

LanguageCert
Expert C1
Level 2
International ESOL (Speaking)
Practice Paper 1

Interlocutor's instructions

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Test time: 15 minutes

I = Interlocutor C = Candidate

PART 1 (3 minutes)

I: LanguageCert International ESOL, Speaking, Expert level, *(give today's date)*.

(Give candidate's full name.) Exam begins.

Hello. My name's *(give full name)*. Can you spell your family name for me, please?

C: *(Spells family name.)*

I: Thank you. Where are you from?

C: *(Responds.)*

I: Thank you. Now, Part One. I'm going to ask you some questions about yourself and your ideas. *(Choose **up to five** questions, one from each of the different topic areas, as time allows. Name the topic; eg 'Now, **Physical appearance**'.)*

Topics

Physical appearance

- Who do you take after in your family? In what way?
- What physical characteristics do you find especially attractive? (Why?)
- Some people believe that beautiful people have easier lives. What's your view?
- Do you think cosmetic surgery is a good way of enhancing appearance? (Why/Why not?)

Money management

- Would you call yourself a big spender or a super saver? (Why?)
- Can you tell me about the last time you wasted money on something?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of giving spending money to children?
- What do you think are the best techniques for managing money?

Foreign language ability

- What memories do you have of your first foreign language lessons?
- Why are some people better language learners than others?
- How do you think future technology will influence foreign language learning?
- Some people say that learning a foreign language is easier when you're a child. What's your opinion?

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Literature

- What, for you, makes a good, engaging piece of writing?
- How can young people nowadays be encouraged to read more?
- Some people claim that poetry is the most creative type of literature. What's your view?
- Do you agree that one's ability to appreciate literature changes with age?

Clothes, fashion

- Do you consider yourself fashion conscious or fashion victim? (Why?)
- How do you think fashion trends and styles can affect people's lives adversely?
- Some people believe fashion can be a form of art. What's your opinion?
- How far do you agree with the saying 'clothes make the man'?

C: *(Responds.)*

I: *(Interlocutor makes **brief** responses and/or comments.)*

I: Thank you.