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INSTRUCTIONS

- This booklet contains:
 - (a) administrative guidance on conducting the tests
 - (b) marking criteria
 - (c) copies of cards A–O with notes for the teacher/examiner.

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NOTES ON CONDUCTING AND RECORDING THE TESTS

Please note

1. The warm-up section may give the examiner an indication of the best card to select **but the examiner must not allow the candidate to lead the choice of topic.**
2. The speaking assessment cards **must not be opened** until one working day before the test.
3. All tests must be recorded **in full throughout**. The recording must not be paused or stopped at any point during the test.

GENERAL

1. The speaking tests take place in the period before the main examination series, as notified on the timetable. Each centre decides on a convenient period within these dates for its speaking tests. It is recommended that the tests are conducted within one week to allow sufficient time for a single examiner to conduct all of the tests. See Section 4 below.
2. Centres must ensure well in advance of the tests that a suitably quiet room is available and that recording equipment is in good order.
3. Centres must adhere to dates for completion of the speaking tests and for the receipt of mark sheets and recordings at Cambridge International to allow sufficient time for external moderation. It is vital that material does not arrive late.
4. For centres with 30 or fewer candidates, only one examiner must be used. Each centre will select its own examiner. This is normally a teacher within the English Language Department, but could be someone local from outside the centre. A group of neighbouring centres might choose the same teacher to conduct all their tests; in such a case each centre is still responsible for submitting properly completed forms and samples. Cambridge International is not responsible for any fees agreed.

Centres with more than 30 candidates may use more than one examiner (applying the ratio of an additional examiner for each 30 candidates). If using more than one examiner, internal moderation must be carried out by the centre so that a common standard is applied to all candidates.

5. Centres receive a set of speaking assessment cards with this set of examiner's notes. These cards **must not be opened** until one working day before the test. Both the cards and the notes must remain confidential and must be kept in a secure place by the centre until the end of the examination period.
6. Each centre must send to Cambridge International the following: (a) recorded sample on a CD/USB stick; (b) completed MS1 Form(s) (or printout of marks submitted electronically); (c) completed Speaking Examination Summary Form(s).

(a) Recorded sample

Each centre must provide a sample of speaking tests, to be recorded on a CD or USB stick. The size of the sample required is given in the instructions for completing the Speaking Examination Summary Form.

Please ensure that you do not send the recordings of all the candidates (unless there are 10 or fewer). Ideally the sample should be transferred to one or two CDs/USB sticks. You should keep a copy of each speaking test in case of loss or damage to the original. If the sample

sent to Cambridge International is inaudible or faulty in any way, you may be asked to provide a replacement.

The teacher responsible for internal moderation at the centre must ensure that the sample covers the whole mark range of the candidates at the centre, with marks spaced as evenly as possible from the top mark to the lowest mark. Where there is more than one teacher involved, the sample must include, in equal number, candidates tested by all teachers.

For instructions on recording the tests, see Section 14 below. CDs/USB sticks must be sent to Cambridge International together with completed documents. CDs/USB sticks must be clearly labelled with details of the candidates whose speaking tests have been submitted.

(b) Form MS1

The computer-printed school-based assessment mark sheet (Form MS1) has three parts:

- The top sheet must be sent to Cambridge International in the separate envelope provided.
- The middle sheet (which is for the external moderator's use) must be sent separately to Cambridge International, together with the sample recording and Speaking Examination Summary Form(s).
- The bottom sheet must be retained by the centre, in case of postal loss or subsequent enquiries, until after the issue of results.

Form MS1 is to be completed by transferring the mark for each candidate from the 'total mark' column, or the 'internally moderated mark' column if a process of internal moderation has taken place, on the Speaking Examination Summary Form.

Centres submitting marks electronically must include a printout of the internal marks report, together with the recorded sample and Speaking Examination Summary Form.

(c) Speaking Examination Summary Form

Marks for each candidate are to be entered in detail on the Speaking Examination Summary Form. This form, and the instructions for completing it, may be downloaded from www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples. The database will ask you for the syllabus code (i.e. 0510 or 0511) and your centre number, after which it will take you to the correct form. Follow the instructions when completing the form. A copy of the form must be submitted together with the recorded sample and the middle MS1 copy (or printout of marks submitted electronically).

Please be careful to check all mark additions. The Speaking Examination Summary Form must show the breakdown of marks for all the candidates, not just those selected for the sample. Please put an asterisk (*) against the names of candidates whose speaking tests have been submitted on the CD/USB stick. The candidates' names should appear in the same order on both the summary form and the MS1.

