

## **SIMULATION ORAL EXAM B1**

### **WARM UP AND INTRODUCING YOURSELF**

The examiner will ask the student some general questions, e.g.:

- Where are you from?
- Where do you live?
- What do you do?
- Which faculty are you in?
- Where do you work?
- What is your favorite book?
- What is your favorite film?
- What is your favorite kind of music?
- What is your favorite singer?
- What is your favorite TV programme?

These will help to break the ice and provide important information that will be helpful to choose appropriate tasks according to the student's profile.

### **ACTIVITY 1 – DIALOGUE**

Dialogue between the examiner and the student; students will be asked a series of questions about themselves and the environment they live in.

Conversation Questions: Health and Lifestyles

- What sports are popular in your country?
- What kinds of sports or exercise do you enjoy?
- Do you watch sports on TV? Which ones?
- What do you do to stay healthy?
- Do you think people should be more active these days?
- Is it better to play team sports or individual sports?
- Would you like to learn a new sport? Which one?
- What role do you think sports play in society?
- What's your favorite way to exercise?
- Do you think you get enough sleep?
- Do you cook healthy meals at home?
- Do you think it's important to stay fit?
- Do you drink enough water every day?
- Do you practice yoga or meditation?
- Do you avoid junk food?

## ACTIVITY 2 – ONE-SIDED TALK

Students will have to deal with a task and develop a topic based on a visual prompt (a photo or a picture)

A)



B)



PHOTO A:

Here is your photograph. It shows **people working in a company**.

- Talk about the people/person in the photo.
- Talk about the job/activity.
- Talk about other things in the photograph.
- Imagine you are in the photo. You are the old lady sitting in the armchair. Tell me your feelings, what has happened and what is going to happen next.

PHOTO B:

It shows **people eating in a restaurant**.

- Talk about the people/person.
- Talk about the food.
- Talk about other things in the photograph.
- Imagine you are one of these people. Why are you there? How do you feel? What would you like to eat/drink?

### **ACTIVITY 3 – ONE-SIDED TALK**

Each student will have to pick up a random card from a bowl and answer a question and develop a topic based on it.

Now, imagine that you pick up a card about: Internet and technology

- Do you prefer watching videos or reading online?
- Is it better to shop online or in shops? Why?
- How do you keep in touch with people online?
- What do you like doing most on the internet?
- Do you think everyone needs to learn about computers these days?
- Is spending lots of time on the internet good or bad? Why?
- Which social networks do you use? Why?
- What is the most important technology device in your daily life?
- Do you think people rely too much on technology?
- What age should children have to use a cell phone?

### **Activity 4 – REPORTING**

Read the following text. You will have one minute to do it. After this you will have to tell me what it is about and answer some questions about it.

#### **Valentine's Day**

Valentine's Day (or Saint Valentine's Day) is a holiday that, in the United States, takes place on February 14, and technically signifies the accomplishments of St. Valentine, a third-century Roman saint.

With that said, most Americans, instead of honoring St. Valentine through religious ceremony, enjoy the holiday by engaging in "romantic" behavior with their significant other or someone who they wish to be their significant other; gifts, special dinners, and other acknowledgements of affection comprise most individuals' Valentine's Day celebrations.

Chocolates and flowers are commonly given as gifts during Valentine's Day, as are accompanying greeting cards (greeting card companies release new Valentine's Day designs annually). Red and pink are generally understood to be "the colors" of Valentine's Day, and many individuals, instead of celebrating romantically, spend the holiday with their friends and/or family members.

Variations of Valentine's Day are celebrated across the globe throughout the year. In America, the holiday, although acknowledged by the vast majority of the population, isn't federally recognized; no time off work is granted for Valentine's Day.

Questions:

When does Valentine's Day take place in the United States?

What does Valentine's Day technically signify?

What can you buy as a Valentine's Day present?

Which colours are generally understood to represent Valentine's Day?