SPEAKING

Part 1 Introduction and Interview (4–5 minutes)

Introduction (compulsory)

- Good morning/afternoon. My name is ______. Can you tell me your full name, please?
- What should I call you?
- Could you tell me where you're from?
- Can I see your identification, please?

Thank you. Now in this first part I'd like to ask you some questions about yourself.

Interview (choose 1)

Let's talk about where you live.

- What type of house do you live in?
- How many rooms are there?
- Which is your favourite room in the house? Why?

Let's talk about your studies.

- How many hours do you spend studying each day?
- Are there any subjects which you like studying more than others?
- Which subjects are you interested in studying further?

Interview (choose 2)

Now, let's talk about the Internet.

- How do you typically use the Internet? Why?
- Do you find it easy to use the Internet? Why?
- What do you like most about using the Internet? Why?
- How much of your time do you spend using the Internet? Why?

Let's talk about animals.

- Do you like animals? Why/Why not?
- Are there any animals that you are afraid of or particularly dislike? Why?
- Are people in your country generally fond of animals? Why/Why not?
- Do particular animals have any special meaning in your culture?

Now let's talk about what you do in your free time.

- How do you usually spend your free time?
- Do you prefer to spend your free time with friends or with family? Why?
- How often do you have free time?
- What changes would improve the way you spend your free time? Why?

Part 2 Individual Long Turn (3–4 minutes)

Now, I'm going to give you a topic and I'd like you to talk about it for one to two minutes. Before you talk, you'll have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes if you wish. Do you understand?

Here's some paper and a pencil for making notes and here's your topic:

I'd like you to describe a picture or a photograph that you have seen which you remember clearly.

Describe a picture or photograph that you have seen which you remember clearly.

You should say:

what the image was

where and when you saw it

what type of feelings you had when you saw it

and say why you think you remember it.

Rounding off questions:

- Do you enjoy photographic images/paintings/pictures?
- Would you recommend this to others?

Part 3 Two-way Discussion (4-5 minutes)

We've been talking about images, and now I'd like to discuss with you one or two more general questions related to this. Let's consider first the topic of visual arts.

- What kind of visual art forms are popular in your country?
- Many people argue that art should be freely accessible to the public to enjoy. What's your view?
- What do you think of investing money in the arts?

Now, let's talk about creativity.

- It is often said that creative genius is born, not made. What's your opinion?
- How have the ways people express their creativity in your culture changed in the last fifty years?
- Many artists make valuable contributions to society through their art, yet struggle to succeed financially. What are the reasons for this? What are the implications of this?