



Nro. De Control:

LEVEL 5

PART 5 - SPEAKING

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There are two examiners: an interlocutor and an assessor. The candidates are examined in pairs. When there is an uneven number of candidates, the final group will be a group of three.

The whole oral test takes about 15-20 minutes.

- **Section 1 - Conversation**

It lasts **5-8 minutes**. Each candidate interacts with the interlocutor. It is a general conversation giving information about a factual personal kind, used as a warm-up to overcome the initial nervousness. The interlocutor encourages the candidates to give information about themselves, to talk about past experiences, present circumstances and future plans. The focus is on general interactional and social language.

Candidates should be told not to give one-word responses and to extend their answers giving reasons and examples.

This part assesses the candidates' ability to take part in spontaneous communication in an everyday setting. The topics covered are:

Homelife Work Travel	Personal Experiences Leisure and Entertainment The environment	Education The Media Science
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Example of Conversation:

Interlocutor and Student A/B
Greetings and Introductions. Could you tell me something about the area where you grew up? What did you like about living there? How much time do you spend at home nowadays? What do you most enjoy doing when you are at home? Could you describe your home to me?

- **Section 2 – Picture comparison**

It takes around 5 minutes in all. The interlocutor gives each candidate a visual with two

pictures for them to compare and contrast in turns. The candidates are asked to speculate, express opinions, give reasons, back up points of view, etc. They are discouraged from simply describing the visuals.

Example task:

STUDENT A

Compare and contrast these pictures. Say why you think the people might have chosen to visit these places.



*Do you enjoy sightseeing?

STUDENT B

Compare and contrast these pictures. Say how you think these people feel about being together.



* How often do you spend time with other people?

• **Section 3 – Simulated situation**

It lasts **about 8 minutes**. The two candidates will be given a visual or written prompt that leads to a discussion. The candidates will interact exchanging information, agreeing/disagreeing, suggesting, speculating, making decisions, expressing and justifying opinions, etc. The candidates are expected to engage with the task independently, negotiating turns and keeping the conversation going on. The interlocutor may subtly intervene only in the event of a complete breakdown in the interaction.

Example task:

