

30 PRACTICE TESTS FOR VSTEP SPEAKING

SPEAKING TEST 01

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about your free time activities.

- What do you often do in your free time?
- Do you watch TV? If no, why not? If yes, which TV channel do you like best? Why?
- Do you read books? If no, why not? If yes, what kinds of books do you like best? Why?

Let's talk about your neighborhood.

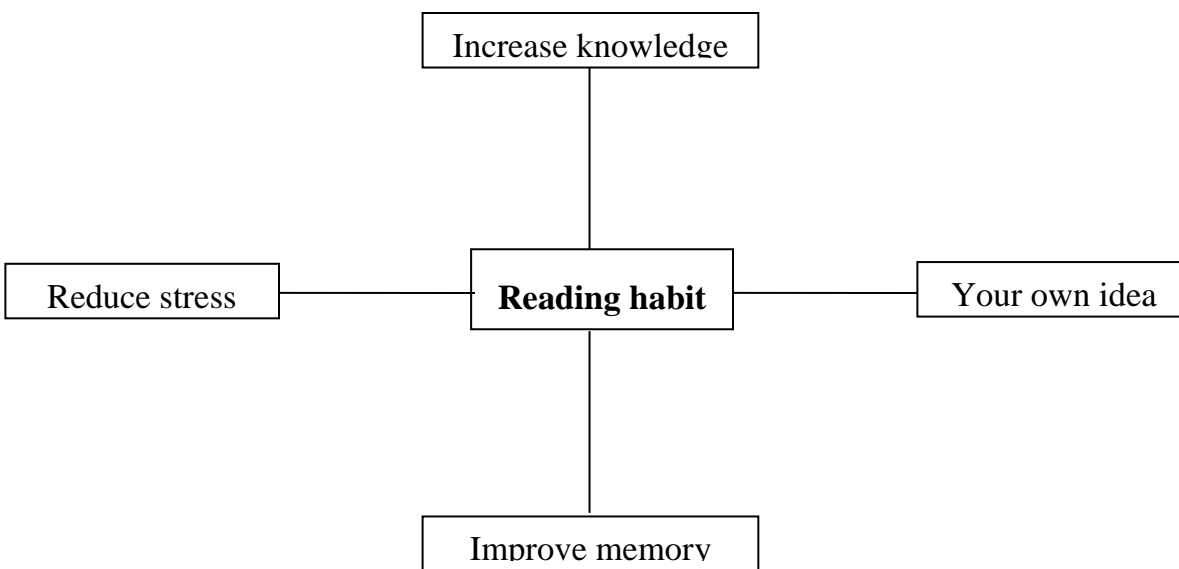
- Can you tell me something about your neighborhood?
- What do you like most about it?
- Do you plan to live there for a long time? Why/why not?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: A group of people is planning a trip from Danang to Hanoi. Three means of transport are suggested: by train, by plane, and by coach. Which means of transport do you think is the best choice?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Reading habit should be encouraged among teenagers.



- How has reading habit changed these days?
- In what ways does e-book affect people's reading habit?
- Is there any disadvantage associated with e-book? Why (not)?

SPEAKING TEST 02

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about childhood.

- Did you have a happy childhood? What was the most memorable thing?
- What did you like to do as a child?
- Do you still keep your childhood passions? How do they influence your personality?

Let's talk about family.

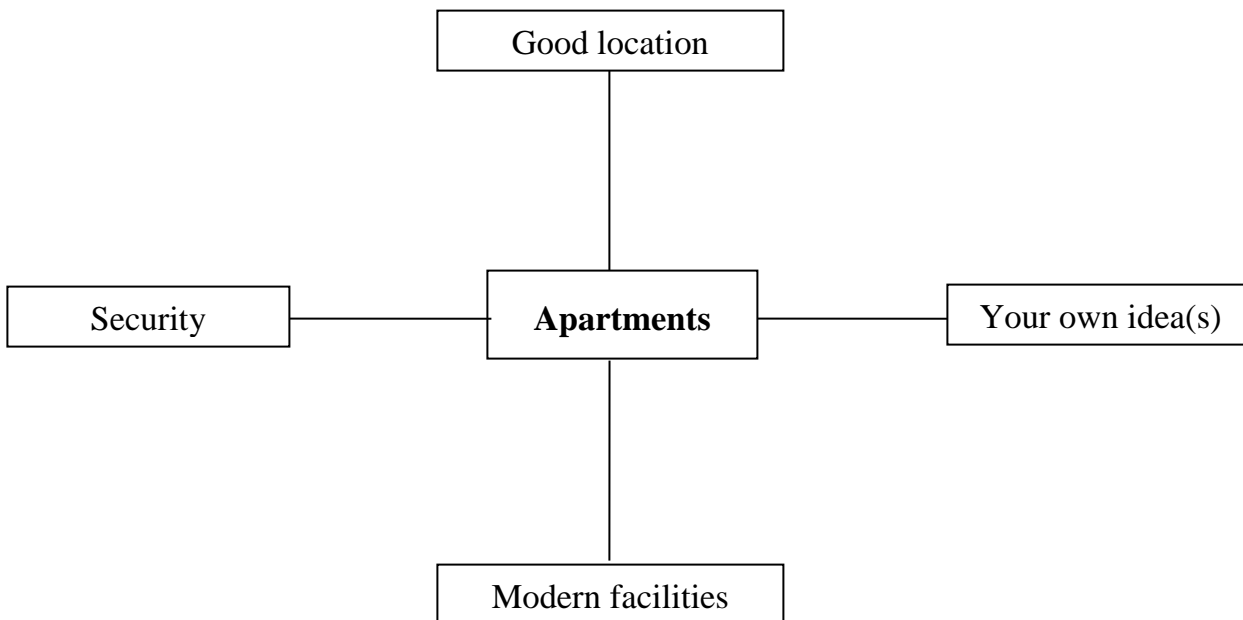
- Are you similar to your mother or father? What are the similarities?
- Do you live in an extended family or a nuclear one? Which one would you prefer?
- What do you and your family often do to strengthen the family spiritual bond?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: Your cousin is the best student of the class this year. His parents are thinking about a present, there are three options: a laptop, a holiday, or some money. Which option would you suggest her?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Apartments are now more preferable than houses.



- What kind of housing is most popular in your country?
- What are some of the housing problems that exist in your city?

SPEAKING TEST 03

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about accommodation.

- What type of accommodation do you live in?
- Would you prefer to buy a house with or without a garden?
- If you go on a trip, will you prefer to stay in a hotel or a homestay? Why?

Let's talk about transport.

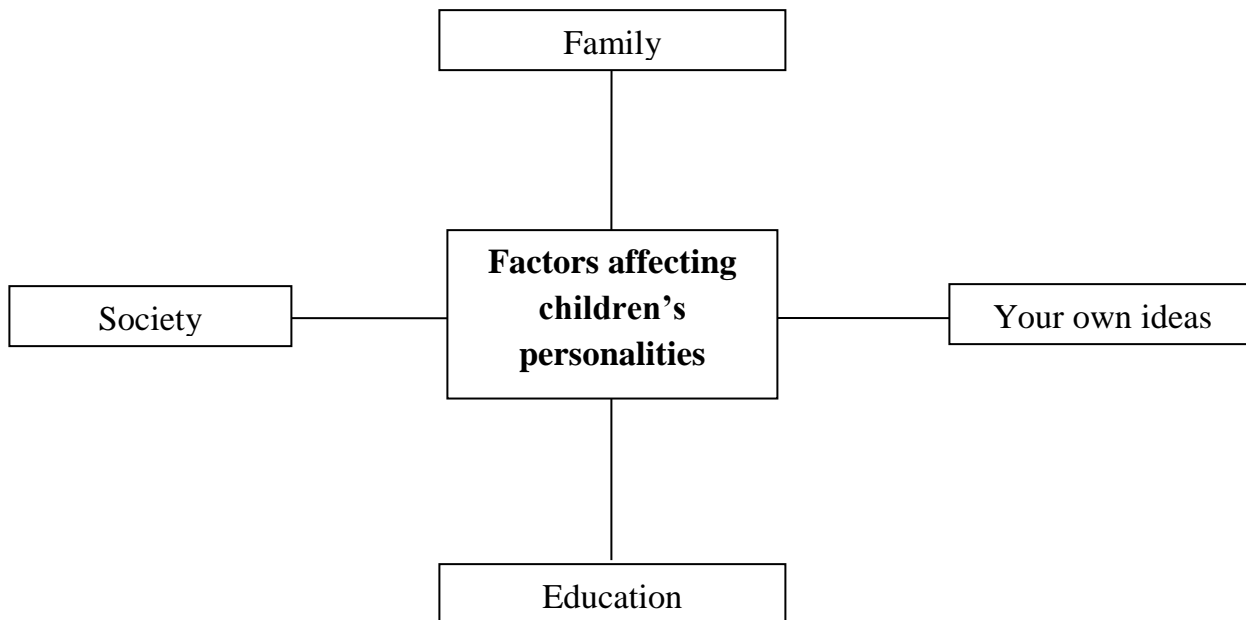
- How often do you use public transport?
- What is your favorite transportation you want to go out at weekend?
- What is the easiest way to get around your country?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You have seen your neighbor's son playing game at the Internet shop many times. What will you do: inform his parents, talk to him or talk to the shop owner?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: There are many factors affecting children's personalities.



- What factor has the most influence on children's personalities? Why?
- What can you do to make a better environment for children's personality development?

SPEAKING TEST 04

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about your hometown.

- Where is your hometown?
- What do you like most about your hometown?
- Do you think your hometown is a good tourist attraction? Why/ Why not?

Let's talk about weather.

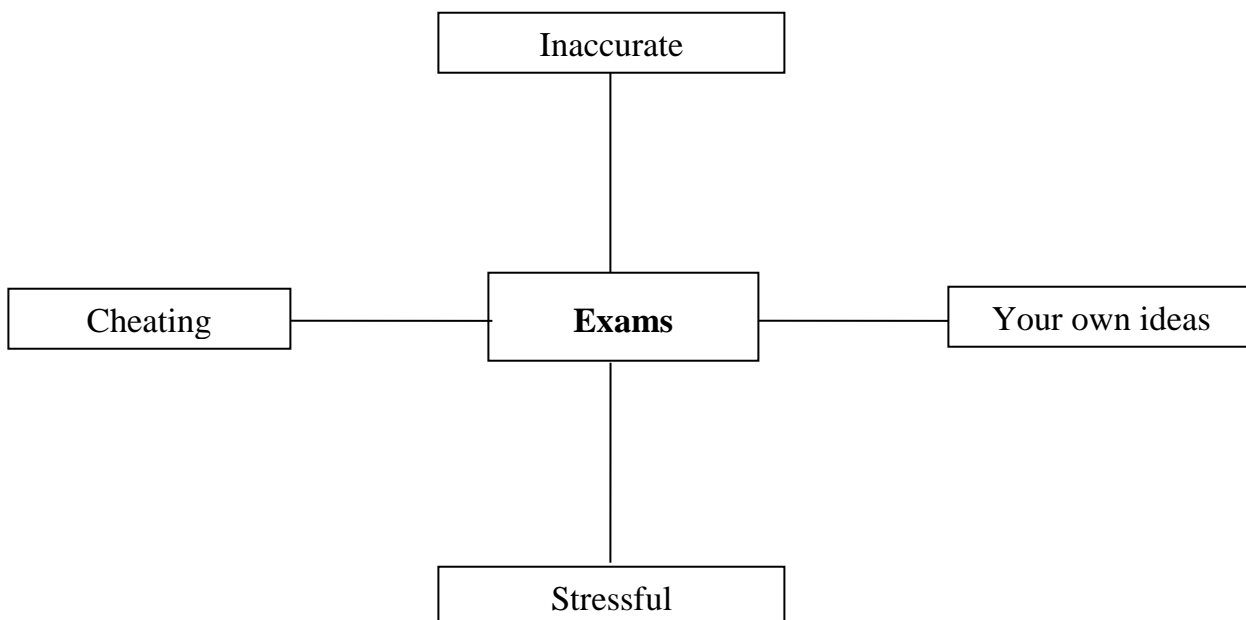
- What kind of weather do you like most?
- Does the weather influence your moods?
- Do you think fighting global climate change is a government or individual responsibility?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: Your friend who is a teacher complains that many her students do not do homework. She is considering the punishment among three options: ask the students to rewrite the task 10 times, require them to stand at the classroom corner for one hour, or ask the students give some money. Which do you think is the best choice?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Exams should be abolished.



