

VSTEP B1

A.SPEAKING

SPEAKING PART 1

Dạng bài: Đề chia làm 2 chủ đề lớn, mỗi chủ đề có 3 câu hỏi đi kèm. Các chủ đề đều hỏi về các thông tin quen thuộc, mục đích làm quen và dẫn dắt thí sinh.

=> Đề chia ra làm 2 chủ đề, thí sinh trả lời cả 2 chủ đề; có thể lựa chọn chủ đề nào dễ hơn với mình để trả lời trước;

- Có 2 dạng câu hỏi:

+ Dạng 1: Do you...? Hoặc Can you...? Câu hỏi này thường đi kèm với Why (Tại sao)

⇒ Trả lời Yes, I do hoặc No I don't because it is ... (tính từ)

⇒ Trả lời Yes, I can hoặc No, I can't because it is ... (tính từ)

Ví dụ: Do you like shopping?

Yes, I do because it is interesting and relaxed.

No, I don't because it is boring and I don't have much time.

+ Dạng 2: Câu hỏi bắt đầu bằng từ để hỏi Who/ Where/ When/ ...

⇒ và chuẩn bị các cụm trả lời cố định cho các câu hỏi có từ để hỏi.

Từ hỏi	Ý nghĩa	Ví dụ	Gợi ý trả lời
WHO	Ai	Who is your favorite singer?	My favorite singer is Son Tung/ my mother/ husband/ friends
WHAT	Cái gì	What do you want for birthday presents?	I want a computer/ a watch for my birthday presents.
	Làm gì	What do you do in your free time?	I read books/ watch TV/ play sports in my free time.
WHICH	Lựa chọn	Which do you prefer A or B?	I prefer A because it is better.
WHEN	Khi nào	When do you often play sports?	I often play sports in the morning/ in the afternoon/ in

			the evening/ when I have free time because it makes me happy.
WHERE	Ở đâu	Where do you often spend your free time?	I often spend my free time in the supermarket/ at home because it makes me comfortable.
HOW	Bằng cách nào Như thế nào	How do you go to work everyday? How do you learn new words? How do you feel about learning English?	I go to work every day by motorbike/car because it's easy. I learn new words by watching films or listening to music. I feel happy about ...
HOW OFTEN	Bao lâu 1 lần	How often do you go to the cinema?	I go to the cinema everyday/ once a week because I like it very much.
HOW LONG	Bao lâu rồi	How long will you finish the project?	I finish the project in one week/ two weeks because it is very easy.

Khung trả lời :

Let's talk about (chủ đề)

First of all, nhắc lại câu hỏi 1. Trả lời + giải thích cho câu trả lời (because ...)

Second of all, nhắc lại câu hỏi 2. Trả lời + giải thích cho câu trả lời (because ...)

Third of all, nhắc lại câu hỏi 3. Trả lời + giải thích cho câu trả lời (because ...)

Lưu ý: + Loại câu hỏi và cách trả lời

+ Từ đề hỏi

+ Sự thay đổi về đại từ trong câu hỏi và câu trả lời

Ví dụ:

1. Let's talk about Leisure & Hobbies

- Do you like listening to music?
- What kind of music do you like?
- Who is your favorite singer?

2. Let's talk about Family and friends

- How many people are there in your family?
- Who do you spend your free time with?
- Who are the most important people in your life?

Câu trả lời:

Let's talk about FAMILY AND FRIENDS

First of all, HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THERE IN YOUR FAMILY? THERE ARE 4 PEOPLE IN MY FAMILY, MY WIFE, MY CHILDREN AND ME BECAUSE IT IS HAPPY.

Second of all, WHO DO YOU SPEND MY FREE TIME WITH? I SPEND MY FREE TIME WITH MY SON. WE OFTEN PLAY CHESS OR FOOTBALL TOGETHER BECAUSE IT IS FUN.

Third of all, WHO ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE? IS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN MY LIFE IS MY WIFE BECAUSE SHE IS VERY GOOD AND CARING.

PRACTICE

SPEAKING PART 1: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3 minutes)

1. Let's talk about Friends

- Do you have a lot of friends or just a few close friends?
- In your free time, do you prefer being alone or with friends?
- Which is more important to you, family or friends?