7. The sample CD(s)/USB stick(s), along with the completed Form MS1 (or printout of marks submitted electronically) and a copy of the Speaking Examination Summary Form, should be returned to Cambridge International as soon as the tests have been completed at the centre. Please do not wait until the end of the assessment period before sending them.

CONDUCTING THE SPEAKING TESTS

8. The speaking tests should proceed as follows:

Part A Start the recording. Give the candidate's name and number. Welcome the candidate and explain briefly what is going to happen in the test, using the examiner script on one of the assessment card pages in these notes. This part should not take more than a minute.

Part B Warm-up section. The purpose of this section is to give the candidate time to get used to the examination situation, and put the candidate at ease by conducting a short conversation (2–3 minutes) on general topics and the candidate's hobbies and interests. The topic cards should not be discussed during this phase.

Part C Give the speaking assessment card to the candidate and announce the letter and the name of the card. This must take place AFTER the warm-up. Any necessary explanation is given at this point, followed by a short preparation period (about 2–3 minutes), when the candidate may ask questions. The candidate cannot make notes during this period.

Please note: the preparation period must be recorded.

Part D Main part of the test. Conversation based on the speaking assessment card. Either the examiner or the candidate may start the conversation. All prompts must be used, in the order they appear on the card. Do not allow candidates to deliver speeches or monologues at any point during the test. The main part of the test should last approximately 6–9 minutes.

The total duration of the speaking test, from the beginning of (A) to the end of (D), should be approximately 10–15 minutes and recorded in full.

Note that only (D) is to be assessed.

The speaking test must be conducted in English throughout.

9. Examination conditions must prevail in the area where the speaking tests take place. Adequate supervision must be provided to ensure that candidates leaving the examination room do not communicate with those waiting to enter.
10. No other person should be present during the speaking test, with the exception of another teacher/examiner, moderator or representative of Cambridge International.
11. Candidates cannot bring any notes into the examination room. They are not allowed to consult dictionaries.
12. A range of speaking assessment cards is provided, and the examiner (not the candidate) chooses the card to be used for each candidate. As wide a variety as possible of the cards should be used during the speaking tests at the centre. In order that candidates are given every chance to do themselves justice, the speaking assessment card should be selected with care. The warm-up may give the examiner an indication of the best card to select **but the examiner must not allow the candidate to lead the choice of topic.**
13. The examiner should be positioned so that he or she is facing the candidate, with a table or desk in between, and not allow candidates to see notes made on Speaking Examination Summary Forms or similar paperwork.

RECORDING THE TESTS

14. Before the start of the speaking test session, centres must make sure their recording equipment is in good working order by testing the equipment in the room where the speaking tests will take place. Check audibility levels to avoid adjusting the volume during the speaking test and ensure there is no extraneous noise in the examination room. Checks for audibility should continue throughout the speaking test session.

Once the speaking test has begun, the recording must run without interruption. Each CD/USB stick should begin with a clear statement by the examiner as follows:

| | | |
|----------------|--------|------------------------------|
| Centre number: | [e.g.] | AZ 999 |
| Centre name: | [e.g.] | Abcxyz Academy |
| Examination: | 0511 | English as a Second Language |
| Examiner name: | [e.g.] | Ms Z. Abced |
| Date: | [e.g.] | 1 October 2020 |

Each candidate should be clearly indicated by the examiner as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------|--------|----------------|
| Candidate number: | [e.g.] | 0021 |
| Candidate name: | [e.g.] | Abdi Zachariah |

At the end of the recording, the examiner should state clearly 'end of recording'.

Before the CD/USB stick is despatched, spot checks must be made to ensure that every candidate is clearly audible. The contents of each CD/USB stick must be clearly labelled. Each track on the CD/USB stick should be renamed, giving the candidate name and number, rather than 'track 1', 'track 2', etc. A separate audio track is required for each candidate.

GENERAL ADVICE

15. Please bear in mind the following when marking:

Be objective. Do not allow any knowledge of a candidate's personality and attributes to influence objective assessment. For example, knowledge that a candidate is very conscientious in his or her homework is irrelevant in assessing his or her speaking test. If the candidate's performance is affected because he or she faces difficult circumstances or personal problems at the time of the test, this is a matter to be dealt with via special considerations procedures, for which exams officers at centres complete separate documentation. Examiners must not make any separate allowance themselves.

Be realistic. Remember that it is not necessary for a candidate to be of native speaker standard to be given maximum marks within any single category. But knowledge of a candidate's first language must not lead an examiner to ignore particular habitual errors and overlook inaccuracy.