- In your opinion, should exams be replaced by some practical forms of assessment like a project assignment?
- Do exams have positive or negative effects on your study?

SPEAKING TEST 05

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about TV programs.

- How often do you watch TV programs?
- Which TV programs do you enjoy most?
- How important is TV programs in our lives?

Let's talk about travelling.

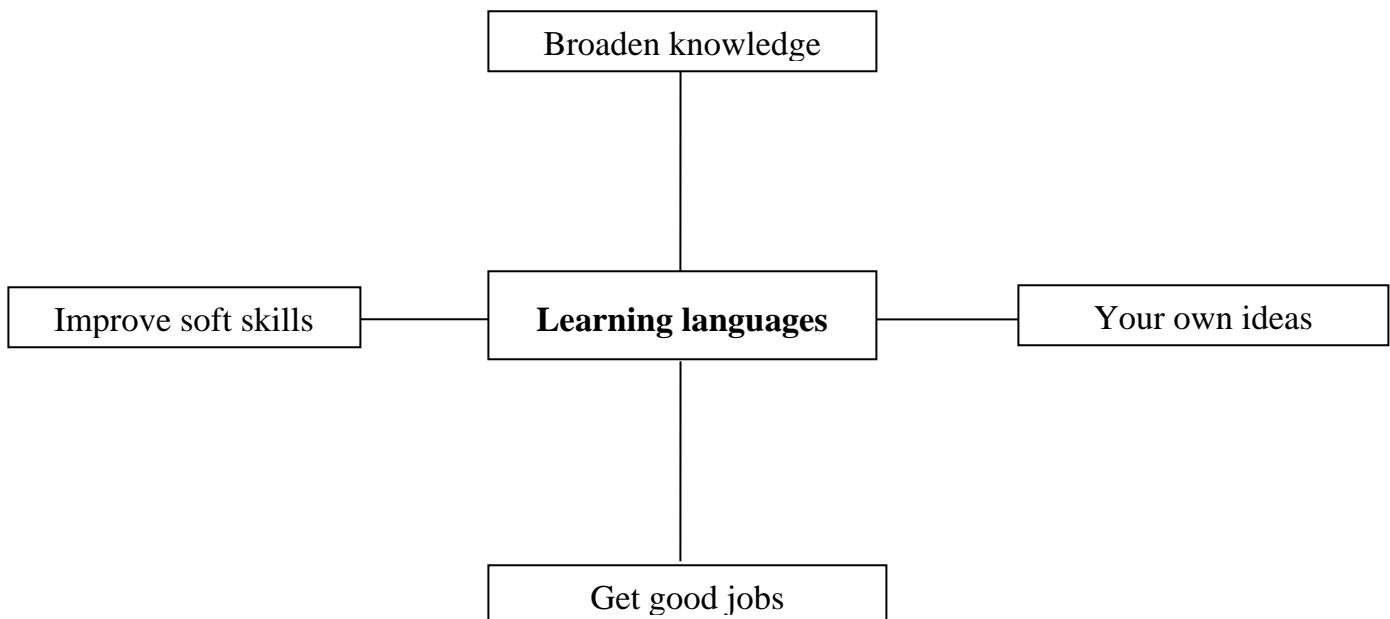
- Do you like travelling? Why/Why not?
- When was the last time you travelled?
- Do you prefer to travel with friends or family? Why?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4°)

Situation: Your friend's class is discussing whether they should take photo to celebrate graduation. They are considering three options: taking photo with formal clothes, taking photo with informal clothes, or taking no photo at all. Which do you think is the best choice?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: It is beneficial to learn foreign languages.



- What are the good ways that young people can adopt to learn a new language?
- In what ways does a foreign language influence your mother tongue?

SPEAKING TEST 06

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about flowers.

- Do you like flowers? Why/ why not?
- Where in your country is famous for growing flowers?
- Would you prefer a bunch of flowers or a practical item?

Let's talk about colors.

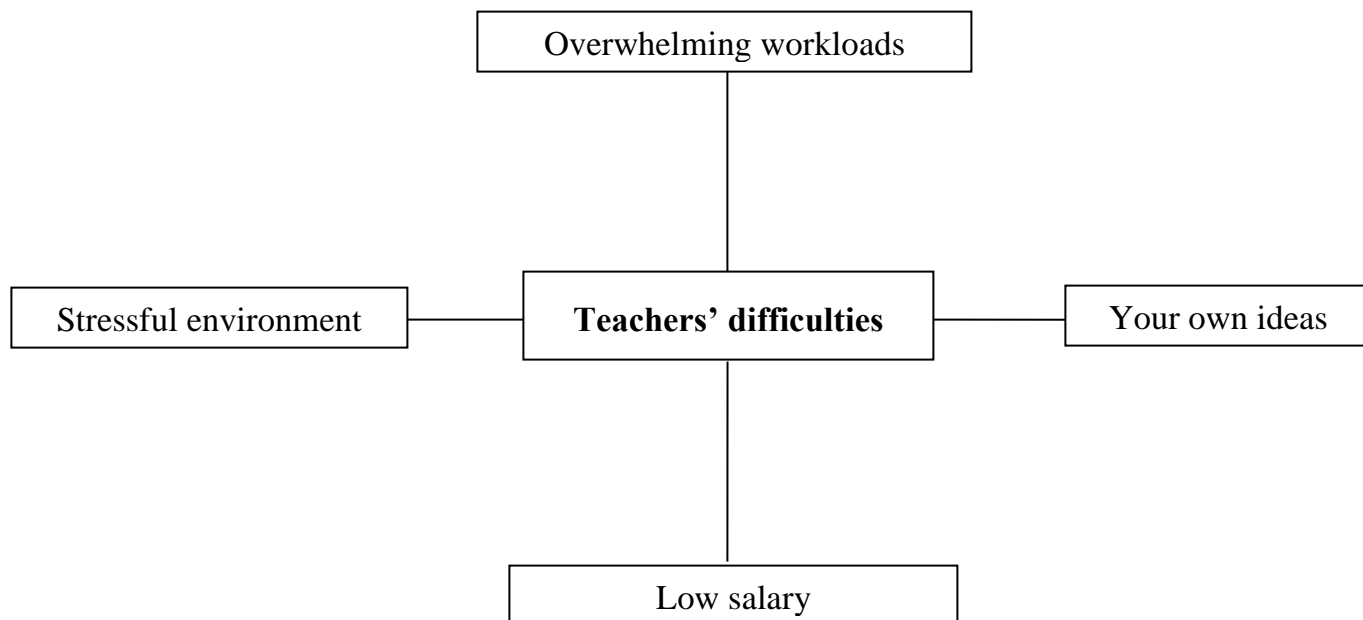
- Do you dislike any colors? Why?
- When you buy your clothes, is the color important to you?
- How do colors affect your mood?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You see a boy who is bullied. What will you do: talk to his teacher, talk to his parents, or talk with his friends?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Being a teacher is not as easy as many people think.



- How do you solve the teacher's problems your friend has talked about?
- Do you think school is the best place for educating children?

SPEAKING TEST 07

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about books.

- Do you like reading books? Why or why not?
- What kinds of books do you like to read? Why?
- Do you usually read book for study purposes? If yes, what kinds of book? If no, why not?

Let's talk about school.

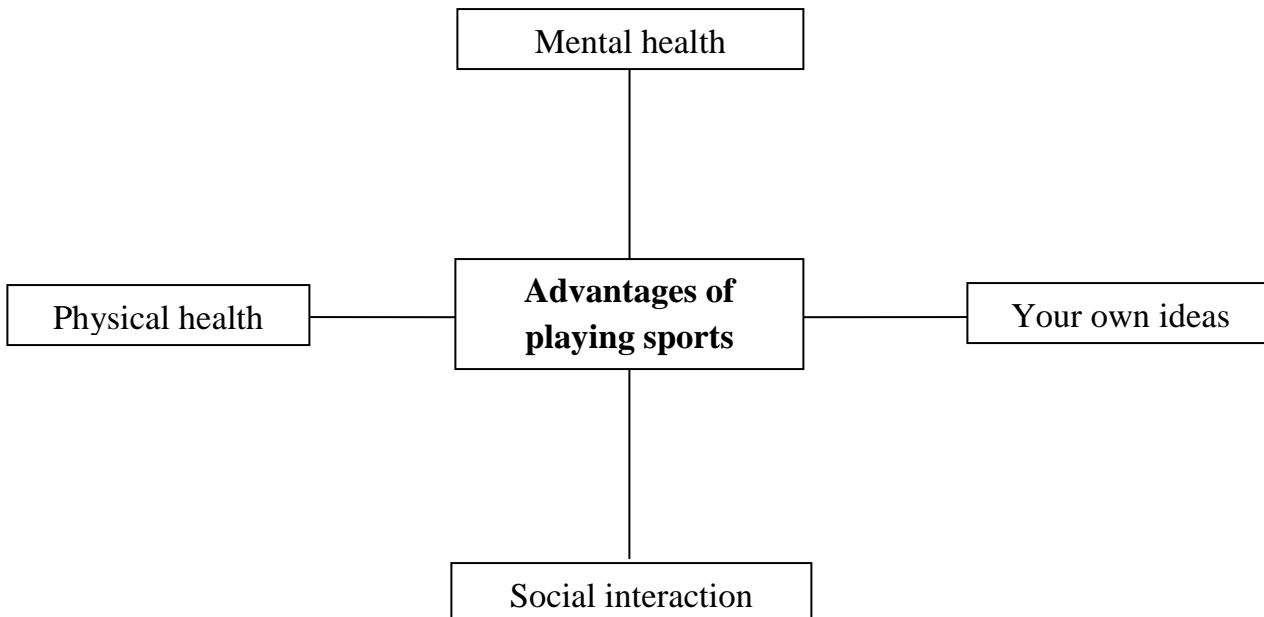
- What is your major?
- What do you often do after school?
- Do you prefer studying with a group or by yourself? Why or why not?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You have a Sunday evening out with your friends. There are three suggestions: seeing a movie, going shopping or singing karaoke. Which one would you choose?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Some people said that it would be beneficial for human to play sports more often.



- What are the disadvantages of playing sports?
- Which is better for people: team sports or individual sports? Why/ Why not?

SPEAKING TEST 08

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about TV programs.

- Do you like watching TV? If yes, why? If no, why not?
- Can you list some popular TV programs in your country?
- Have TV programs changed our lives in any way?

Let's talk about photography.

