

TESTING SPEAKING SKILLS

Marking criteria

1. TASK ACHIEVEMENT

- 3 Giving and seeking personal views and opinions in informal and formal situations, confidence in dealing with unpredictable elements in conversations, expressing ideas clearly and effectively with a high degree of fluency and appropriacy
- 2 Giving and justifying opinions when discussing matters of personal and topical interests, effective interaction in discussion, adaptation of language to deal with some unprepared situations
- 1 Active participation in discussion, but when discussion concerns complex and unfamiliar area, there are problems to follow the discussion and implement tasks
- 0 Inadequate answer bearing little or no relation to the task, no logical structure

2. FLUENCY

- 4 Fluent mastery of the language, very few long pauses, general meaning clear, very few interruptions necessary
- 3 Clear and effective communication, a few unnatural pauses, few interruptions usually necessary but intention is clear
- 2 Competent communication making themselves understood with little or no difficulty, using the language to meet most of needs for information and explanation, some interruptions necessary, longer pauses to search for word or meaning
- 1 Basic communication, short conversations, seeking and conveying information in simple terms, unnaturally long pauses
- 0 Communication full of pauses, very halting delivery

3. LANGUAGE IN USE (Grammar)

- 4 Accurate mastery of grammar, minor mistakes, precision in well-structure language
- 3 A high degree of accuracy, a few grammatical errors but most sentences correct,
- 2 Generally good usage of grammar, a few grammatical errors but only 1 or 2 causing confusion
- 1 Quite a few mistakes in grammar, some errors cause confusion
- 0 Basic grammar errors causing misunderstanding or serious confusion

4. LANGUAGE IN USE (Vocabulary pronunciation, intonation)

- 4 Accurate mastery of vocabulary, not much searching for words, consistently accurate pronunciation, possibility to vary intonation
- 3 Appropriate use of vocabulary, sometimes searching for words, speaking confidently with good pronunciation and intonation
Generally good usage of vocabulary, searches for words, good pronunciation and intonation
- 1 Quite a few mistakes in vocabulary which sometimes interfere with communication, limited expressions, a few pronunciation errors
- 0 Limited expressions, several serious pronunciation errors

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