

Speaking

PART 1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERVIEW (4–5 MINUTES)

In this part of the examination you will first be asked your name, and then you will be asked questions about yourself. Answer these possible questions:

EXAMPLE

Meeting friends

- Where do people meet their friends at the weekend in your country? [Why?]
- Do you meet up with your friends regularly? [Where?/How often?]
- How do you normally make arrangements to meet?
- What do you do when you meet? [Why?]
- How do you typically spend the weekend?

PART 2 INDIVIDUAL LONG TURN (3–4 MINUTES)

Describe a celebration you remember.

You should say:

what the celebration was for

where the celebration took place

who was present at the celebration

and explain why the celebration is memorable for you.

You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.

PART 3 TWO-WAY DISCUSSION (4–5 MINUTES)

In this part of the exam, the examiner will discuss a topic with you. The topic is usually related in some way to the topic in Part 2, but the questions will be of a more abstract nature. Answer these possible questions:

Discussion topics:

Family Celebrations

Example questions:

What family events are most celebrated in your country?

Do you think celebrations are an important way to maintain culture and traditions? In what way?

Some people think that with changes brought about by globalisation, family celebrations are less important than they used to be. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

What about the significance of gifts at celebrations, are there particular presents that are given on particular occasions?

Celebrations such as weddings are often times when families gather together. What effect does this have on family relationships?

Discussion topics:

Celebrations in general

Example questions:

Do you think people put more effort into celebrating major events in their education or career than in the past? Why? How?

How does the media influence the way people celebrate achievements nowadays? Is this true for everyone?

In economic terms, what are the benefits of people organising celebrations in general? Is this a good or a bad thing?