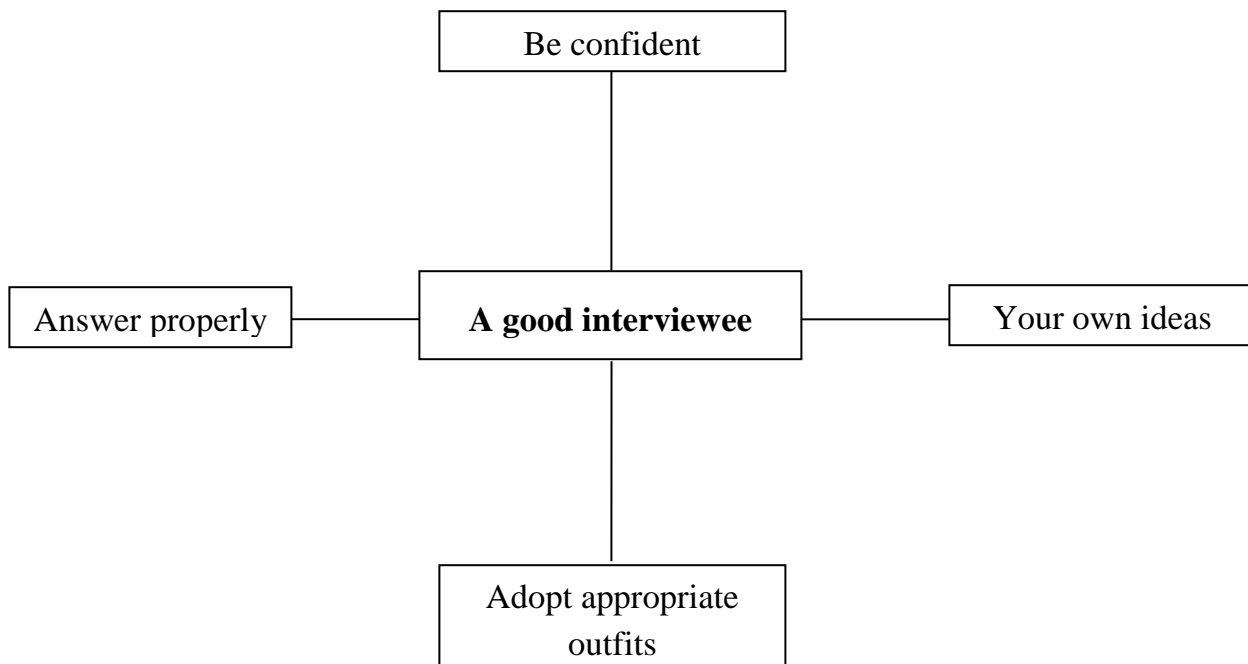
- Do you like taking photographs? If yes, why? If no, why not?
- What kind of photos do you prefer? People or scenery photos?
- How do social networks change people's photo habit?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You are going to travel to London. There are three suggestions of when to go there: spring, summer and winter. Which one would you choose?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: A good interviewee need many essential skills.



- Do you think what should interviewee shouldn't talk when answer interviewer's questions?
- What skill do you prefer most important?

SPEAKING TEST 09

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about your colleagues.

- Do you often work in group? Do you like it? Why or why not?
- Do you often get on well with your teammates?
- Which qualities make a good team player?

Let's talk about dating.

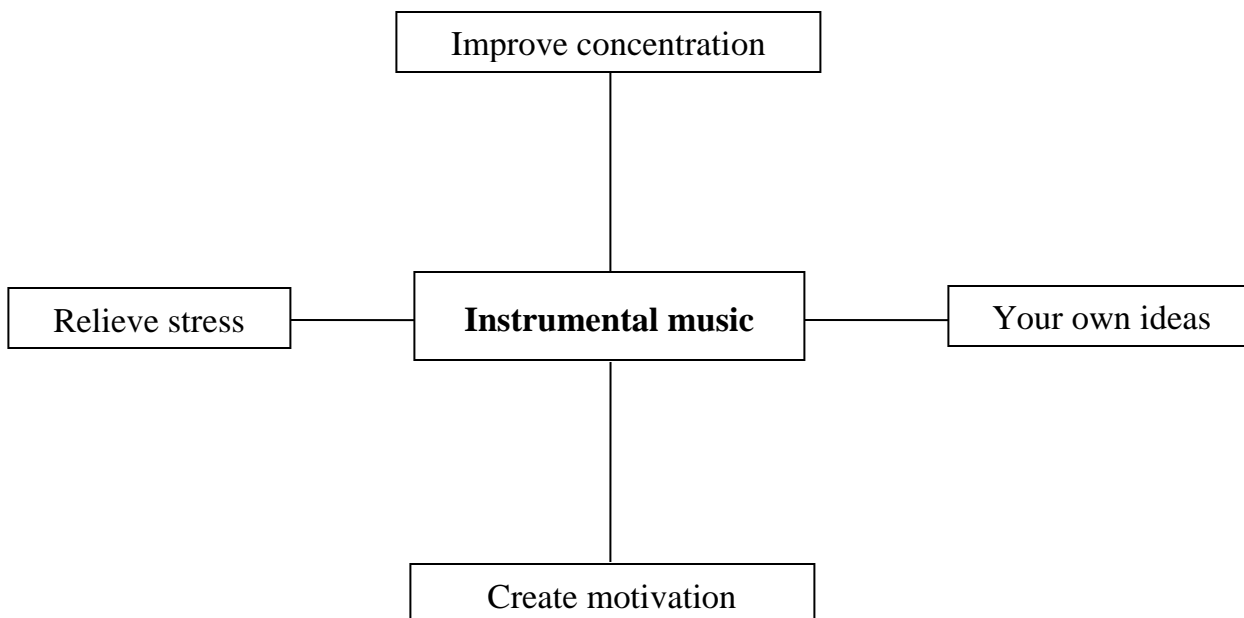
- Have you ever been in a romantic relationship?
- Should the boy or girl make the first move?
- How can you balance your personal life and your study?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You are considering a birthday present for a friend. A clothing item, a book, a pair of tickets. Which one would you choose?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Listening to instrumental music has many benefits.



- Many people say that: “ Music is beyond language barriers”. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- Do you think classical music is more valuable than pop music? Why?

SPEAKING TEST 10

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about TV teachers.

- Do you want to be a teacher? Why or why not?
- Do you think teachers are important? Why or why not?
- What qualities should a good teacher have?

Let's talk about daily activities.

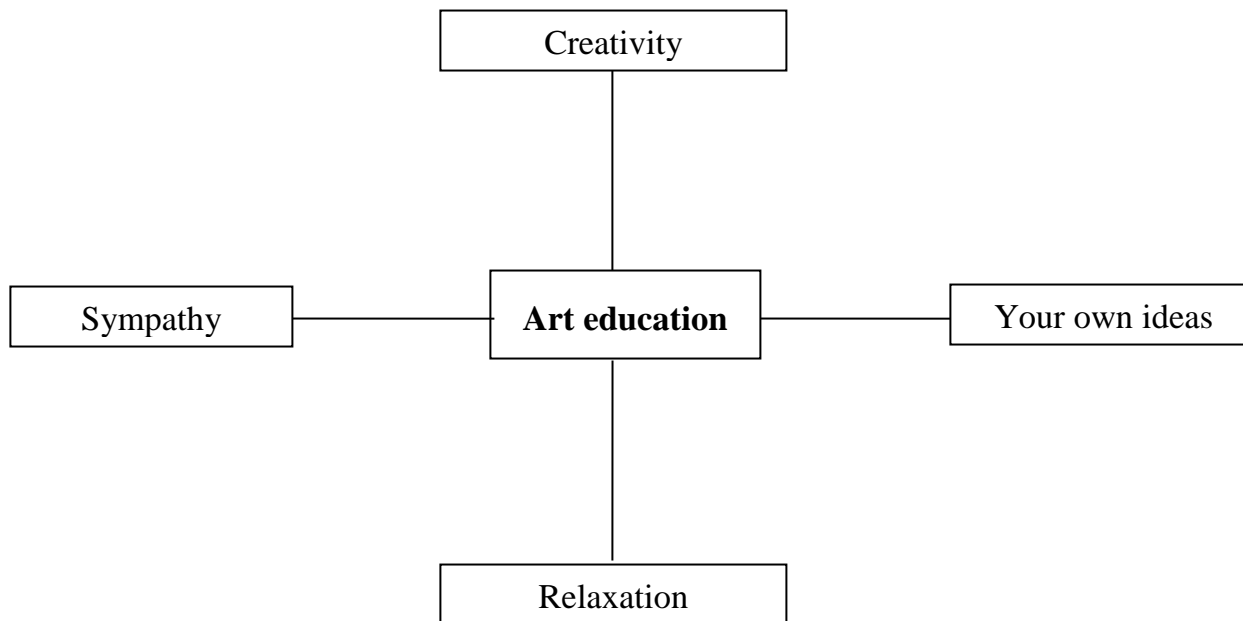
- What is your morning routine?
- What is the most important thing you do every day?
- How can you balance your study and personal life?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You choose a gift for a friend who is going to study abroad. There are three options for you: A book, a self- designed photo album, a silk scarf. Which one do you think is the best choice?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Art education is important for the development of children's brain.



- What can Vietnamese parents do to encourage their children to learn art?
- What are the problems of art education in your country nowadays? What are the solution?

SPEAKING TEST 11

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about films.

- Do you like films?
- What type of films do you like?
- Who do you enjoy watching films with?

Let's talk about mobile phones.

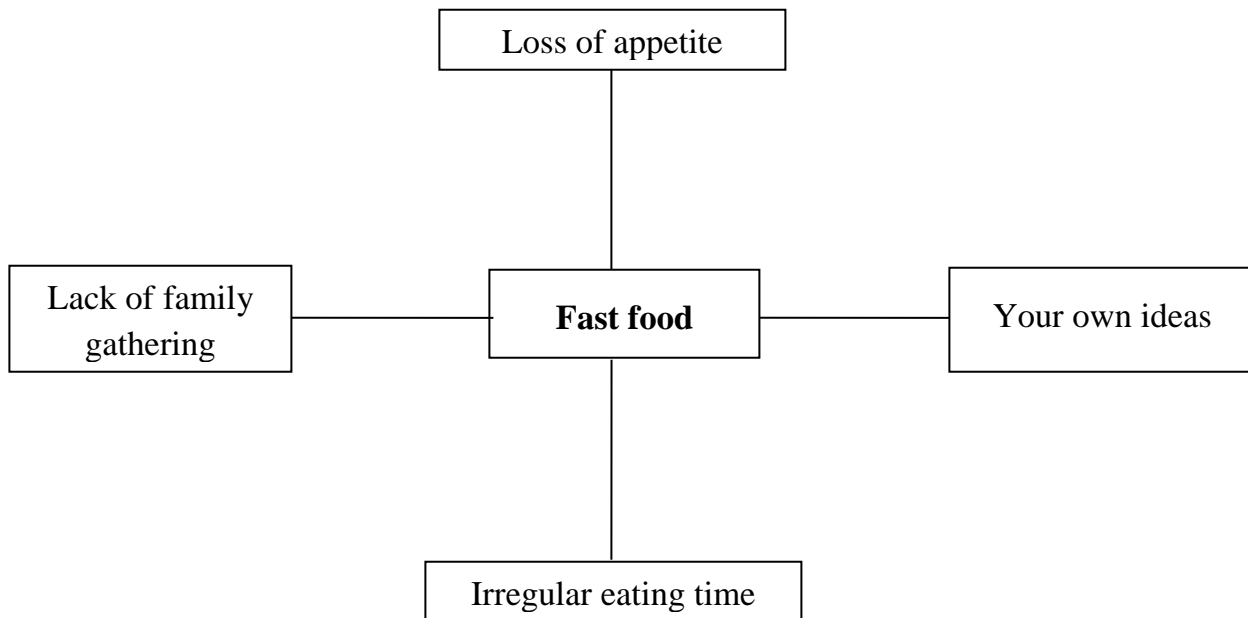
- Do you use a mobile phone?
- What are the good points of mobile phones?
- What are the bad points of mobile phones?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: A student wants to do a part-time job where he can practice his English. Which job would be best for him? There are three options for you to choose: a job at a souvenir shop, a job at a travel agency, a job at a take-away shop.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Fast food has many negative effects.



- Why do people eat fast food?
- What health problems may associate with fast food?
- Do you think people should be aware of the risk of fast food?

SPEAKING TEST 12

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about sports.

- Do you prefer indoor or outdoor sports? Why?
- Which sports do you like best? Why?
- Do you know why people like to play sports?

Let's talk about fast food.

