

PREPARATION STRATEGY & THEMES

Your Exam Toolkit

MASTERING THE 15 MINUTE PREP TIME

THE GOLDEN RULE: UNLIMITED NOTES!

You are allowed to write out full sentences, specific vocabulary, and even complete scripts for the Role-play and Photo Card description during your 15 minutes. You can use these notes at any point in the test. **Do not waste this time!**

3-4 MINS

Part 1: Role-play (Write your 5 answers)

3-4 MINS

Part 2: Reading (Annotate for pronunciation)

7-8 MINS

Part 3: Photo Card (Write your description)

THE THREE CORE THEMES: VOCABULARY CHECKLIST

You must be ready to discuss any topic below using a range of opinions and tenses.

Theme 1: People and Lifestyle

- Identity and relationships with others
- Healthy living and lifestyle
- Education and work

Theme 2: Popular Culture

- Free time activities
- Customs, festivals and celebrations
- Celebrity culture

Theme 3: Communication & World Around Us

- Travel and tourism, including places of interest
- Media and technology
- The environment and where people live

EFFECTIVE NOTE-TAKING TIPS

1. Role-play:

Write your answers in **full sentences**, especially the question you have to ask. Don't rely on English bullet points.

2. Photo Card Description:

Write key vocabulary and structures for both photos (e.g., En la primera foto...). Aim for a **1-minute** script here.

3. Conversation Prep:

You don't know the questions, so write down **3-5** complex structures or phrases you can use for **any topic** (e.g., Si fuera posible, me gustaría... or En el pasado hacía...).