2. Let's talk about Music

- Do you like listening to music? Why/ Why not?
- What kinds of music do you like best? Why?
- Who do you often listen to music with?

3. Let's talk about Foods and eating habits

- What is your favorite food/ drink?
- Are you good at cooking?
- How often do you eat out?

SPEAKING PART 2

Dạng bài: 1 tình huống cho sẵn với 3 sự lựa chọn.

Yêu cầu thí sinh phải đưa ra quan điểm rằng lựa chọn nào là tốt nhất và giải thích lý do.

Đồng thời phải đưa ra lý do vì sao không đồng tình với 2 lựa chọn còn lại.

Khung trả lời:

Nhắc lại tình huống của đề bài xuất hiện trên màn hình .

There are three choices (nhắc lại 3 lựa chọn).

I will choose (Lựa chọn A) **for some reasons.**

First of all, it is (Lí do 1). Second of all, it is ... (Lí do 2)

I don't like (Lựa chọn C) **because it is** (Lý do)

I don't like (Lựa chọn C) **because it is ...** (Lý do)

To sum up, I believe that (Lựa chọn A) **is the best idea.**

Ví dụ:

Situation

One of your friends is planning for a holiday with his friends. He asked you for some advices about where to go: Sapa, Nha Trang or Singapore. What do you think is the best choice? Why?

Câu trả lời:

One of my friends is planning for a holiday with his friends and he asks me for some advices about where to go: going to Sapa, Nha Trang or Singapore.

There are three choices: going to Sapa, Nha Trang or Singapore.

I will choose Nha Trang **for some reasons.** **First of all**, it is beautiful. **Second of all**, it is cheap to travel to Nha Trang.

I don't like Sapa **because it is** very far.

I don't like Singapore **because it is** very expensive.

To sum up, I believe that visiting Nha Trang beach **is the best idea.**

PRACTICE

SPEAKING PART 2: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4 minutes)

Situation:

You are planning a holiday in one week with your partner around the country. You want to see as much as possible but don't want to spend too much money on transport. Three means of transport are suggested: car, train and coach.

Which do you think is the most suitable and why?

SPEAKING PART 3

Dạng bài: Câu hỏi được trình bày ở hình thức 1 bản đồ tư duy. Mở đầu phần 3 có 1 câu chủ đề. Trong bản đồ tư duy có phần chủ đề ở chính giữa và các ý hỗ trợ xung quanh.

Yêu cầu: Thí sinh cần phát triển chủ đề theo đúng các gợi ý đã đưa ra, đồng thời phải nêu ví dụ hoặc lập luận, dẫn chứng để củng cố các gợi ý đó.

Bên dưới bản đồ tư duy sẽ có 3 câu hỏi, thí sinh chọn câu hỏi nào thấy dễ nhất để trả lời. Cách trả lời giống với phần nói số 1.

Khung trả lời:

Well, I would like to talk about my topic. It is about ... (Chủ đề chính)

Đọc câu chủ đề nhìn thấy trên đề hoặc đọc tên chủ đề ở chính giữa bản đồ tư duy.

First of all, the first point is (nhắc đến Ý chính số 1), giải thích

Second of all, the second point is (nhắc đến Ý chính số 2), giải thích

Third of all, the third point is (nhắc đến Ý chính số 3), giải thích

To sum up, ... (nhắc lại câu chủ đề)

Ví dụ:

Topic: Smoking should be banned in public places.

Smoking

- Smoker's health
- Second-hand smoker's health
- Financial burden

Câu trả lời

Well, I would like to talk about my topic. It is about *smoking*.

Smoking should be banned in public places.

First of all, the first point is *smoker's health*. It is very dangerous for people to smoke.

Second of all, the second point is *the second-hand smoker's health* because it is not good for the second-hand smokers to get the smoke.

Third of all, the third point is *financial burden because it is very expensive to buy cigarettes.*

To sum up, *smoking should be banned in public places.*

PRACTICE

SPEAKING PART 3

There are some ways to keep fit.

