

1 Which two of the Speaking Part 1 statements below are false?

- 1 The aim of Part 1 is to help you feel comfortable.
- 2 You will discuss some personal questions with your partner.
- 3 The first few questions will be about the most familiar topics.
- 4 Questions may ask about the past, present or future.
- 5 Topics may include free time, work and study, travel, technology, people in your life and special occasions.
- 6 All the questions a candidate is asked will be on one topic.

2 Read and listen to Julia's answers to some Part 1 questions. Choose the question she answers that matches the description of her response.

The questions can be used more than once.

- 1 She looks at the question from different perspectives.
- 2 She gives two answers to the question.
- 3 She cannot remember a word and uses paraphrase to explain it.
- 4 She takes her time before answering.
- 5 She asks for the question to be repeated.

3 Match the Part 1 questions to the topic.

- 1 What do you like most about the place you live now?
 - 2 Who has been the most important influence on you so far?
 - 3 What kind of jobs do you think you would be good at?
 - 4 Do you prefer to read or listen to the news?
 - 5 Do you ever wish you lived in a different part of the world?
 - 6 What do you enjoy most about learning English?
 - 7 What was the best trip you have ever taken?
 - 8 How much time do you spend on social media?
 - 9 Do all your friends have the same interests as you?
 - 10 What is the next important event you plan to celebrate?
- a future plans and hypothetical situations
b free time
c people and relationships
d travel and holiday experiences
e house and home
f work and studies

MODEL ANSWER

¹Politely ask the examiner to repeat the question if necessary.

⁴Use phrases to give yourself time to think of a good answer if necessary.

⁵Extend your answers where possible.

Examiner: What is the next event you plan to celebrate?

Julia: ¹Sorry, I didn't quite catch that.

Examiner: What is the next event you plan to celebrate?

Julia: ²Well, actually, it's my 18th birthday next week! It is quite a big deal here since you are considered an adult once you're 18. I'm not much of a party person, so it's going to be quite a low-key celebration with my family and a few close friends, but the best thing is my parents are paying for driving lessons! I'll have to borrow their car at first, but I plan to buy my own car when I pass my driving test. ³I can't wait.

Examiner: What do you enjoy most about learning English?

Julia: ⁴Mm, let me see ... I haven't really thought about it before. I suppose I like being able to translate things for my family and friends and also help out English-speaking tourists who visit my home town. Most of them really appreciate finding someone who can explain things to them in their own language. ⁵What else? Well, I guess I enjoy it because compared to other subjects, it really challenges me.

Examiner: Do you ever wish you lived in a different part of the world?

Julia: I don't know. I mean, on the one hand, I really like where I come from; there are many positives about living there, but on the other hand I like the idea of living somewhere warmer – ⁶say, for example, Latin America maybe, near the beach, somewhere, ⁷you know, ... what's the word, er ..., with less people and technology. I'd want to take my family with me, though, and I'm not sure they'd want to go. And I'd also need to learn Spanish first.

²Try to give extended answers in full sentences.

³Include your personal feelings and opinions where appropriate.

⁶Support ideas with examples.

⁷If you can't think of a word, use paraphrase.

4 Listen to four candidates answering Part 1 questions. Complete the phrases with the words you hear. Which question from Exercise 3 is each candidate answering?

- 1** Well, **(1)**
it's my great grandmother. Not many people are lucky enough to know their grandmother's mother.
(2) I admire her is that she's lived through so much, including becoming a widow when she was in her 20s, and still managed to raise and provide for her family, all on her own. She has such strength of character. She's had a hard life but keeps on smiling.
- 2** Not very much
(3)
It's a bit of a waste of time,
(4)
especially when you're very busy like I am.
(5)
I actually live really close to most of my friends, so I prefer to meet up with them in person. I do have an Instagram account, though, and I occasionally share photos, but not on a regular basis.
- 3** I'm sorry **(6)** ?
I think I'd be good at any kind of work with people and I love travelling, so maybe a tour guide or travel agent, something like that.
(7) I'd like to use my languages in my job if possible because I've spent many years studying them.
- 4** Well, **(8)**
I guess I'd have to say my favourite place was Budapest. You see, I'm an architecture student and there were so many beautiful buildings to see. I went with a group of fellow students and we enjoyed the nightlife too. One night we took a party cruise on the Danube and it was unforgettable.

5 Complete the table with the phrases from Exercise 5.

Asking for repetition	Sorry, I didn't catch that. Could you say that again, please? 1.....
Buying time	Let me think about that for a second. I've never thought about that before. 2.....
Adding additional information	What is more ... In addition ... 3..... 4.....
Explaining	This is because ... 5.....
Giving opinions	6..... 7..... 8.....

6 Read and listen to a student's answer to one of the questions in Exercise 3. What words does he use instead of the highlighted ones? Which version would score higher in the exam and why?

Well, yes and no. For example, I **(1)** like reading while they **(2)** like sports a lot, especially team sports. Actually, the only sport we **(3)** all like is swimming. **(4)** It's good because we have **(5)** a big pool in our town, and we often hang out there at the weekend. We do all **(6)** like the same kind of music, though. In fact, some of us play music together. Usually we **(7)** play the songs of our favourite groups. If I am honest, we are not very **(8)** good, but we enjoy it and that's all that matters.

7 Listen to some students using paraphrase. Which word in the box are they describing?

commuters cruise great-uncle
horror films leap year manual work

- 1** **4**
2 **5**
3 **6**

8 How could you use paraphrase to express the words below?

- 1** package tour **4** role model
2 sister-in-law **5** groom
3 camel **6** internet troll

9 Practise answering the Part 1 questions in Exercise 3. Use the tips, strategies and useful language from this section. Record yourself and listen to your answers if possible. How could they be improved?