Be consistent. It is important that the marking criteria are applied in the same way for all the candidates at the centre so that a reliable rank order for the centre is obtained.

Be positive. Marking the test should be seen as giving credit for what candidates can do, not penalising them for what they cannot do. This does not mean that matters of inaccuracy in, for example, grammar and pronunciation are to be overlooked, but is a reminder that a speaking test is intended to credit positive achievement.

16. To conduct speaking tests effectively:

- try to put candidates at their ease from the outset (smiling as they enter the room, indicating where they should sit) while maintaining a clear sense that the speaking test is being conducted in a formal examination situation
- show interest, even in mundane matters
- use 'open' questions which allow candidates to respond at length, not 'closed' questions which prompt yes/no answers.

Please avoid:

- walking about or distracting candidates
- interrupting with your own views or correcting mistakes
- showing undue surprise or impatience
- giving the impression that there are 'right' answers to questions or that the test is a test of knowledge
- making written notes during the test
- indicating how well the candidate has performed during or after the test.

MARKING CRITERIA

Give a mark out of 10 for each category (structure, vocabulary, development and fluency), and then add these marks to give an overall total out of 30.

| Mark | Structure | Vocabulary | Development and Fluency |
|-------------|--|---|--|
| 9–10 | The candidate uses a range of structures accurately and consistently, and is confidently in control of the structures used. | The candidate uses a sufficient range of vocabulary to respond with precision. Shades of meaning are achieved and some sophisticated ideas are communicated. | The candidate shows sustained ability to maintain a conversation (and contribute) at some length. The candidate responds to a change of direction in the conversation, demonstrating the ability to expand and develop the topic and contribute original ideas. Pronunciation and intonation are clear. |
| 7–8 | The candidate uses a range of structures that are generally accurate (and used) with some confidence. Errors will occur when attempting to use more complex sentences. | The candidate uses a sufficient range of vocabulary to convey information and ideas with competence and some confidence. | The candidate maintains a competent conversation, responding relevantly and at length, using some original ideas. Frequent prompting is unnecessary. Pronunciation and intonation are generally clear. |
| 5–6 | The candidate uses simple structures securely, but has difficulty venturing beyond them. | The candidate uses a sufficient range of vocabulary to convey simple ideas and information clearly, but not entirely successfully. | The candidate makes an attempt to respond to questions and prompts. Effort is needed to develop the conversation which will not be entirely successful. Pronunciation and intonation are not always clear, but the candidate can be understood. |
| 3–4 | The candidate uses very simple, limited structures with errors which restrict communication. | The candidate uses a restricted range of vocabulary and has difficulty in conveying simple ideas. There is likely to be hesitation, repetition and searching for words. | The candidate has to be encouraged to go beyond responses which are brief and widely spaced. The candidate struggles to develop a conversation. Pronunciation and intonation cause some communication difficulty. |
| 1–2 | The candidate attempts a response, but rarely achieves communication. | The candidate has insufficient vocabulary to convey even simple ideas. | The candidate's responses are so brief that little is communicated. Pronunciation and intonation patterns cause difficulty for even the most sympathetic listener. |
| 0 | No response. | No response. | No response. |

Instructions to the teacher/examiner

When you have started the recording, given the candidate's name and number and welcomed the candidate, please read the following explanation to the candidate.

First we will have a 2–3-minute general discussion about your interests and life outside school. This part isn't assessed.

Then I will give you an assessment card which has the topic we will discuss in the last part of the test. You will have 2–3 minutes to read the five prompts on the card to prepare for this part. You can't make any written notes but you can ask me to explain anything you don't understand.

Finally, we will have a discussion based on the five prompts on the card and any ideas of your own on the topic. This part lasts 6–9 minutes and is the only part that is assessed. You may keep the card until the end of the test.

Do you have any questions?

Then start the test.

A Taking photos

Candidate's Card

Many people like to take photos of places, people or events.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- whether you prefer taking photos of places, people or events, and why
- what people do with photos they take
- how you feel about people taking photos of you, and why
- the view that you can only take a good photo with an expensive camera
- the suggestion that, in the future, photography will be the most popular type of art.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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Then start the test.

B Excitement

Candidate's Card

Many people experience exciting moments in their life, such as enjoying a fast ride at a theme park or going to a special event.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- an exciting experience you had, and what happened
- an exciting event you would like to go to, and why
- whether your friends or family prefer experiences which are more relaxing
- the suggestion that an experience is only exciting if it's risky
- the idea that having nothing to do is better than constant excitement.