Keeping fit:

- Go to the gym and do regular exercise
- Have a healthy diet
- Get enough sleep

Questions:

- Why do people want to keep fit?
- What do you think about using medicine to keep fit?
- What is your opinion about plastic surgery?

B. WRITING

WRITING PART 1

Yêu cầu: Viết 1 bức thư **ít nhất 120 từ** trả lời một bức thư ở đề bài. Thông thường có 3 – 4 câu hỏi phải trả lời trong bức thư.

Khung bài làm

(1) Dear ... (tên người nhận – Nhìn lên đề, thấy có 1 tên tiếng Anh),

(2) I'm so happy to get your email.

(3) How is your family and your work? Please send my hello to your parents

(4) I'm writing to answer the questions in your last email.

(Nội dung chính của bức thư: Trả lời các câu hỏi của đề/ Mỗi câu hỏi trả lời thành 1 đoạn riêng biệt)

- (5) First of all, Câu trả lời cho câu hỏi 1. Giải thích thêm cho câu trả lời.
(6) Second of all, Câu trả lời cho câu hỏi 2. Giải thích thêm cho câu trả lời.
(7) Third of all, Câu trả lời cho câu hỏi 3. Giải thích thêm cho câu trả lời.
(8) Lastly, Câu trả lời cho câu hỏi 4. Giải thích thêm cho câu trả lời. (Nếu có)
(9) Hope this helps,
(10) See you soon,

Ví dụ:

Đề bài:

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You have received an email from **Kate**, your English friend. She asked you for some information about **one of your friends**. Read part of her email below.

I've just got an email from your friend, An. She said she's going to take an English course in London this June. She asked if she could stay with my family until she could find a flat.

Can you tell me a bit about her? What is she like? What are her hobbies and interests?

Can you possibly tell me about her current work or study as well? I just want to see if she will fit in with my family.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Phản trả lời: Những phần chữ in nghiêng là thông tin mới được chèn vào khung

- (1) Dear *Kate*,
(2) I'm so happy to get your email.
(3) How is your family and your work? Please send my hello to your parents,
(4) I'm writing to answer the questions in your last email.
(5) First of all, *Can you tell me a bit about her? Yes, I can. Her name is Lan. She is 20 years old.*
(6) Second of all, *what is she like? She is intelligent, beautiful and hard-working. She is the best student in my class.*
(7) Third of all, what are her hobbies and interests? *Her hobbies are reading books and cooking. She often cooks for her family. She can cook many good foods.*

(8) Finally, *Can you possibly tell me about her current work or study as well? Yes, I can. She now is a student at Hanoi University. She studies Economics. I hope she will fit in your family,*

(9) Hope this helps,

(10) See you soon,

PRACTICE (Yêu cầu nhận diện các câu hỏi cần trả lời)

Đề 1

You have just come back from your holiday. Your cousin, Jacob, wrote you a letter to ask for some information about your holiday. Read part of this letter below.

I heard that you and your friends have just returned home from a holiday abroad. It must have been an exciting trip because I saw lots of amazing photos on your face-book. Where did you and your friends visit? What activities did you take part in while you were there? I also saw many photos of different types of food and they looked really delicious. Can you tell me about them? And how did you feel about the trip?

Write a letter responding to Jacob.

Đề 2

You move to England. You are applying for a job. Read a part of the email below:

We got your application form and we'd like to ask for some more information. What did you do before you moved to England? We'd like to know about your English level. How much do you want for the salary?

Write an email to the manager of the company and answer the questions.

Đề 3

You are planning to meet an English pen friend, Pat, and have a holiday together in New York. Below is part of an email from your pen friend.

I'm very much looking forward to meeting you and having a holiday together. I'll book us a hotel if you can let me know if you have any special preferences.

As I'll be arriving a couple of days before you, let me know what time your flight gets in and I'll meet you at the airport.

Is there anything you specially want to do while we're in New York? I really want to visit the Statue of Liberty.

See you in just a month now!

Write a letter to Pat to answer his questions about:

- the location of the hotel you want to stay;
- the time you will arrive at the airport;
- the things you want to do in New York.

You should write at least 120 words.