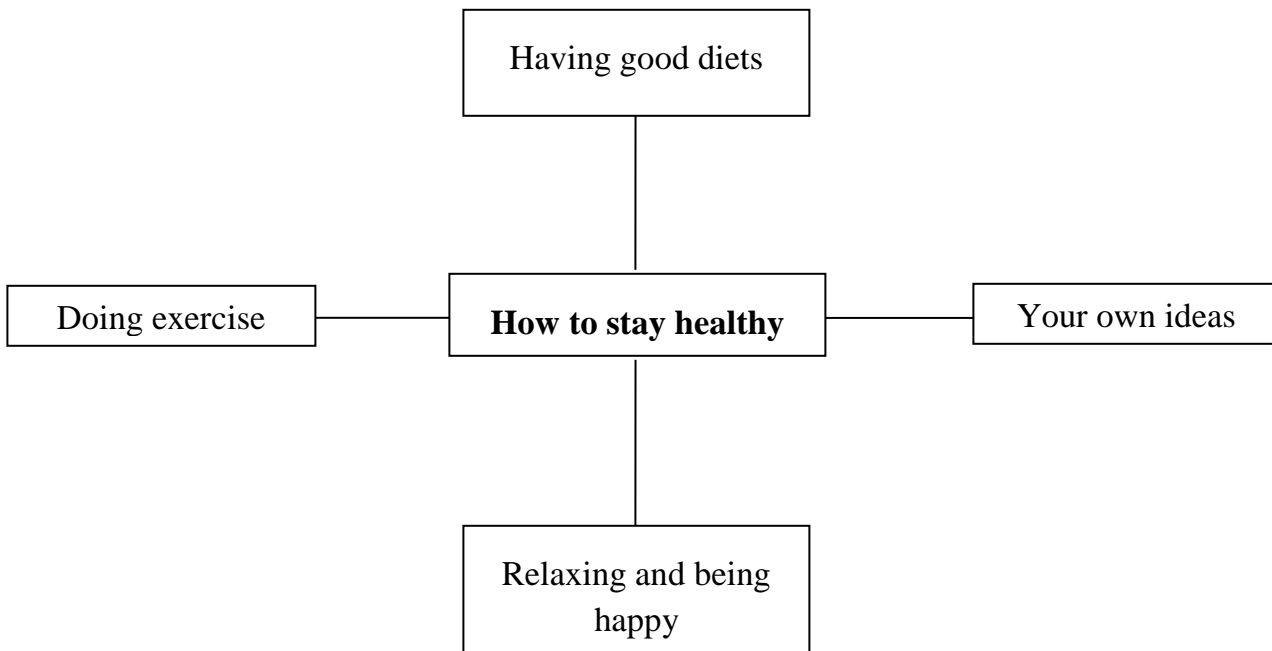
- What kind of fast food do you like best?
- Is fast food good for your health? Why/ Why not?
- In your opinion, why is fast food popular?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: Your friend is going on a long journey by train on his own. Which do you think is the best way to pass time on a long journey? There are three options for you to choose: talking to other people, reading books, sleeping.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: There are some ways to stay healthy.



- Do you think people today care about their health more than they did in the past? Why/ why not?
- Do you think happy people are healthier than angry people or stressed people? Why/ why not?

SPEAKING TEST 13

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about your habits.

- What is your typical day like?
- Do you have any habits that annoy other people?
- What do you usually do when you are upset?

Let's talk about weather.

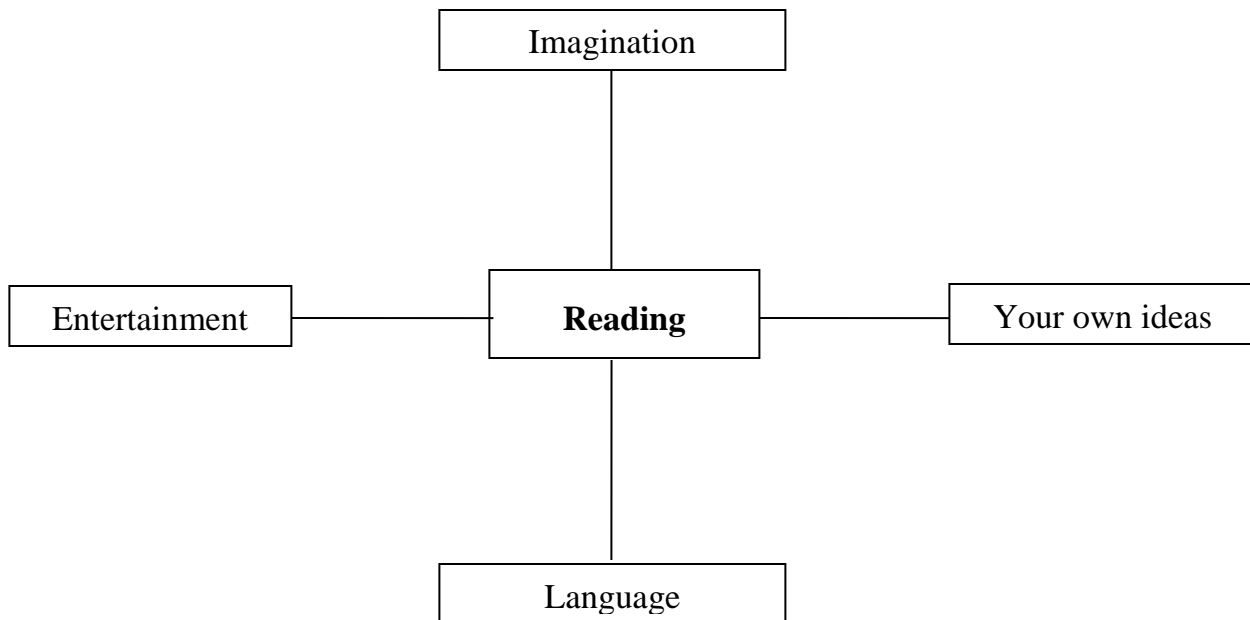
- What's the weather like today?
- Do you prefer hot or cold weather? Why?
- Could you recommend some activities to do in different kinds of weather?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: A group of people is planning a trip from Thai Nguyen to Ha Giang. Three means of transport are suggested: by train, by boat, and by coach. Which means of transport do you think is the best choice?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Reading habit should be encouraged among teenagers.



- What is the difference between the kinds of books read by your parents' generation and those read by your generation?
- Do you think that governments should support free books for all people?
- In what way can parents help children develop their interest in reading?

SPEAKING TEST 14

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about cooking.

- Who does the cooking in your family?
- Do you think cooking is the task that only women should do? Why/ Why not?
- Do you like cooking by yourself? Why/ Why not?

Let's talk about TV programs.

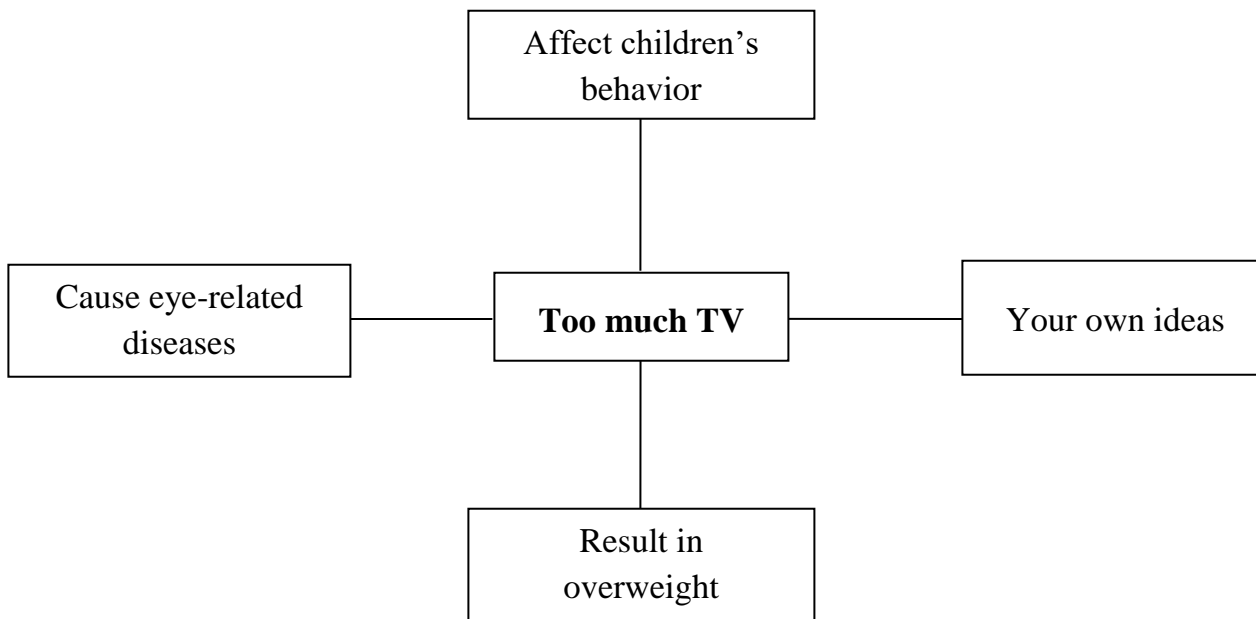
- What's the worst TV programs you've ever seen?
- How much TV do you watch every day?
- What are some advantages of watching TV?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: Your brother is going to hold his wedding. He would like you to give advice on who should be invited. Which do you think is the best choice? There are three options for you to choose: all acquaintances, only close people, only the ones that invited you to their weddings.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Too much TV can harm children.



- How much TV is enough for children?
- Do you think that governments should limit the programs for children? Why/ why not?
- How can parents control what their children watch on TV?

SPEAKING TEST 15

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about money.

- How much did you spent last week?
- What do you spend most of your money on?
- Can money buy happiness? Why/ why not?

Let's talk about shopping.

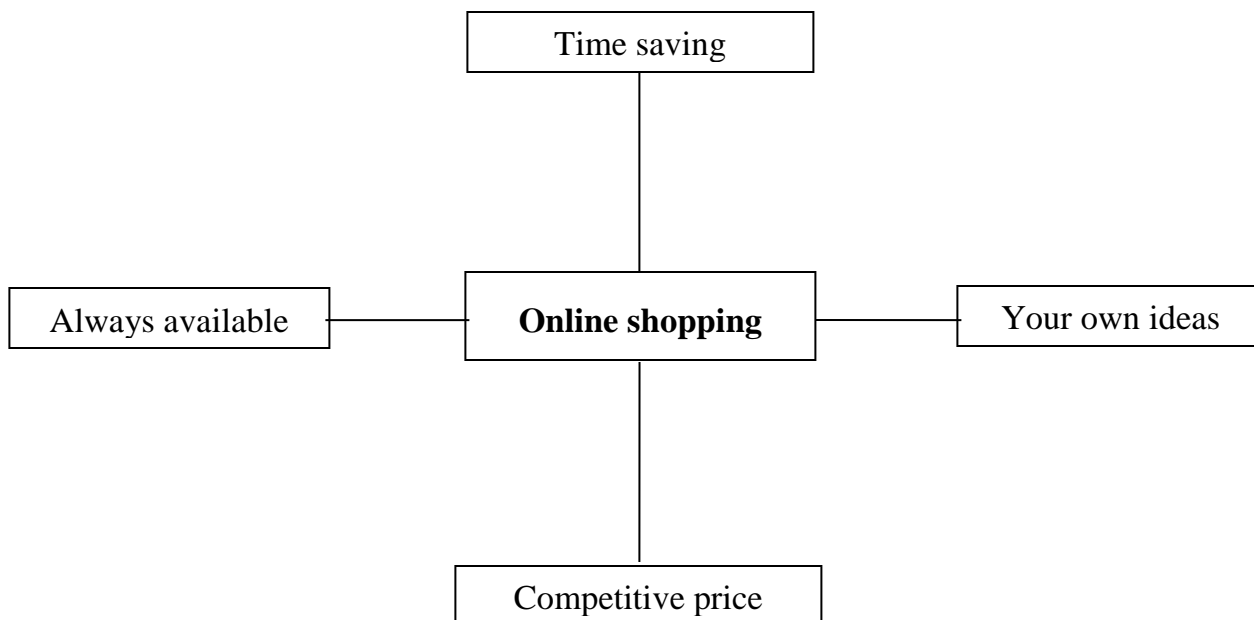
- What is your favorite place to shop?
- What was the last thing you bought for someone else? Where and why did you buy it?
- Do you prefer going shopping on your own or going with other people? Why?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: Your brother would like you to give him some advice on how to lose weight. Which do you think is the best choice? There are three options for you to choose: skip meals, use drugs, exercise regularly.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Online shopping is a convenient way for people to buy things.



- Have you ever bought something online? Which?
- Do you think that online shopping will be more popular in the future? Why/ why not?
- Are there any disadvantages of online shopping?

SPEAKING TEST 16

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about museum.

- Do you like visiting museums? If yes, how often do you visit museums? If no, why not?
- What are usually displayed in the museum where you live?
- How is visiting museum good or not good for young people?

