

IELTS Speaking (High Intermediate)

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SIMULATION SET 1

Answer the questions the best possible way you can. After that, check the quality of your answer based on the checklist provided on the side of the page. Take note of your lack or inconsistencies. After that, redo your answer until you satisfy the checklist.

Practice Test 1

Part I (4-5 minutes) (2-3 Questions)

- Where do you live?
- Do you work or study?
- Where do you work? / Where do you study?
- What do you like doing in your free time?
- Do you have any hobbies?
- Do you cook? How often do you cook?

Part II (3-4 minutes)

Preparation Time: 1 minute

Delivery: 1-2 minutes

Describe a city or a town you have enjoyed visiting.

You should say:

- when you visited the town or the city
- what you did there
- how long you stayed there

and explain why you enjoyed the visit.

- Would you like to visit the place again?
- Has anyone you know visited the city/town?

Part 3 (4-5 minutes) (2-3 Questions)

- Do people travel more nowadays than they used to in the past?
- What can one learn from travelling to other countries?
- Do you think people will travel more, or less, in the future?
- What positive or negative effects does tourism have on a local economy?

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Assess your answer per part. Put a tick (✓) or x mark (x) on the blanks as applicable.

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- ___ Did I connect my sentences with each other using transition signals or useful connectives or markers?
- ___ Did I check my mistakes while speaking?

2. Lexical Resource

- ___ Did I use various vocabularies in my answer?
- ___ Are my vocabularies properly used in terms of form and usage?
- ___ Did I use the right vocabularies in the context of my topic?
- ___ Did I paraphrase words successfully?

3. Grammatical Range and Accuracy

- ___ Did I use compound and complex sentences with flexibility?
- ___ Did I make mistakes in my sentence construction?
- ___ Is my answer generally understandable?

4. Pronunciation

- ___ Is my pronunciation generally comprehensible?
- ___ Did I mispronounce some words while answering?
- ___ Can I distinguish the differences of sounds in pronouncing words?

Practice Test 2

Part 1 (4-5 minutes) (2-3 Questions)

- Do you live in a house or a flat?
- How long have you lived there?
- Do you like shopping? What kinds of things do you like buying?
- Do you like listening to music? When do you listen to music?

Part 2 (2-3 minutes)

Preparation Time: 1 minute

Delivery: 1-2 minutes

Describe a film you saw and really liked.

You should say:

- the name of the film
- when and where you saw it
- what the film was about

and explain why you liked the film.

- Have you recommended this film to anyone? Why / Why not?
- Would you like to see the film again?

Part 3 (4-5 minutes) (2-3 Questions)

- What kinds of films are popular in your country?
- Why do some people prefer going to the cinema to watching films at home?
- Do you think people will continue going to the cinema in the future?
- Why do you think some countries organize film festivals?
- Which films are more popular in your country: locally made or foreign films?
- Are foreign films in your country usually dubbed, or shown in the original language?
- Do you think governments should support national film industries?

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Practice Test 3

Part 1 (4-5 minutes) (2-3 Questions)

- Do you live in a city or town?
- Is it a good place to live for young people?
- Do you like watching television? What kinds of TV programmes did you like to watch when you were a child?
- Do you play any sports? Which one(s)?

Part 2 (3-4 minutes)

Preparation Time: 1 minute

Delivery: 1-2 minutes

Describe a skill (for example, driving, and speed reading) you have learned successfully

You should say:

- what skill you have learned
- why you learned it
- who helped you learn it

and explain what helped you to become good at the skill.

- Do you know anyone else who is good at this skill?
- Could you teach this skill to anyone?

Part 3 (4-5 minutes) (2-3 Questions)

- Can you compare the skills that are important nowadays with skills that were important 20 or 30 years ago?
- What skills are valued most in your country?
- What kind of skills might be important in the future?
- What qualities does a good trainer need to have?
- Why do many companies invest a lot of money in training?
- Do you think school and universities prepare young people well for future employment?

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Practice Test 4

Part 1 (4-5 minutes) (2-3 Questions)

- Let's talk about the place where you live now.
- Describe the place where you live now.
- Were you born there?
- Do you live on your own or with your family?
- Has the place changed much over the time you have lived there? (How?)

Part 2 (3-4 minutes)

Preparation Time: 1 minute

Delivery: 1-2 minutes

Describe a musical event you enjoyed attending.

You should say:

- what the event you attended was
- where it took place
- who was with you

and explain why you enjoyed attending the event.

- Do you play music yourself?
- What instruments can you play?
- What kind of music do you most enjoy? What do you like about it?

Part 3 (4-5 minutes) (2-3 Questions)

- How expensive is it to attend a concert in your country?
- Is it better to listen to live music, or to listen to music on the television or radio? Why is this better?
- Do you think there is too much music available now? Why/Why not?
- Why do you think people are so interested in the personal lives of musicians?
- Is that interest stronger now than in the past?
- What are some of the things that can affect the image and popularity of musicians?

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