WRITING TASK 2

Yêu cầu: Viết 1 bài luận về một chủ đề cho sẵn để bày tỏ quan điểm cá nhân, được dẫn chứng và ví dụ rõ ràng

Dạng 1: Advantages & Disadvantages (Thuận lợi và bất lợi)

Advantages: điểm tốt = benefit = positive

Disadvantages: điểm xấu = drawback = negative

Khung trả lời

(1) (Chủ đề) has become a big concern among the public. ... (2) In this essay, I will share my opinions about this topic.

(3) On the one hand, it is said that (quan điểm 1). (4) It is quite suitable to think on this side. (5) First of all, (Lý do 1). (6) Second of all, ... (Lý do 2).

(7) On the other hand, it is said that (quan điểm 2). (8) It is quite suitable to think on this side. (9) First of all, (Lý do 1). (10) Second of all, ... (Lý do 2).

(10) To sum up, every coin has two sides. (11) People have to think of both sides of the problem. (12) In my opinion, I support the first/ second idea. ...

Ví dụ:

Read an extract from an article **about Television**

Television is the most popular form of entertainment in my households. People of all ages use the medium to entertain themselves for many hours a day. Thus, television has had a big influence on its viewers, especially children. **However**, some people worry that children can be negatively affected by constantly watching television.

Write an essay to an educated person **to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of television to children.**

Câu trả lời

Television has become a big concern among the public. Television is the most popular form of entertainment in my households. People of all ages use the medium to entertain themselves for many hours a day. Thus, television has had a big influence on its viewers, especially children. However, some people worry that children can be negatively affected by constantly watching television. In this essay, I will share my opinions about this topic.

On the one hand, it is said that television is the most popular form of entertainment in my households. People of all ages use the medium to entertain themselves for many hours a day. Thus, television has had a big influence on its viewers, especially children. It is quite suitable to think on this side. First of all, all families have a TV at home. Some families have one TV in each room. Second of all, we have to agree that everyone watches TV; for example, children watch cartoons; parents watch films; grandparents watch game shows.

On the one hand, it is said that children can be negatively affected by constantly watching television. It is quite suitable to think on this side. First of all, watching TV is not good for their health. Second of all, children are lazy because they watch TV. Children are doing nothing while watching TV.

To sum up, every coin has two sides. People have to think of both sides of the problem. In my opinion, I support the first/ second idea.

PRACTICE: WRITING PART 2

Read an extract about taking a gap year.

In some countries young people are encouraged to work or travel for a year between finishing high school and starting university studies. Young people can benefit a lot from this. Other, on the other hand, do not think that it is a good idea.

Write an essay to an educated reader to discuss the advantages and disadvantages for young people who decided to do this.

Dạng 2: Agree or Disagree (Đồng tình hoặc Phản đối)

Khung trả lời

(1) (Chủ đề) has become a big concern among the public. ... (2) In this essay, I will share my opinions to discuss that ... (Trích câu in đậm ở đề bài)

(3) On the one hand, I agree that (...). (4) Here are some reasons to support this idea.

(5) First of all, (Lý do 1). (6) Second of all, ... (Lý do 2).

(7) On the other hand, I don't agree that (...). (8) Here are some reasons to support this idea. (9) First of all, (Lý do 1). (10) Second of all, ... (Lý do 2).

(10) To sum up, every coin has two sides. (11) People have to think of both sides of the problem. (12) In my opinion, I agree/ don't agree that ... (câu in đậm)

Ví dụ:

Read an extract about **fast food**

*In some countries the number of people suffering from health problems because of excess consumption of fast food, is increasing. **Therefore, it is necessary for governments to impose a higher tax on this kind of food.***

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement?

