

## Video scripts

### Part 1a

Examiner: Now in this first part I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself. Let's talk about where you live. Is it a town or a city?

Candidate: It's a city.

E: And what is special about the city?

C: It's got ... lots ... of old buildings which are very famous so there are lots of tourists.

E: Do you live in a house or a flat?

C: I live in a flat with some friends ... it's ... close to my school, about one kilometre away.

### Part 1b

Examiner: Let's go on to talk about learning English. Are you studying at the moment?

Candidate: Yes. I'm a student, but I also work part-time in a coffee shop in the city centre to improve my English.

E: How much time do you spend studying English each week?

C: ... Three hours in class but ... about ... two hours a day outside the class.

E: How many languages do you speak and what are they?

C: I speak two: Chinese and ... English.

E: What difficulties do you have in learning English?

C: Ah ... well it's difficult to practise speaking outside the classroom.

E: And what opportunities do you have to speak English?

C: I speak English with my teacher and my classmates and people in the school, and at my work, and ... ah ... and some English people that I meet, but not with many English people as I would like to.

### Part 1c

Examiner: Which TV programmes do you watch?

Candidate: I watch a lot of documentaries, like ... natural history programmes.

E: Why?

C: I like finding out about the world ... especially countries and places I don't know about and ... countries I like to visit like ... Russia and Australia.

E: Why?

C: They're very big countries and ... really exciting places and ... very different from my home country.

E: And have you ever watched a TV programme in a foreign language?

C: Yes. I have watched many documentaries ... the documentaries are easier than the film because they are factual but with films are usually have ... subtitles.

E: When was the last time you watched something in English?

C: Last night. I watched a short documentary about oceans.

**E:** And do you think that watching TV programmes in a foreign language is a good way to learn the language?

**C:** It is difficult at the beginning but yes, definitely.

**E:** Why?

**C:** Because it is natural ... it is at a natural pace to improve my listening and understanding.

**E:** Thank you.

## Part 2a

**Examiner:** Right, remember you'll have one to two minutes for this, so don't worry if I stop you. I'll tell you when your time is up. Can you now start speaking, please?

**Candidate:** The street I would like to describe is one near my home which leads into the city centre. It's ... called India Road. I go there ... most days to ... shop, to meet friends and to ... relax. I tend to go there often, because it is close to my home and it's on my way to my school. And one of my friends from my school works there in a really ... nice restaurant and so sometimes in the morning on my way here, I meet him there and we have a coffee and something to eat. It's ... got ... a ... The street attracts lots of students so it's a good place for meeting people because there are lots of students from the university and sometimes we talk to them. I also like going there because it has a library with Wifi and a nice café and I could study there with my friends and listen to music while I work. I also enjoy going there because it has lots of shops in a nice open space with trees and a fountain so it's really popular. There's ... ah ... little traffic on the roads and people don't rush around the way they do in the city centre. It's very relaxing walking along there and sitting there ... I really like it.

## Part 3a

**Examiner:** We've been talking about places to visit and I'd like to ask you one or two more general questions about places related to this. Let's talk about green spaces such as parks in urban areas. Why do you think people visit green spaces in cities?

**Candidate:** I think it's to help ... them ... relax. Cities can be very tiring and so anywhere where people can slow down and escape ... the pressures of modern life is ... definitely good.

## Part 3b

**Examiner:** You mentioned earlier that the street you visit a lot was popular because of the open space with trees. Which are more popular in your country: parks or shopping centres? And why do you think that is?

**Candidate:** I think it depends on people's age. Younger people tend to ... go ... to the shopping centre as they are modern and there are lots of things to see and do. Older people are more ... likely to ... visit ... parks, but ... that's not always the case as ... young people sometimes are involved in different sports in the parks.

## Part 3d

**Examiner:** How important is it for people to have their own private space?

**Candidate:** I think it's crucial. People need to be able to escape somewhere private which they can call their own. Such places help people to... to... recharge their battery but ... having said this, in future there will be considerably less space available for everyone to aim to have their own private space.

## Part 3e

Examiner: Some people think that having open spaces in cities is more important than new housing. Would you agree?

Candidate: ... I think it's important to have both. If we get ... rid of all the open spaces like parks and just have buildings, there is no ... relief from the concrete ... . Parks, even small parks, help a city to breathe, ... but cities are under pressure to provide more accommodation. Provided there's a balance I think it's acceptable. I mean they could also build more ... high-rise apartment blocks to house the influx of new people.