Let's talk about special events of your country?

- What are important events of your country?
- Can you name one or two things in common that people in your country celebrate

all events?

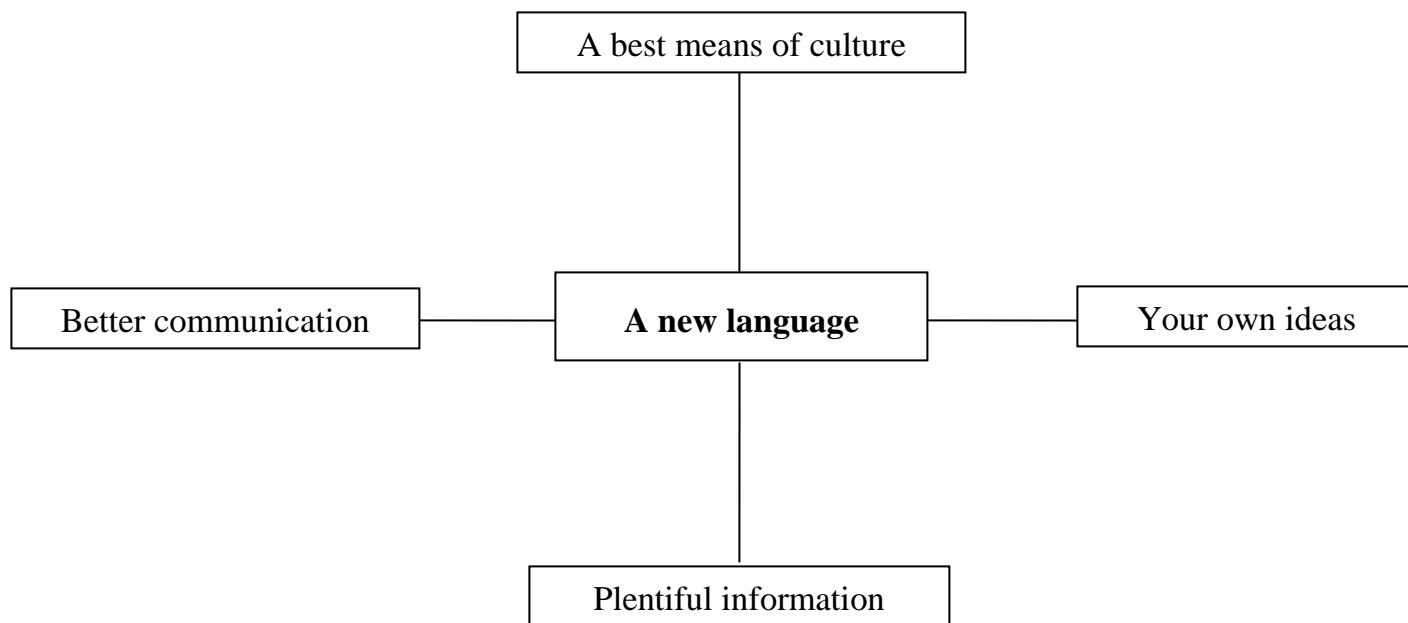
- Do you think it is a good idea to celebrate all such events in the same way?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: An optional subject will be added to the curriculum for secondary students in your city, Which do you think is the best option for secondary students? Three options are suggested: cooking, swimming, sewing.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: It is good to learn a new language.



- Do you think language and culture are inseparable?
- What would you introduce first to foreign learners when teaching them Vietnamese?

SPEAKING TEST 17

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about secondary schools around where you live.

- Are there many secondary schools where you live?
- What do these schools have in common?
- In what ways do you think schools play an important part in Vietnamese educational system?

Let's talk about the subjects taught at school in Vietnam.

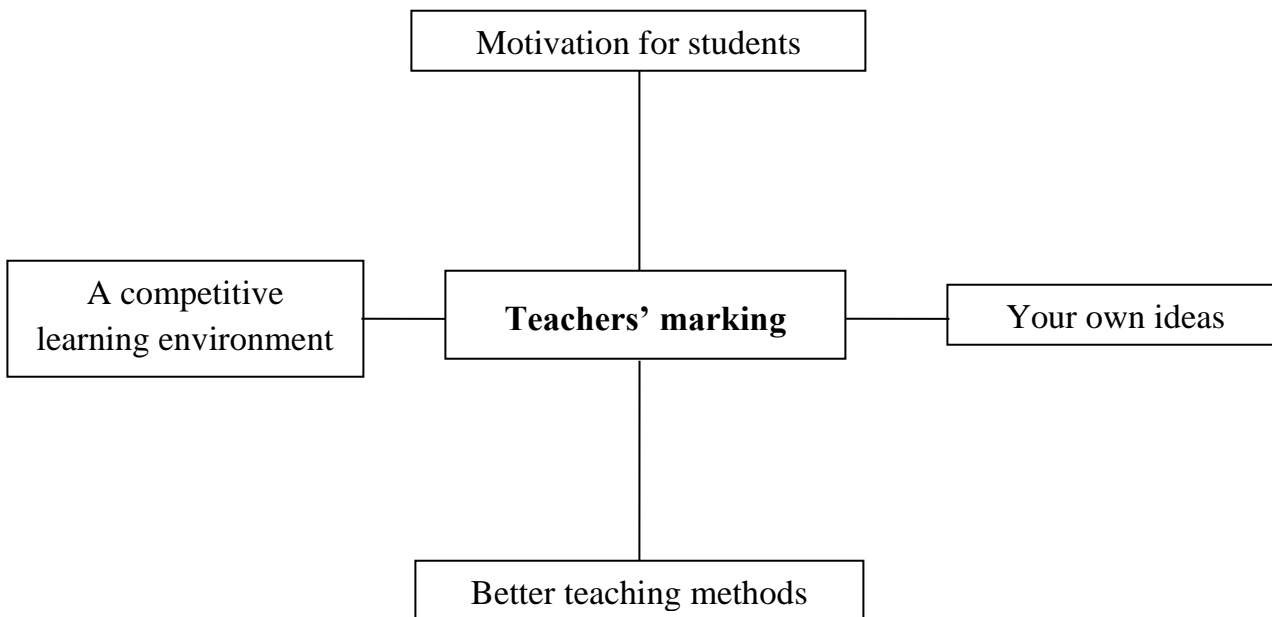
- When did you start learning English?
- Do you think English is a good subject for students to learn at school? Why/ why not?
- Do you think that students are learning too many subjects at school now?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You are planning to take your students to participate in outdoor activities. Three options of activities are suggested: visiting the zoo, camping, drawing. Which do you think is the most suitable one for your students?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Marking by teachers at school is good for students.



- Do you think marking by teachers to students at school should be encouraged?
- Do you think teachers' marking at school always work?
- What are the downsides of overuse of punishment at school?

SPEAKING TEST 18

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about health.

- What do people where you live do to keep fit?
- Do you think that they are practicing in the right way?
- In what ways is doing gyms good or not good for old people?

Let's talk about healthcare service where you live.

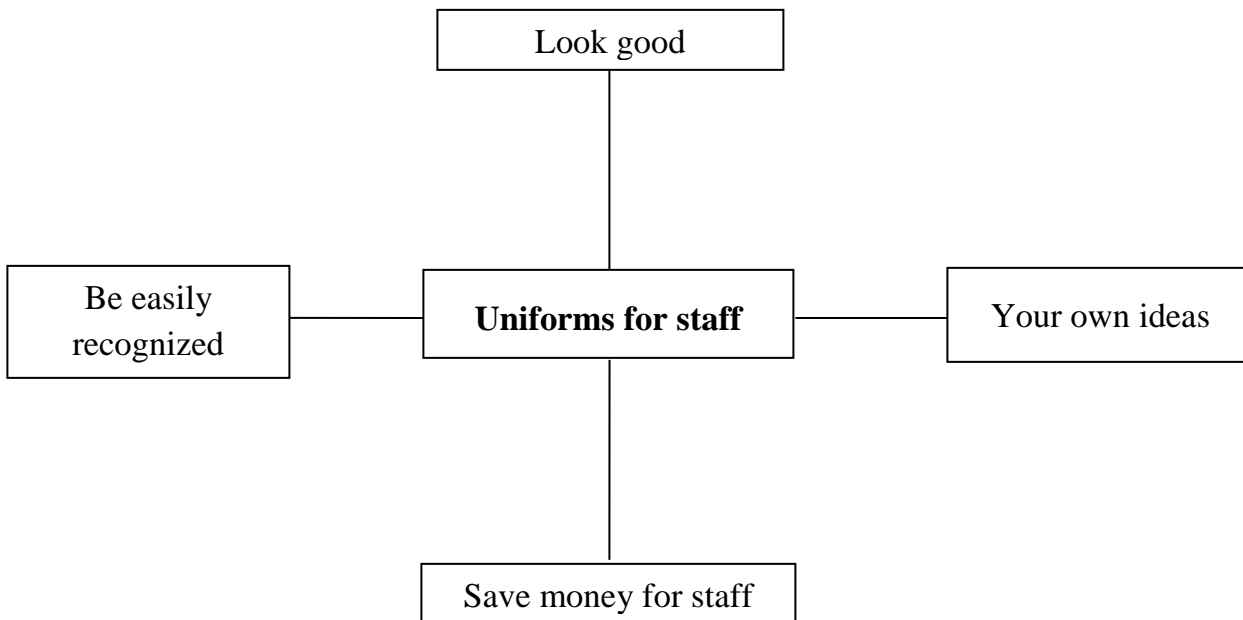
- What do people in your area usually do when they have health problems?
- Do you think that it is good to open private clinics?
- What are the downsides of having too many private clinics?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You are planning to take your secondary students to participate in outdoor activities. Which do you think are the most preferable to them? Three options of dressing for girls are suggested: uniforms, selected tops and shorts, skirts.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Uniforms are widely used for staff at university.



- Do you have to wear uniforms at work?
- Should wearing uniforms made obligatory during work hours?
- Why do think it should be or not?

SPEAKING TEST 19

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about happiness.

- What do you think happiness is?
- Do you think that rich people are always happy?
- What do you do to make yourself happy?

Let's talk about money.

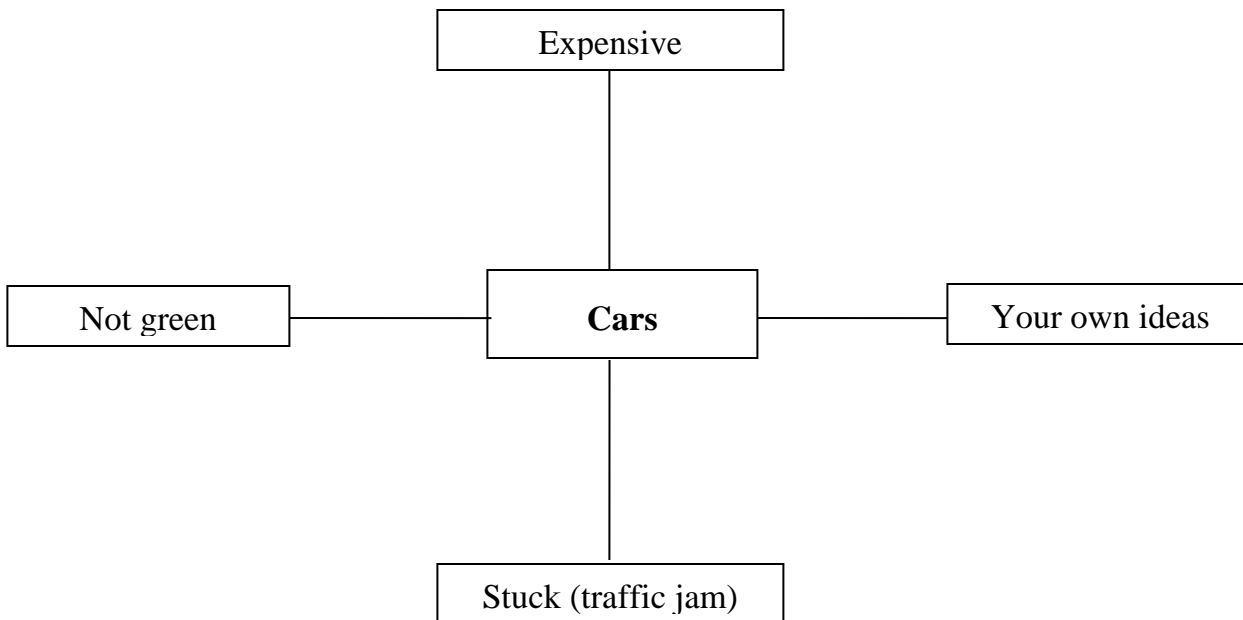
- Do you think money is more important than any other aspects of life?
- What would you do if you had a lot of money?
- What are the downsides of having too much money?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You are going to take your secondary students to a private cinema. Three options of movies are suggested: cartoon, action movie, detective movie. Which do you think is the best option for these students?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: There are many disadvantages of owning a car.



