Speaking

***Task 1: Giving advice (Prep time: 30, Response time - 90)***

Hi Josh/Jane, I am really excited/sorry to hear etc… that you are <insert topic line>. I have had experience in <topic> and I think I could give you some good advice. Firstly,….

Another important step/aspect……<optional: because (provide reasoning)>

…<Ask some question, followed by>

Finally, you…./ I would do this….

Use variety of phrases like

1. How do you think about …

Anyways, I hope this helps you…..I would like to wish you good luck and let me know…how it goes.

Priority:

3 tips/Main points: 10-15 sec

1 personal experience:5-7 sec

4-5 Vocabulary (specific) words:10 sec

2-3 connectors: 5 sec

***Task 2: Personal Experience (Prep time: 30, Response time - 60)***

Intro line:

So Last year/few days ago (Time frame), I went on/I did… and it ….

I did/started…

At first,

It improved/changed

Use- exclamatory sentences – OMG, what a ride it was OR Wow, that experience really shook me.

Anyway I hope my experience motivates you/ help you to make better decisions in life. Or

Anyways, I hope this experience helps you to make better choices.

Phrases to use/remember –

Use alternative words

Moment instead of experience,

Adj – splendid, wonderful, momentous, significant, amazing, astonishing, awesome, tranquil, peaceful, pristine,

Phrases- Weather couldn’t have been better that day. Time flies when you are having fun.

Priority:

3 sentences: What happened, what did you do about it, how it helped

4-5 Vocabulary (specific) words:10 sec

2-3 connectors: 5 sec

***Task 3: Describe picture (Prep time: 30, Response time - 60)***

DO NOT TAKE Notes

Intro line (one simple sentence – describe the overall scene):

This is a picture of <adjective> <noun> in the <background>.

Present tense description of 3 key objects

Does the picture has a background/foreground

Direction words like, next to…, above…, near, middle, in the bottom, left to, bottom-right, bottom-left side, top-right, In front of, behind..

Use extra-description – like purple colored elephant, girl wearing blue shirt.

Overall, it is …

Alright, I hope my description helps you visualize the picture.

Priority:

3 sentences: describe 3-4 key objects in detail.

4-5 Vocabulary (specific) words:10 sec

2-3 connectors: 5 sec

***Task 4: Make Predictions (Prep time: 30, Response time - 60)***

DO NOT TAKE Notes

Intro line: In this picture, there are several things that may happen in the next few minutes. First off, ..<describe an event>… This will (draw connections)… Seeing this (connection word)

Simple future tense – will / is going to

Avoid status quo

Try to keep predictions relevant

Use extra-description – like purple colored elephant, girl wearing blue shirt.

Alright, those are some of my predictions for the scene. /Those are just my predictions so they may or may not actually happen.

Some of the key phrases to be used are:

Guess - I think, **I imagine**, It seems that, I feel that, likely to, might very well, is about to, **probably/ possibly**, I suspect.

Giving a reason – because, due to, As, since, the reason that,

Priority:

3 predictions: describe 3-4 key predictions possibly related.

4-5 Vocabulary (specific) words:10 sec

2-3 connectors: 5 sec

***Task 5: Compare and persuade (Choose: 60 Prep time: 60, Response time - 60)***

TAKE Notes

Compare both aspects of the options: prepare 4 strong arguments/reason

Compare them – cheaper, better, more efficient –

Handle objections: I know you prefer A and I think it is a good choice, however, I feel xyz is a much better choice/ I am more inclined towards option B for a couple of reasons.

Even though, this is cheaper (one benefit of other option), I suggest we buy it because…

While …aspect 1 of choice B is better, aspect 2 of choice is choice A.

Intro line: Hey guys, I know you are recommending <> and it is <**Advantage 1**>, but there are a few reasons why I think <> is a much better choice.

First, <general argument>

Price argument – My option is a lot cheaper and as you know we do not have a lot of money at this point, therefore, we should go for <name option>.

Acknowledge other benefit - While, …., I feel, this is better option because..

Besides, <we do not even nee>

A**nyways, I hope I have convinced you that mine is a better alternative.**

Anyways, I hope I have convinced you that option A is better.

I hope you understand and agree with my reasons for thinking option A is a better choice.

Idioms possible: Best of both worlds

Priority:

3 reasons

4-5 Vocabulary (specific) words:10 sec

2-3 connectors: 5 sec

***Task 6: Difficult situation (Prep time: 60, Response time - 60)***

TAKE deep breadth

Compare both aspects of the options: prepare 3-4 strong arguments/reason

Intro line: Hi Josh, Tim here. I am sorry to hear….however/unfortunately, I cannot/will choose. There are a couple of reasons for my decision.

Reason 1

Reason 2 …I am sure you can understand.

Reason 3

Offer a compromise – its kind of like acknowledging their opinion/choice.

