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TEACHER'S/EXAMINER'S NOTES

**Great care should be taken to ensure that any confidential information given does not reach the candidates either directly or indirectly.**

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

This booklet contains:

- (a) administrative guidelines on conducting the tests
- (b) marking criteria
- (c) copies of Cards A–O, with Notes for 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](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples). The database will ask you for the syllabus code (i.e. 0993) 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 completed MS1 (or printout of marks submitted electronically) and a copy of 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:	0993	English as a Second Language
Examiner name:	[e.g.]	Ms Z. Abced
Date:	[e.g.]	1 October 2019

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 Choosing a career****Candidate's Card**

There are many things to consider when choosing the job you want to do.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- a career you would like to have, and why
- the best people to help you choose a career, and why
- why some people change their career as they go through life
- the opinion that we need more than qualifications to have a successful career
- the suggestion that choosing a career is the most important decision in life.

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

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Do you have any questions?

**Then start the test.**

**B Keeping fit****Candidate's Card**

Many people try to stay fit and healthy by doing exercise.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- what you, or people you know, do to keep fit and healthy
- the challenges of trying to have a healthy lifestyle
- if becoming a fitness instructor is a good career choice
- the suggestion that you do not need to do a lot of sport to keep fit
- the view that international sports stars should do more to promote a healthy lifestyle.

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**Then start the test.**

**C Day and night****Candidate's Card**

Modern 24-hour lifestyles mean that people can choose to work, rest and play whenever they want.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- your favourite time of the day or night, and why
- things that you prefer to do during the day rather than at night, and why
- why some people find it difficult to sleep at night
- whether it is important for everyone to spend some time outdoors during daylight
- the idea that, in the future, the difference between day and night won't be important for people's lifestyles.

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Do you have any questions?

**Then start the test.**

**D Made by hand****Candidate's Card**

In the past, people made most things, such as jewellery, clothes and furniture, by hand.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- a handmade object that you or someone you know owns, and what it is like
- why some people prefer things that are handmade
- whether young people should learn the skills of making things by hand
- the view that machine-made objects are always better quality than handmade objects
- the idea that, in the future, handmade objects will only be found in museums.

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Do you have any questions?

**Then start the test.**

**E Sightseeing****Candidate's Card**

People often visit famous cities or places of interest on a day trip or holiday.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- whether you enjoy sightseeing, and why
- a famous city or place of interest you have visited, and what it was like
- places of interest in your country you would recommend to other people, and why
- the advantages and disadvantages of sightseeing in a group
- the suggestion that sightseeing is the best way to learn about a country.

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

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**Then start the test.**

**F Robots****Candidate's Card**

Robots are machines that can do things which are normally done by people.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- jobs that you would like a robot to do for you, and why
- whether you could have a robot as a friend
- the opinion that there are some jobs that people do better than robots
- the idea that robots should be treated in the same way as humans
- the view that, in the future, robots will control all of our lives.

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

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**Then start the test.**

**G Supporting others****Candidate's Card**

Sometimes people need help and encouragement from others to achieve their goals.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- how your friends and family help and encourage you to achieve your goals
- a time you supported someone, and what happened
- whether we need special qualities to support others
- the idea that we can't achieve anything without support
- the view that local businesses should support people in their neighbourhood.

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

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**Then start the test.**

**H Being independent****Candidate's Card**

Independent people make their own decisions and don't need help from others.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- times when you have to make your own decisions, and what happens
- whether you would like to be more independent, and why
- the advantages and disadvantages of young people being independent of their parents
- the opinion that nobody can achieve complete independence
- the view that world leaders should listen to the people before making any decisions.

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.**

**I Information****Candidate's Card**

Information comes from many different places, so it is sometimes hard to know what is true.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- where you like to find information, and why
- whether information in books is more reliable than online
- whether we should always believe the things we hear or see in the news media
- the opinion that politicians can't always share information with the public
- the view that people have become obsessed with checking for the latest news.

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 Zoos****Candidate's Card**

Many people enjoy visiting zoos to look at animals.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- zoo animals you like, and why
- whether you would like to work in a zoo, and why
- the idea that animals can't have healthy lives in zoos
- the opinion that seeing videos of animals in the wild is better than seeing them in a zoo
- the view that only animals which need protecting should be kept in zoos.

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

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**Then start the test.**

**K Games****Candidate's Card**

Many games, such as chess, football and computer games, are played around the world.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- a game you, or your friends, enjoy playing, and why
- whether playing games brings people together, or causes arguments
- the idea that luck is more important than skills when trying to win games
- the suggestion that, in the future, people will only play computer games
- the idea that playing games teaches people important skills.

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Do you have any questions?

**Then start the test.**

**L Fashion****Candidate's Card**

People like to keep up to date with the latest fashions in clothes and accessories.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- the clothes and accessories you like to wear, and why
- whether you, or people you know, are interested in fashion
- reasons why it might be difficult to keep up to date with the latest fashions
- the view that wearing a uniform at school or at work is beneficial
- the opinion that people spend too much time thinking about the way they look.

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**M Respect****Candidate's Card**

We show respect for people and things in many different ways.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- people you respect, and why
- ways in which people show respect to each other
- the challenges of persuading people to respect the natural environment
- the suggestion that celebrities receive too much admiration
- the opinion that young people are not interested in respecting traditions.

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**N Our brains****Candidate's Card**

The human brain is an amazing thing.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- some ways you use your brain every day
- some things you can do to improve your memory
- jobs where having a good imagination is important
- the view that it is possible for a robot to think like a human
- the opinion that, in the future, we will be able to read other people's minds.

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**O Beauty****Candidate's Card**

People have different ideas about when someone or something, such as music or a place, is beautiful.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

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

- what you think is beautiful, and why
- a place you think is ugly, and how it could be made beautiful
- whether people should spend money on beauty treatments
- the view that beauty is always an important factor in being successful
- the idea that our view of what we think is beautiful changes over time.

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

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