- What are advantages of having a car?
- Do you think it is better to use a bicycle than a car?
- How do you think traffic jam can be solved with the increased number of cars?

SPEAKING TEST 20

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about restaurants.

- What is your favorite restaurant?
- What is your opinion about foreign food?
- Why do people like to eat out?

Let's talk about relaxation.

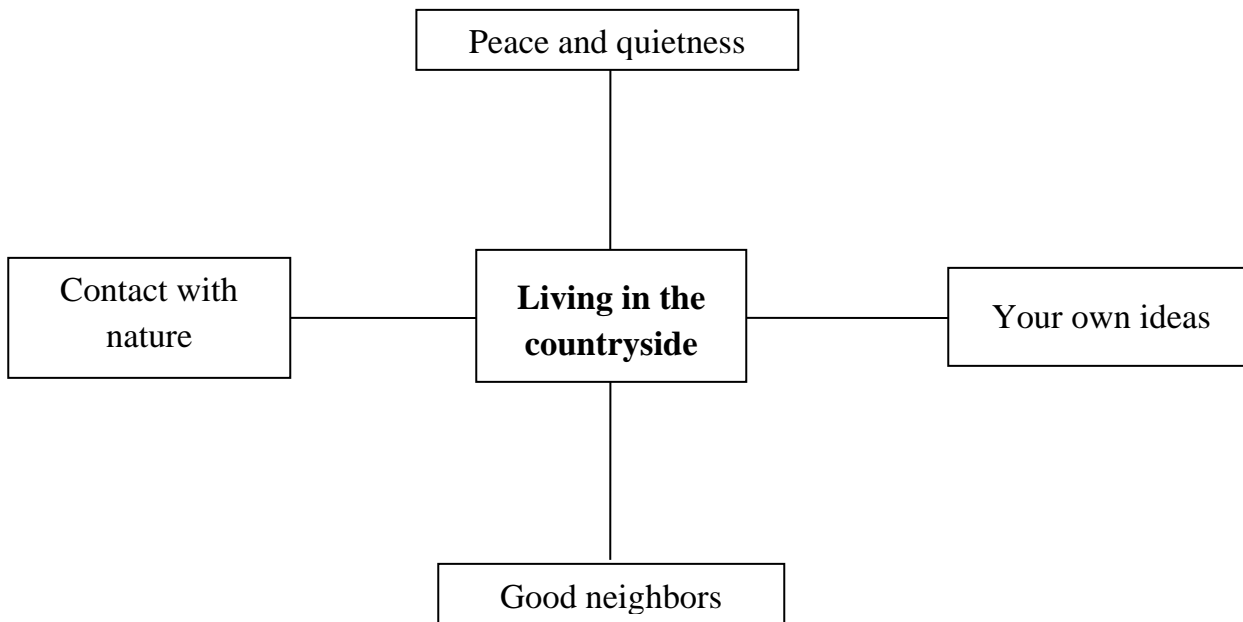
- What activities can people do to relax?
- How do you like to relax?
- In what ways can you relax without spending any money?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You are planning a holiday and you will be staying in a hotel. You will decide which feature you consider to be the most important when choosing a hotel to stay in. There are three options for you to choose: the location of the hotel, the comfort of the hotel room, reasonable price.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Living in the countryside brings many benefits.



- Do you think companies should promote workers who are experienced?
- Do you think that workers should change companies often? Why/ why not?

SPEAKING TEST 21

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about housework.

- How do you share housework in your family?
- Do you think children should help with the housework?
- What are some of the things that your family usually do together?

Let's talk about fashion.

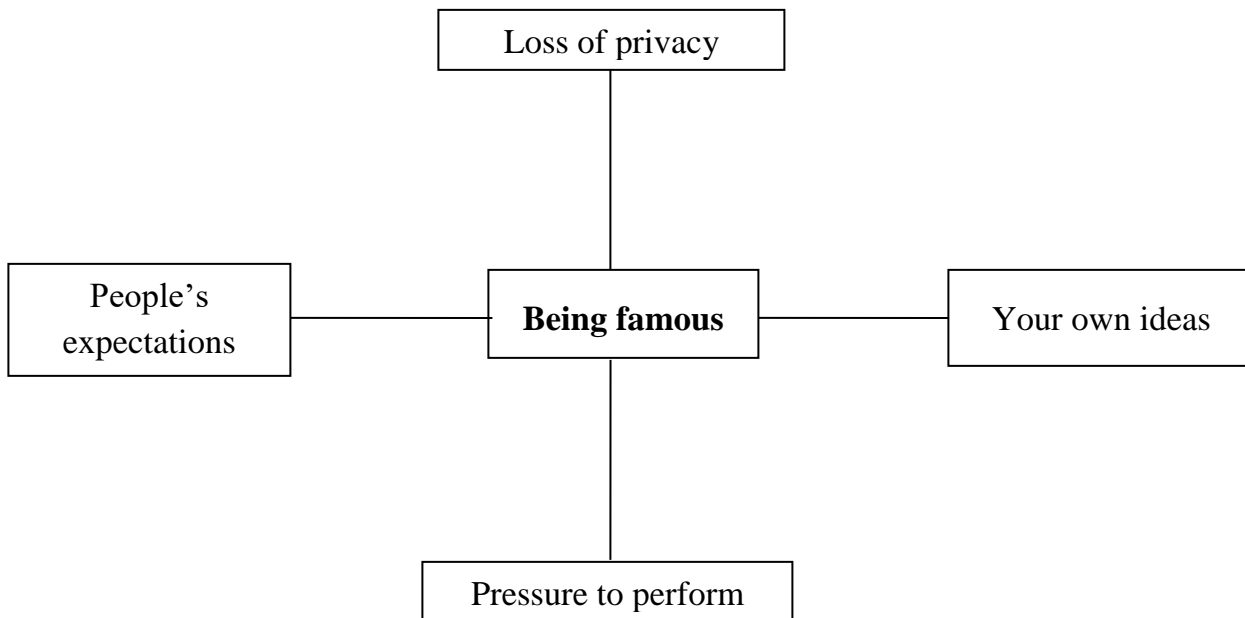
- Do you try to follow the latest fashion?
- What kind of clothes do you like to wear?
- Which do you prefer, shopping in a small shop or a supermarket?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You are giving a short talk on language learning. You will decide which activity is the best way to learn a new language. There are three options for you to choose: joining a class, self-studying, talking to native speakers.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: There are some disadvantages of being famous.



- Which qualities should a famous person have?
- Why does the young generation copy them?
- If you had a chance to become famous, who would you like to become?

SPEAKING TEST 22

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about friends.

- Could you tell me about your best friends?
- What is important about a friend for you?
- What kind of people do you like to spend time together with?

Let's talk about houses.

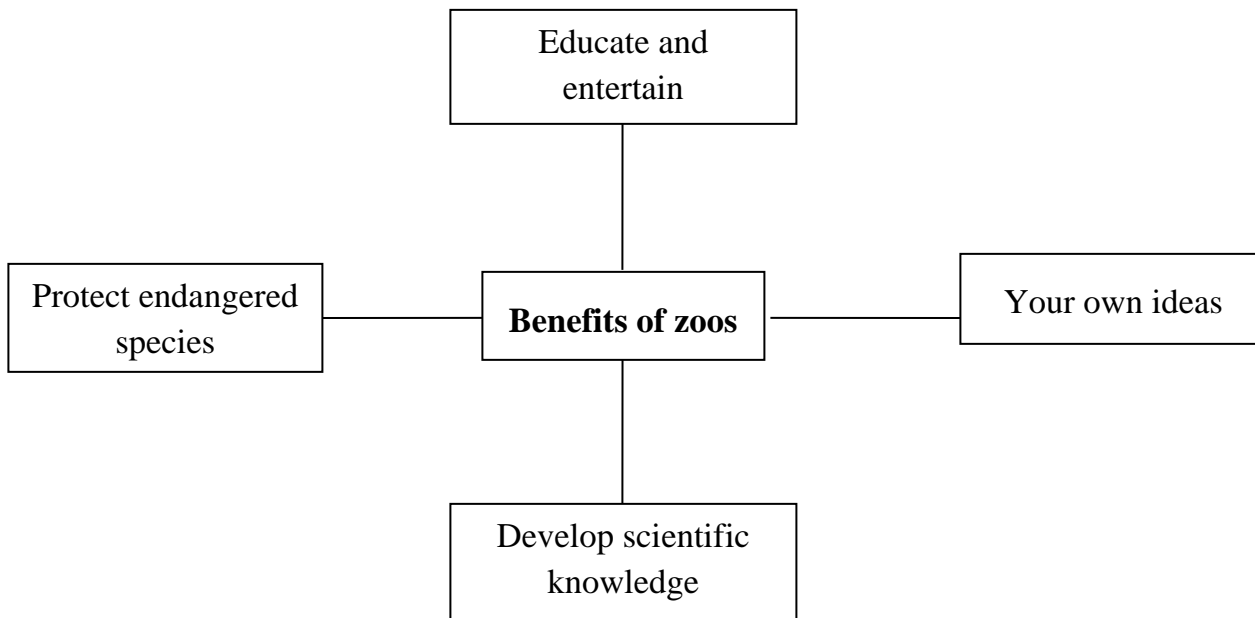
- Would you rather live in a big city or in the country? Why?
- Could you describe your house/ flat and the rooms in it?
- Which is your favorite place at home and why?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You have been asked to give a presentation in your English class on a famous city. Decide which aspect you think is the most important one to focus on in your presentation. There are three options for you to choose: history of the city, tourist attraction in the city, famous citizens of the city.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Zoos bring a lot of benefits.



- What wild animals do you like?
- Do you like visiting zoos?
- Do you think we should teach children something that is related to wild animals?

SPEAKING TEST 23

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about schools.

- What were your favorite subjects/ lessons at school and why?
- What is an ideal teacher like for you?
- What are some of the best memories of your school years?

Let's talk about jobs.

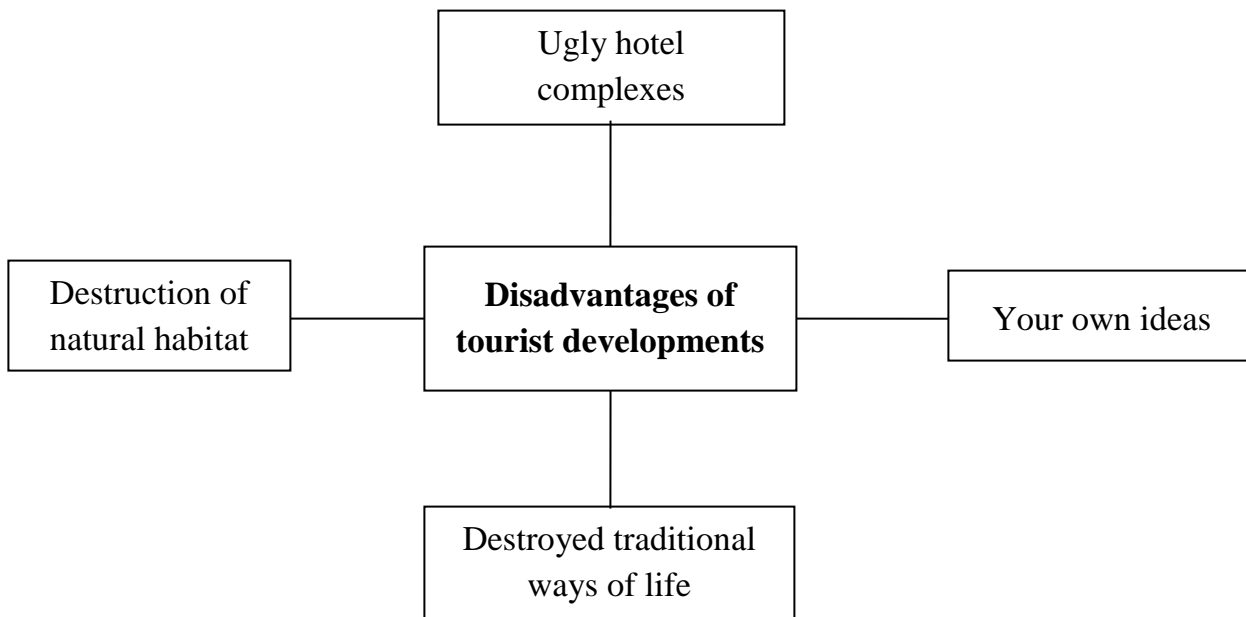
- Could you tell me about the job you would like to have in the future?
- Would you like to be self-employed or an employee?
- Have you ever had a summer job? If yes, could you tell me about it? If no, would you like to have one this summer? Why/ why not?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: Your local council has been allocated money to add one new entertainment facility to the community in your area. Decide which one you would choose. There are three options for you to choose: a sports centre, a park with a lake, a children's playground.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Tourist developments have some certain disadvantages.