Thanks for understanding my situation/constraints. I will be happy to help you <make it up to you later.>

Priority:

3 reasons

4-5 Vocabulary (specific) words:10 sec

2-3 connectors: 5 sec

***Task 7: Opinion (Prep time: 30, Response time - 90)***

Tips: State your opinion clearly

Intro: In my opinion, …. for the following reasons :

First off, <Story’s and personal experiences – matter for personal opinion>

Reason 1

Reason 2

Reason 3

In summary, for these reason I firmly believe….

Priority:

3 reasons

4-5 Vocabulary (specific) words:10 sec

2-3 connectors: 5 sec

***Task 8: Describe Unusual situation (Prep time: 30, Response time - 60)***

Tips: specific vocabulary – difficult

1. **Prepare Introduction first in prep time (know who you are calling), you can describe picture on the go.**
2. Find keywords – look at the question for this – I see a man wearing an egg *costume* and not I see an egg

Intro:

Hi Josh,

Mike here. I am at <location> and I see a really strange thing/situation. There is a <description - using keyword from question>.

Use these phrases – peculiar object, the most interesting feature of the picture is, It appears that, the funnier one

Details - bigger to smaller

Anyway, I hope it gives you a good impression of the person.

Pro Tip:

If you are stuck, you can say- wow, this is really hard to describe, let me gather my thoughts for a sec…

**CELPIP READING**

***Task 1: Reading for Correspondence (10 min)***

Usually a letter or something

Number of question : 11

***Task 2: Reading to Apply a diagram (10 min)***

Number of question: 8

***Task 3: Reading for information (10 min)***

Number of question: 9

***Task 4: Reading for viewpoints (10 min)***

Number of question: 10

**CELPIP Listening**

***Task 1: Listening to Problem Solving (10 min)***

Number of question: 8, 3 subparts

***Task 2: Listening to a Daily Life Conversation (10 min)***

Number of question: 5

***Task 3: Listening for Information (10 min)***

Number of question: 6

***Task 4: Listening to a News Item (10 min)***

Number of question: 5

***Task 5:*** ***Listening to a Discussion (10 min)***

Number of question: 8

***Task 6:*** ***Listening to Viewpoints (10 min)***

Number of question: 6

***Task 1: Writing an email***

Tips:

1. Avoid repetitive details, start with a short and crisp introduction. There is no need (optional) to write I am writing this letter to inform/ apprise you of our experience etc. Directly begin with a casual introduction to generate curiosity. In short avoid unnecessary lines.
2. In second para, don’t be too imaginative just do what is said: e.g., in restaurant example you could just start with complaining about food quality rather than waiting time to get seated.
3. Use vocabulary that is deep.
4. Second para: For one thing , third para – For another thing, First, Second, etc parallelism is good.
5. Ends with appropriate response – I hope to hear from you soon – optional.

***Task 2: Writing survey response***

Tips:

1. Starting line- Both options have some advantages, and I can see why some people who live in the city might choose Option A. On the whole, however, there are several reasons why option B would be my preference.
2. First para – give reasons to support your choice – 1-2 sentences, make sure you contrast this with the disadvantages of second choice – for example list benefits of museum – like we don’t have them,…, on the contrary, we have a lot of parks etc.
3. Your use of word while is problematic – use in contrast, or whereas, etc.
4. Write a small fifth para/one line conclusion – so far as I am concerned, option B is a better choice.

***Vocabulary***

Happy – elated, ecstatic, glad, joyous, thrilled, pleasant,

Surprised – shocked, startled, astonished, bewildered, flabbergasted

Weird/Strange – bizzare, creepy, eccentric, unusual, peculiar, freaky, unusual, offbeat, outlandish, rare.

Great – Awesome, amazing, fascinating, marvelous, excellent, stunning, unbelievable, wonderful, significant.

Advice/suggest – encourage, propose, prescribe, guide, recommend, advocate,

Opinion – point of view, mind, view, viewpoint, judgement.

Reasons – logic, arguments,

Agree – appreciate, concede, concur, admit, acknowledge,

Option – choice, alternative,

Because – due to this, consequently, therefore, hence, As a result, etc

Peaceful - tranquil, peaceful, pristine

Dress vocabulary – top , beanie, lumberjack shirt,

Phrases:

Has had a hard time lately,

This was not an easy choice for me.

I am sure you would agree that….<your reason>

Comprehensive list of arguments:

1. I did not have much experience so you can ask someone else.
2. Price – option B is cheaper and as you know we do not have a lot of money at this time, we should go for xyz.
3. We already had this option last week, and if we do it again it will be repitive and boring.
4. Even though my choice is a bit more expensive, but because of its advance features such as x and y, I believe it is worth the price.
5. For task 6, if you want to discourage someone, just say with your salary I don’t think you can afford it. Or it is a lot of responsibility.