International Spoken ESOL Access level – A2 8985-72-072 (EL-ISESOL 2) Practice Paper 8



Interlocutor's Instructions

CHECK THAT THE TAPE/CD RECORDER IS ON AND WORKING

Test time: 7 minutes

I = Interlocutor C = Candidate

PART 1 (2 minutes)

I: City & Guilds International Spoken ESOL Test, Access level, (give today's date).

(NB This introduction only needs to be recorded before the first candidate's test begins, not for subsequent candidates.)

(Give candidate's name.) Test begins. Hello. My name's (give full name). Can you spell your family name for me, please?

- C: (Spells family name.)
- I: Thank you. And where are you from?
- C: (Responds.)
- I: Thank you. Now, in the first part of the test I'm going to ask you some questions about yourself. All right? (Choose up to five questions, one from each of the different topic areas, as time allows. Name the topic; eg 'Now, Travel.')

Topics

House, Home and environment

- Where do you live?
- Can you tell me a few things about the area where you live?
- What kind of house do you like?
- What is your favourite pet? Why?

Free time and entertainment

- Do you have any special interests or hobbies?
- How often do you go out with friends?
- What is your favourite sport? Why?
- Where do you usually go on holiday?

Travel

- How do you usually go to school?
- Can you tell me about your favourite holiday destination?
- Do you like going camping? Why? Why not?
- What is your favourite means of transport? Why?

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Daily life

- How often do you go out with your friends?
- What do you usually do in the evening?
- How much TV do you watch?
- Do you read books or magazines?

Food and Drink

- Do you drink coffee or tea? How often?
- Is there anything you never eat?
- Can you cook? What do you like cooking?
- Do you like fast food?
- C: (Responds.)
- I: (Interlocutor makes **brief** responses and/or comments.)
- I: Thank you.

PART 2 (1 minute 30 seconds)

I: Now, Part Two. I'm going to read some situations. First situation (*choose one situation from A*).

A

- I'm your friend. I start.

 What about going to the cinema tonight?
- I'm your English teacher. I start.

 Did you have time to do your homework yesterday?
- We're friends. I start.

 Have you got any plans for the weekend?
- We're strangers on the bus. I start. *Excuse me, is this the bus to the city centre?*
- C: (Responds.)
- I: (Role-play the situation with candidate approximately two turns each.)
- I: Second situation (*choose one situation from* **B**).

В

- We're friends. You want me to help you with your homework. You start.
- You're in a fast food restaurant. You want to order some food. You start.
- I'm your English teacher. You don't know what the word "fight" means. Ask me. You start.
- I'm your parent. You want to go to the cinema tonight and you need some money. You start.
- C: (Initiates.)
- I: (Role-play the situation with the candidate approximately two turns each.)
- I: (Role-play a third situation from **A** or **B** if time allows.)
- I: Thank you.

PART 3 (1 minute 30 seconds)

I: Now, Part Three. Here's a picture of a living room. (*Hand over candidate's copy of the task.*)
I also have a picture of a living room. Some things are different. You and I must find the differences.
All right? I start.



I: Thank you. (Retrieve candidate's task sheet.)

Candidate's Task Sheet (Interlocutor's copy)



PART 4 (2 minutes including follow-up questions)

I: In Part Four of the test you are going to talk on your own for about a minute. Your topic is (*choose topic for candidate*).

Topics

- A How to eat healthy
- B Your best friend
- C A day to remember
- I: First, think about it for thirty seconds and make some notes if you want. (Hand over piece of paper and pen/pencil.) So your topic is (repeat topic). All right? (Withdraw eye contact for thirty seconds. Leave tape/CD running.)
- I: (Candidate's name), please start.
- C: (Talks for about a minute.)
- I: (Choose follow-up questions.)

Follow-up questions

How to eat healthy

- What is your favourite food?
- How often do you exercise?
- Do you think team sports are a good way to exercise? Why?

Your best friend

- Do you believe having friends is important?
- Do you have a lot of friends? Why? Why not?
- Where do you usually go with your friends?

A day to remember

- Do you believe keeping a diary is a good idea?
- Why do you think people like taking photographs?
- How good are you at remembering things?
- I: Thank you. That's the end of the test. (Give candidate's name.) End of test.

Candidate's Task Sheet (Candidate's copy)