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Do you have any questions?

Then start the test.

C Where we live**Candidate's Card**

People live in many different places and in different types of homes.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- what the area where you live is like
- a place where you would like to live, and why
- whether it is better to live in the same place all your life
- the view that nowadays people spend too much time in their homes
- the idea that our lifestyles are influenced by where we live.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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Do you have any questions?

Then start the test.

D Wildlife**Candidate's Card**

Many people are interested in wildlife, for example, insects, birds and animals.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- your favourite wildlife, and why
- where you might find wildlife in the area where you live
- whether you would be interested in studying or working with wildlife
- the suggestion that the best place to see wildlife is in a zoo
- the view that some wild animals should be protected more than others.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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E Interesting places

Candidate's Card

There are places that people find interesting because of their history, beauty or importance to local people.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- a place in your country that you are interested in, and why
- an interesting place that you would like to visit in another country, and why
- the advantages and disadvantages of having many interesting places in your area
- the view that not everyone finds the same places interesting
- the opinion that there is no need to visit interesting places because we can see them on the internet.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

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Then start the test.

F Luggage

Candidate's Card

People use luggage, such as backpacks or suitcases, to take what they need when they go on holiday or on business trips.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- the things you always take with you when you travel, and why
- how you packed for a special trip, and what the trip was like
- the advantages and disadvantages of taking a lot of luggage on a trip
- whether it is better to go on an organised trip or travel independently
- the view that expensive designer luggage is a waste of money.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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Then start the test.

G Reading habits**Candidate's Card**

Reading is an important skill in everyday life.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- what you and people you know read every day, and why
- whether you enjoy reading in your free time
- the benefits of reading
- the view that how people read depends on what they are reading
- the idea that, in the future, people will only read e-books and online newspapers.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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H Snacks

Candidate's Card

Many people eat snacks between their main meals.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- snacks you and your family like to eat, and when
- whether you think it's unhealthy to eat snacks, and why
- the advantages and disadvantages of eating snacks in the cinema or at sports events
- the view that big food companies encourage young people to eat too much
- the opinion that, in the future, our busy lifestyles will mean that we only have time to eat snacks.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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I Presents

Candidate's Card

Many people like to give and receive presents.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- occasions when you and your family give presents
- a present that you received, and why it was special
- how people choose presents for others
- the view that it is better to give money as a present
- the idea that the best present you can give to someone is your time.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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Then start the test.

J Working hard**Candidate's Card**

People often say that it is important to work hard.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- a time when you worked hard to achieve something
- what motivates you to work hard
- a hardworking person you know
- the idea that if we don't have enough leisure time, we can't work effectively
- the suggestion that success in life comes from good luck rather than hard work.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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K Important people**Candidate's Card**

Different people are important to us for different reasons.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- someone who is, or has been, important to you, and why
- a situation when you played an important role in someone's life
- whether someone you have never met can be important to you
- the idea that friends can be more important to young people than their parents
- the suggestion that social media sites give too much importance to the wrong people.

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Do you have any questions?

Then start the test.

L Communication skills

Candidate's Card

People communicate with each other in different ways, such as speaking and writing.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- your favourite way of communicating with family and friends, and why
- the topics you like discussing with your family and friends, and why
- whether technology has improved the way people communicate with each other
- the idea that an image can say more than words
- the suggestion that, in the future, we will only communicate in writing.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

Remember, you are not allowed to make any written notes.

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Do you have any questions?

Then start the test.

M Recycling plastic**Candidate's Card**

Plastic is a big problem for the environment as it can't all be recycled.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- the plastic items you use every day, and why
- whether you and people you know recycle plastic items, and how
- different ways people can reduce the amount of plastic they use
- whether people who don't recycle should have to pay fines
- the idea that people's activity has only negative effects on the natural environment.

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N Exploring our world

Candidate's Card

People of all ages enjoy exploring new places.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- a place you would like to explore, and why
- whether you would like to be an explorer
- how children explore the world around them
- the opinion that space exploration and underwater exploration are a waste of money
- the view that there are places in the world that tourists should never explore.

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O Modern life

Candidate's Card

The way we live has changed a lot over the last hundred years.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

Use the following prompts, in the order given below, to develop the conversation:

- a typical day for you and your family
- whether the teenage years were different for your parents and grandparents
- how modern technology has changed our lives
- the opinion that nowadays people are busier than in the past
- the view that modern lifestyles have a damaging effect on the natural environment.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

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