

IELTS SPEAKING PRACTICE PAPER

QUESTION: 1

Part 1 – sample questions

- Have you got a lot of friends or do you prefer to have just a few good friends?
- Do you keep in touch with any childhood friends?
- Do you find it easy to make friends?
- How often do you see your friends?
- What do you usually do with your friends?
- Has a friend ever let you down?
- Have you made any friends over the Internet?
- How do you maintain a good friendship?
- Do you ever fight with your friends?
- Would you tell a friend everything?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe one of your closest friends

You should say:

- how you met
- how long you have been friends
- why you think you became friends

and explain why you like this person

Part 3 – sample questions

- How are friendships different now than they were when you were a child?
- Why do people need friends?
- What are the qualities needed to be a good friend?
- Is it common in your country to have friendships across different generations?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of these kinds of friendships?

- What kinds of places are good to meet friends in your country?
- What kinds of things should friends never do?
- Do you think 'friendship' is the most important kind of relationship?
- Do you think the internet is a good way to make new friends?
- How can technology help friendships?
- In what way do friendships formed on the internet differ?
- How can friends influence a person's life in a positive way?
- What kinds of things can people learn through their friends?

QUESTION: 2

Part 1 – sample questions

- Do you have a small or large family?
- Tell me about someone in your family you like spending time with.
- What do you enjoy doing with your family at weekends?
- Were your parents strict when you were a child?
- How often do you have family get-togethers?
- Which member of your family are you most similar to?

Part 2 – sample questions

Describe the member of your family who has had most influence on you

You should say:

- who this person is
- how he/she has influenced you
- what effect this has had on you
- and explain how you feel about the person

Part 3 – sample questions

- In what ways is family life different now to the past?
- Who plays a vital role in bringing up children, men or women in the society? Why do you think so?
- What are some of the pressures on family life today?
- Do you think parents discipline children enough these days?

- What values should parents teach their children?
- What's the most important thing parents can teach their children?
- Do you agree that children should help with housework?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of both parents working?
- Where is the best place to raise a family, in the city or the countryside?

QUESTION: 3

Part 1 – sample questions

- What kinds of places do you like visiting on holiday?
- Would you ever try an adventure holiday?
- What would be your dream holiday?
- Do you usually go on holiday with family or friends?
- What kinds of celebrations are there in your country?
- Do you often go to Festivals?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe a festival that is important in your country

You should say:

- when the festival occurs
- what you did during it
- what you like or dislike about it
- and explain why this festival is important

Part 3 – sample questions

1. Why do you think festivals are important events in the working year?
2. Do you think the significance of some festivals is lost today? Is this a good or bad thing?
3. Do you think new festivals will be made in the future? What kinds of festivals might these be?
4. How may globalisation affect different festivals around the world?
5. Do you think it is good to watch festivals on TV?
6. How do festivals today differ from those in the past?

QUESTION: 4

Part 1 - sample questions

- In what ways do you try to stay healthy?
- Is it easy to keep fit where you live?
- What do you think is more important, eating healthily or doing exercise?
- What are the health benefits of playing a sport?
- Have you ever had any habits which you consider to be unhealthy?
- Do you think more about your health now than when you were younger?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe something you do to keep healthy.

You should say:

- what this activity is
- when you do it
- and how often you do it
- and explain why you think it's a good way to look after your health.

Part 3 – sample questions

1. What are the most popular ways of keeping healthy in your country?
2. Do you think most people worry more about their health as they get older?
3. Why do you think some people continue bad habits when they know that they are damaging to their health?
4. How can children be encouraged to adopt healthy eating habits?
5. Do you think people have become more health conscious in recent years?
6. Could governments do more to promote healthier lifestyle options?

QUESTION: 5

Part 1 - sample questions

- Do you work full-time or part-time?
- What's your job / What do you do (for a living)?
- What do you enjoy most about your work?
- What are the main tasks/duties in your job?

- Is there anything you would like to change about your job?
- What would be your ideal job?

Part 2 – sample task card

Describe the job you would most like to have.

You should say:

- what this job would be
- where you would work
- which qualifications you would need
- and explain why you would like to have this job most.

Part 3 – sample questions

1. Which jobs would you say are most respected in your country?
2. Some people say it's better to work for yourself than be employed by a company. What's your view?
3. Do you agree that some jobs are still more suited to either men or women?
4. Do you think schools provide enough advice and support to students about their future careers?
5. What changes in employment have there been in recent years in your country?
6. Do you think more people will work from home in the future?
7. Can you think of any disadvantages of working from home?