronounces difficult sounds accurately or demonstrates an effort to improve pronunciation.
4. **Content (20/100 points):**
  - Provides detailed, relevant, and informative responses to the questions.
  - Supports answers with examples, personal experiences, and relevant information.
  - Stays on topic and avoids unnecessary repetition.
5. **Comprehension (20/100 points):**
  - Demonstrates a solid understanding of the questions asked by the examiner.
  - Responds directly to the questions, addressing all aspects of each question.
  - Reacts appropriately to follow-up questions from the examiner, showing comprehension.

### **Scoring:**

- The total points for each criterion will be summed up to calculate the overall score for the Speaking Test. The maximum total score is 100 points.
- Feedback will be provided based on the specific areas where improvement is needed.
- An exemplary performance would score close to or at 100 points, indicating a high level of language proficiency, clarity, and engagement.
- A score below 60 points may indicate significant areas for improvement and the need for further language practice and development.

### **Additional Note**

- While assessing, the examiner will consider the holistic performance of the test-taker, weighing all criteria to provide a comprehensive evaluation.