*Write an essay to an educated reader to discuss your opinions of whether **it is necessary for governments to impose a higher tax on this kind of food.***

Gợi ý trả lời:

*Fast food has become a big concern among the public. In some countries the number of people suffering from health problems because of excess consumption of fast food is increasing. (2) In this essay, I will share my opinions to discuss that **it is necessary for governments to impose a higher tax on this kind of food.***

*On the one hand, I agree that that **it is necessary for governments to impose a higher tax on this kind of food.** Here are some reasons to support this idea. First of all, **it is more expensive to buy fast food. So they can't eat fast food in any places or at anytime.** Second of all, **it is better for the government because they can get more money to use in different purposes.***

*On the other hand, I disagree that **it is necessary for governments to impose a higher tax on this kind of food.** Here are some reasons to support this idea. First of all, **it is not good for poor people. They have to pay more to buy food.** Second of all, **it is not fair because if you eat more fast food, you have to pay more.***

*To sum up, every coin has two sides. People have to think of both sides of the problem. In my opinion, I disagree that **it is necessary for governments to impose a higher tax on this kind of food.***

PRACTICE: WRITING PART 2

Read the following text from an article about **mobile phones at schools**.

Nowadays, many primary students bring their mobile phones to school. People have different opinions about mobile phone use. Some believe mobile phones should be banned at primary school because using mobile phones may have negative effects on learning environment and students' performance. However, **others suggest that mobile phones should be allowed at schools since they are useful tools for learning and contacting parents.**

Do you agree or disagree with the idea that **mobile phones should be allowed at schools?** *Write an essay to an educated reader to discuss your opinions.*

PRACTICE

SPEAKING PRACTICE TEST

PART 1: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3 minutes)

1. Let's talk about Shopping

- Where do you usually go shopping?
- Who do you like going shopping with?
- Do you prefer going shopping alone or with friends?

2. Let's talk about Sports

- What is your favorite sport?
- Which sports would you like to learn? Why?
- Why do people play sports?

3. Let's talk about Transport

- How do you go to work?
- How long does it take you to get to work?
- Is it easy to travel in your city?

4. Let's talk about House & Home

- How many rooms are there in your house?
- What is your favorite room in the house?
- What do you want to change in your house?

5. Let's talk about Weather

- What's the weather like in your place in Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter?
- What kind of weather do you enjoy?
- In your place, which month is the hottest/coldest in a year?

6. Let's talk about Neighborhood

- Can you tell me something about your neighborhood?
- What do you like most about it?
- Do you plan to live there for a long time? Why/why not?

PART 2: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4 minutes)

1. The school of your children has proposed some ways of assessment: giving scores only, giving comments only or both giving scores and comments. Which do you think is the best option?
2. You want to give a pet to your grandparents who are living in the countryside. There are three choices for you: a dog, a cat and a fish. Which do you think is the most suitable and why?
3. Your brother has won a lottery of 1,000,000 VNĐ. He is thinking of how he would use that amount of money: buy a house, buy a car or save in the bank. Which do you think is the most suitable and why?

PART 3: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5 minutes)

1. Online courses have changed the way people learn.

Online courses:

- Provide new learning experience
- Be more convenient to study
- Be independent in learning
- Your own idea

Followed-up questions:

- What advice would you give someone on how to study English?
- Do you think being a student is the best time of your life? Why? Why not?
- Should a student's university education be free or should the students have to get a loan?

2. There are some ways to protect the environment.

Ways to protect the environment

- use alternative energy
- use public transport
- recycle
- Your own idea

Followed-up questions:

- What can you recycle?
- Do you think you've done enough to protect the environment?
- Is it important to teach students to protect the environment at school?

WRITING PRACTICE TEST

PART 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

Your English pen friend, Pat, wrote you an email about his birthday party. Read part of the email below

I'm so happy with my birthday party. Can you tell me when is your birthday? I really want to know who you will invite to your birthday party. What do you often do on your birthday? My mum made me a big cake. I really wonder what kinds of presents you will get on your birthday.

Reply to me soon,

Write a letter to Pat to answer his questions. You should write at least 120 words.

PART 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Read an extract about using computers in education.

Computers are one of the most valuable resources in a classroom because they serve so many useful functions. With computers and the Internet, students today have a wealth of information that can help them develop their research and communication skills while preparing them for a future career in a workforce that is increasingly reliant on computer technology. Some, however, wonder about the drawbacks of using computers towards students, especially teenagers.

Now, write an essay for an educated reader to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using computers in education.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words. Your response will be evaluated in terms of Task fulfillment, Organization, Vocabulary and Grammar.

