

# SPEAKING

## General description

<b>PAPER FORMAT</b>	The Speaking test contains four parts.
<b>TIMING</b>	14 minutes
<b>NO. OF PARTS</b>	4
<b>INTERACTION PATTERN</b>	Two candidates and two examiners. One examiner acts as both interlocutor and assessor and manages the interaction either by asking questions or providing cues for the candidates. The other acts as assessor and does not join in the conversation.
<b>TASK TYPES</b>	Short exchanges with the interlocutor; a 1-minute individual 'long turn'; a collaborative task involving the two candidates; a discussion.
<b>MARKS</b>	Candidates are assessed on their performance throughout.

## Structure and tasks

<b>PART 1</b>	
<b>TASK TYPE AND FORMAT</b>	Conversation between the interlocutor and each candidate (spoken questions).
<b>FOCUS</b>	The focus is on general interactional and social language.
<b>TIMING</b>	2 minutes
<b>PART 2</b>	
<b>TASK TYPE AND FORMAT</b>	An individual 'long turn' for each candidate with a brief response from the second candidate. In turn, the candidates are given a pair of photographs to talk about
<b>FOCUS</b>	The focus is on organising a larger unit of discourse; comparing, describing and expressing opinions.
<b>TIMING</b>	A 1-minute 'long turn' for each candidate, plus a 30-second response from the second candidate. The total time for Part 2 is 4 minutes.
<b>PART 3</b>	
<b>TASK TYPE AND FORMAT</b>	A two-way conversation between the candidates. The candidates are given spoken instructions with written stimuli, which are used in discussion and decision-making tasks.
<b>FOCUS</b>	The focus is on sustaining an interaction, exchanging ideas, expressing and justifying opinions, agreeing and/or disagreeing, suggesting, speculating, evaluating, reaching a decision through negotiation, etc.
<b>TIMING</b>	A 2-minute discussion followed by a 1-minute decision-making task. The total time for Part 3 is 4 minutes..
<b>PART 4</b>	

<b>TASK TYPE AND FORMAT</b>	A discussion on topics related to the collaborative task (spoken questions).
<b>FOCUS</b>	The focus is on expressing and justifying opinions, agreeing and/or disagreeing and speculating.
<b>TIMING</b>	4 minutes.