- Why do you think people like to travel to different places in their free time?
- Should your government invest more money in attracting tourists?

SPEAKING TEST 24

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about food.

- What do you normally have for your breakfast/lunch/ dinner?
- How healthy is your diet?
- Where do you like to eat? Why?

Let's talk about sports.

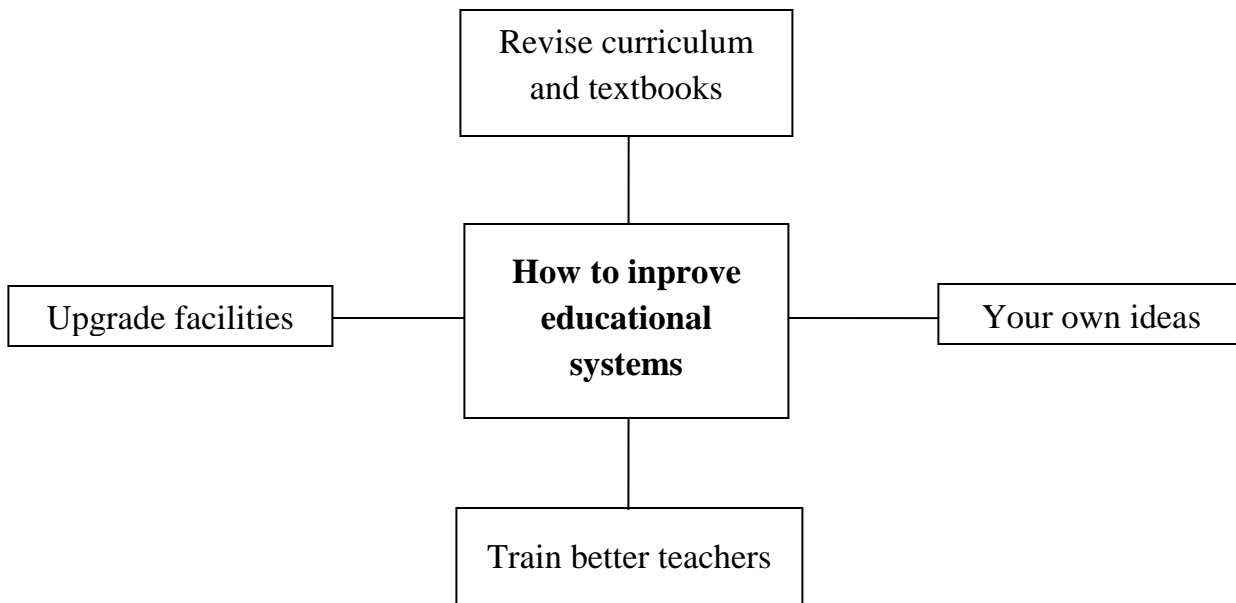
- What do you do to keep fit?
- How important is sport to your family members?
- What sports are you interested in? Why?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You have been asked to advertise a play which is being produced by your school or college. Decide which way you will choose to use. There are three options for you to choose: local television, leaflets, websites.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: There are many effective solutions to improve educational system in our country.



- Is a good education more important to a boy or a girl? Why?
- Do you think school should teach subjects like arts, music and dancing? Why (not)?
- Is the Internet a valuable education tool?

SPEAKING TEST 25

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about watching TV.

- Could you tell me about your family's TV viewing habits?
- What are your favorite TV programmes and why?
- Which do you prefer, watching a film on TV or going to the cinema? Why?

Let's talk about transport.

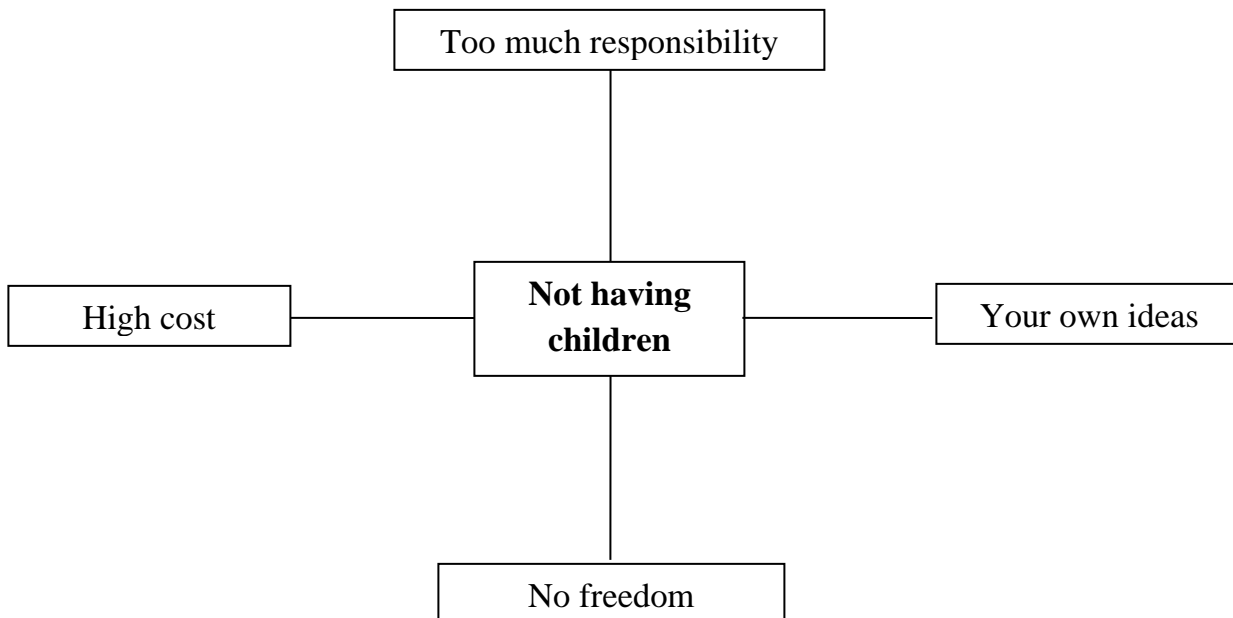
- What's your favorite means of transport and why?
- What do you think of the traffic in your area/ town?
- Could you give me directions to the nearest shop from here, please?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: Your local council wants to make your area more environmentally friendly. Decide which way you would choose as being the best one to make your area greener. There are three options for you to choose: recycling bins in public places, planting trees, educating the people on the environment.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: There are many reasons why some couples choose not to have children.



- What morals and values do you think children should learn? Should these be taught at home or at school?
- “children should be given whatever they want”. Do you agree with this statement?
- What responsibilities do children have towards their parents?

SPEAKING TEST 26

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about holidays.

- Could you tell me about a holiday you enjoyed a lot?
- What kind of holiday do you prefer and why?
- What way of travelling do you prefer when you go on holiday? Why?

Let's talk about transport.

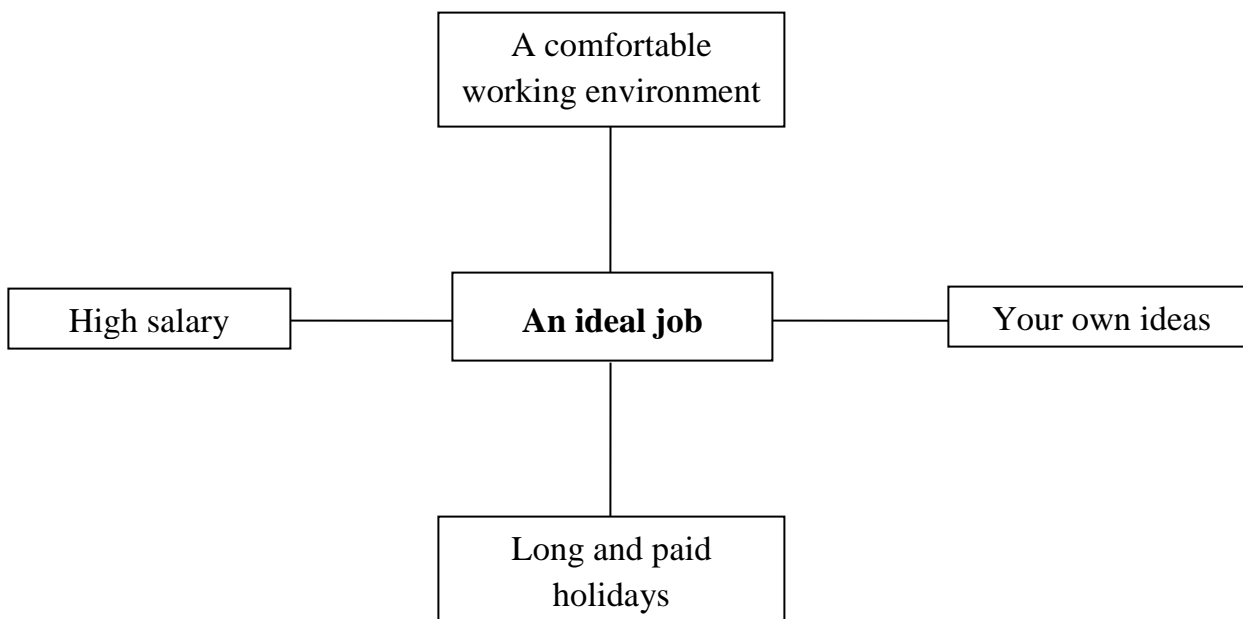
- What's your favorite means of transport and why?
- What do you think of the traffic in your area/ town?
- How do you travel to work/ school every day?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: Your school, college or workplace is organizing an Open Day. When visitors come to see and find out about the place, people will be asked to help with various aspects of the event. There are three options for you to choose: a tour guide, a traffic instructor, a master of ceremony. Which job do you think would be most suitable for you?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: An ideal job requires some elements.



- What skills do you think are needed to get a good job?
- How has technology changed the way we work?

SPEAKING TEST 27

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about holidays.

- What do you like doing when you are on holiday?
- Could you tell me about your dream holiday?
- How do you prepare for a holiday?

Let's talk about food.

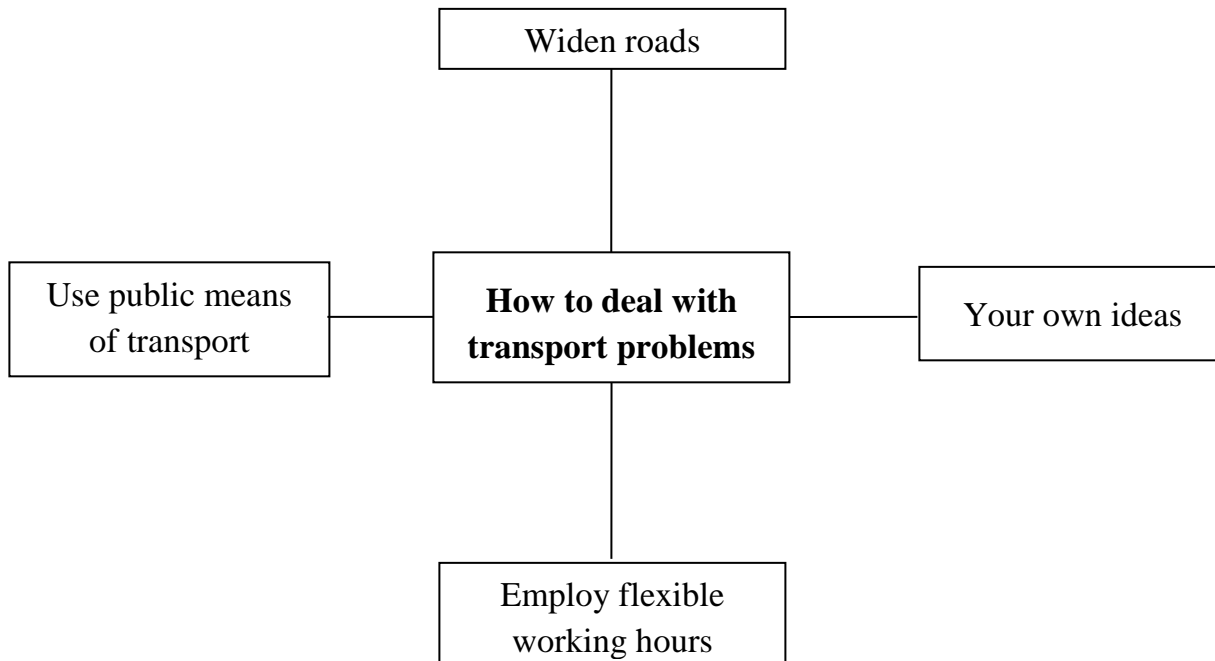
- What does your family usually eat and drink on special occasions?
- Where do you like to eat? Why?
- Do you prefer traditional restaurants or fast-food places? Why?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: The government is going to give an award to individuals from different professions who have contributed positively to your country. Decide which category most deserves to receive an award. Three options are suggested: scientists, politicians, teachers.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Some solutions should be carried out to solve transport problems.



- What forms of transport do you use?
- Do you think that transport problems are worse in urban or rural areas?

SPEAKING TEST 28

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about holiday.

- What did you do on your last holiday?
- Who do you prefer spending your holiday with? Relatives or friends?
- Do you prefer going on holiday abroad?

Let's talk about TV programs.

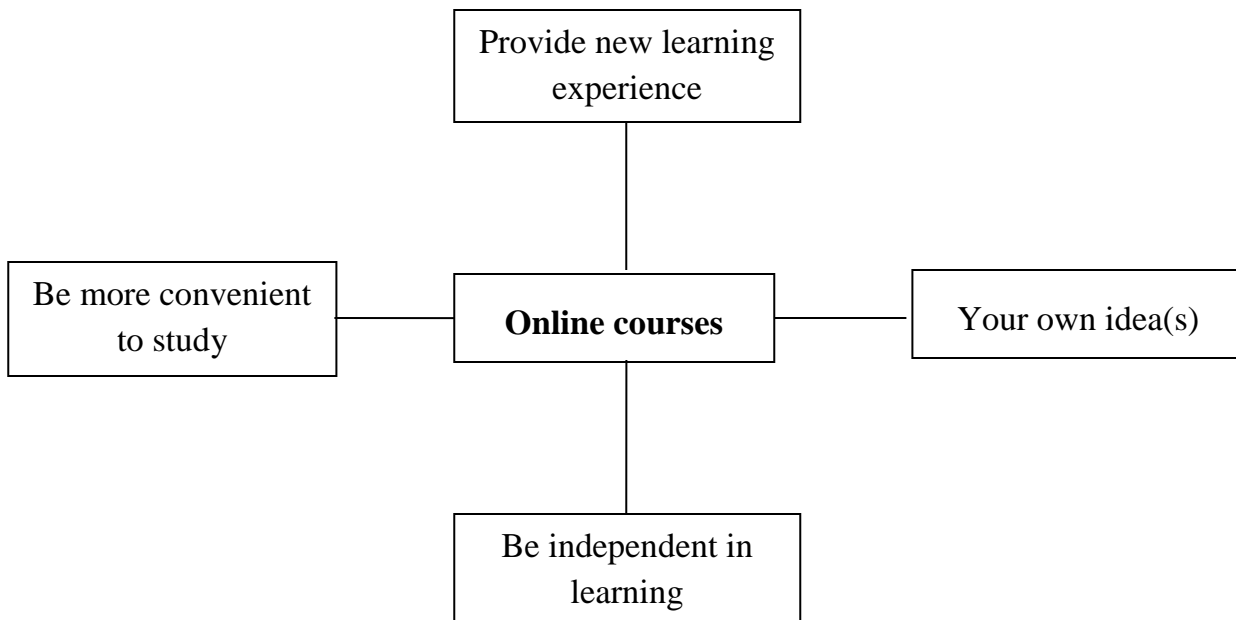
- How many hours a day do you watch television?
- Which programs do you like?
- Do you prefer watching television alone or with other people? Why?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: If you won the lottery of 1 billion VND, what would you do with the money? There are three options for you to choose: buying a new house, starting a business, depositing the money in the bank.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Online courses have changed the way people learn.



- 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 student have to get a loan? Explain your choice.

SPEAKING TEST 29

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about birthday.

- When is your birthday?
- What do you usually do on your birthday?
- What is your favorite family celebration? Why?

Let's talk about public transportation.

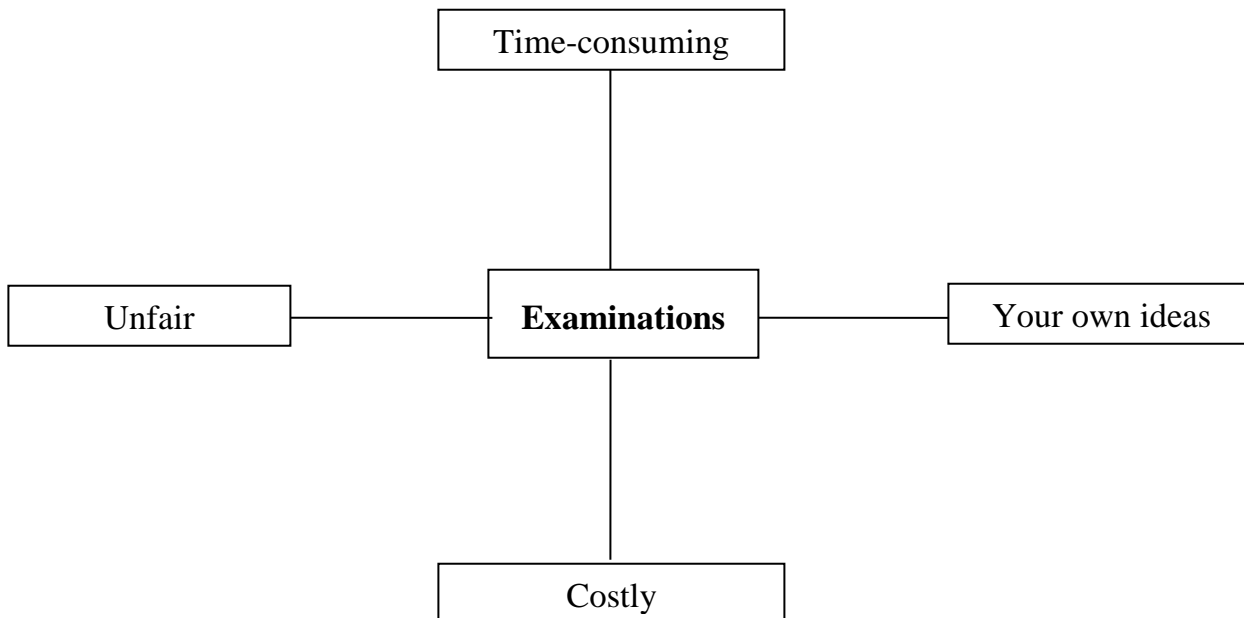
- What is the best way to travel in your town/ city?
- What is your favorite means of transportation?
- Do you think people should use public transportation more? Why/ why not?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: You have just received a sum of money from your father as a birthday present. How would you use the money? Three options are suggested for you: buying a laptop for your study, buying a fashionable smart phone, saving up for future.

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Examinations are not necessary.



- How do modern technologies change the way people study?
- Do you think that traditional schools will disappear in the future because of the development of modern technology?

SPEAKING TEST 30

PART I: SOCIAL INTERACTION (3')

Let's talk about music.

- Do you like music? If yes, what kind of music do you like best? If no, why not?
- What is the most popular kind of music in your country?
- How is music good or bad for people?

Let's talk about English as a school subject.

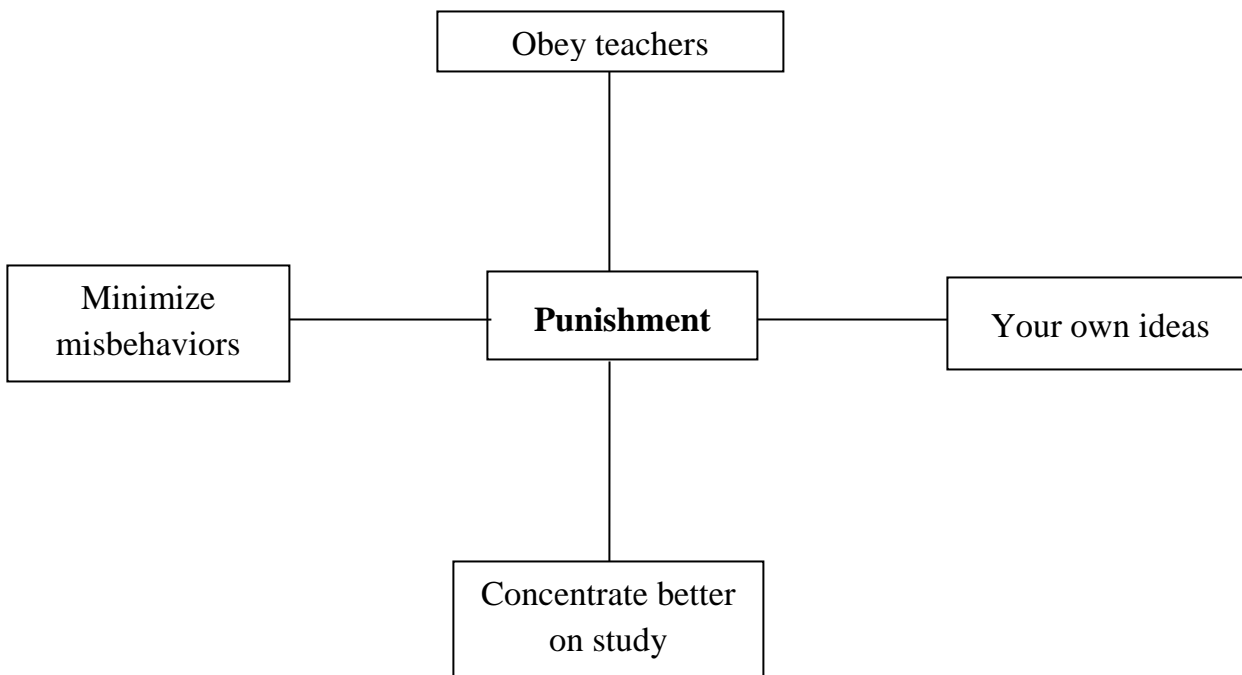
- Did you learn English at secondary school?
- What do you think about how English is taught at school now?
- In what ways has children's English much improved nowadays?

PART II: SOLUTION DISCUSSION (4')

Situation: An optional subject will be added to the curriculum for secondary students in your city. Three options are suggested: photograph, swimming, dancing. Which one do you think is the best choice?

PART III: TOPIC DEVELOPMENT (5')

Topic: Punishment by teachers at school is good for students.



- Do you think punishment by teachers to students at school should be encouraged?
- Do all students obey their teachers whenever they receive punishment?
- What are the downsides of overuse of punishment at school?