**COURSE 1**

**TEST SPECIFICATIONS**

**FINAL TEST**

**SPEAKING TEST:**

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| **SKILL & ALLOCATED TIME** | **PART** | **TASK** | **NUMBER OF QUESTIONS** | **Task description** |
| Speaking  (3-4 minutes) | 1 | **Examiner- Student Interaction** | ~ 3-5 questions | In this part of the test, the examiner picks up one topic card from the total 15 cards (equivalent to 15 topics taken from ED). The examiner then looks at the card and asks the student 3-5 questions from it. The student answers the questions without seeing them. The student has no time to prepare for this part.  Preparation time: No time  Response time: 1-2 minutes |
| 2 | **Individual long turn** | - 1 task card with 3-4 questions  - 1-2 followed-up questions | In this part of the test, the student is asked to pick up a task card which asks him/her to talk about a particular topic, including points to include in the talk. The student will be given one minute to prepare and make notes. He/she will then be asked to talk for 1-2 minutes on the topic. He/she will not be interrupted during this time. The examiner will then ask one or two questions on the same topic.  Preparation time: 1 minute  Response time: 1-2 minutes |

**Task 1:** Here are some questions about personal information

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| 1. *What’s your name?* 2. *How do you spell your surname/first name?* 3. *What’s your ID number?* 4. *Where do you go at the weekend?* 5. *Who do you like spending time with?* 6. *What do you like doing in your free time?* 7. *Tell me something about your favorite hobby.* |

**Test advice**

* Practice pronunciation and intonation.
* Listen for key words in the questions.
* Practice giving information about yourself, what you like and what you dislike.
* Always say something, even if you are not sure you are right.
* Give answer in full sentences otherwise, you will lose your score.

**More practice – Question cards**

***Card 1: Your personal questions***

1. What’s your name?
2. Does it have special meaning?

Most Vietnamese names do, I suppose, and mine is not an exception. My name can be interpreted as light shining through the clouds. Can u imagine that? It’s so beautiful and glorious, right? And in VN, anything related to light is considered clever and knowledgeable. So, I assume my grandma did have somewhat an expectation when she named me that.

Yes, of course, I do like the name my grandma gave me. It’s not only a part of my identity but also symbolizes the love from my beloved grandma.

1. Can you spell it?
2. Where do you study?
3. What subject do you study?

I’m currently studying IT in Posts and Telecommunications Institute of Technology - one of the best IT training universities in Vietnam

1. Which subjects do you like best?

I like studying subjects related to mathematics and my major. For example, as a freshman, I am currently studying basic informatics 2 learning about the C programming language. They’ll help me improve logical reasoning skills and find a good job with high salary in the future

1. Where do you go on holiday?

Because my family lives in Hai Phong city, I usually go back to my hometown on holidays.

1. What are you going to do next weekend?

This weekend I’m going to complete all of the online tests. Therefore next week, I will continue reviewing for the offline exams. I hope we will repel the pandemic soon and students can return to the university to continue their studies and exams.

1. Have you ever been to other countries?

I’ve never been to other countries. I wanna have a chance to go to England. Because my favorite football club, Arsenal, is based in London

***Card 2: Your Family***

1. Where do you live?
2. Do you live in an apartment or a house?
3. How many people are there in your family?
4. Do you have any brothers or sisters?
5. What do your parents do?

My dad is a fisherman. He works very hard. He has to leave home early in the morning and goes back in the afternoon. And my mom is a worker at a shoes factory.

1. Do you live with your family?
2. How often do you go home?
3. How often do you phone your parents?

Both my mom and dad work all day and go home late so they will have dinner and then go to bed early. I usually call them twice or 3 times a week and about 30 minutes each call.

1. What housework do you usually do?

***Card 3: Music***

1. Do you love music?

Yes, of course. I’ve been a big fan of music since I was a little girl. It can refresh my mind and sometimes it makes my mood better. Music is simply the medicine for my soul.  When I am stressed, music remove stress. When I am happy, music inspires me to be more.

1. What kind of music do you like best?

To be honest, I listen to different types of music and there is no special category that I’m following most. I listen to all kinds of music which touch my heart and make me happy. Or sometimes I just play what’s going hit on youtube. And above all these things, it depends on my mood.

1. Who is your favorite singer?

I like a lot of singers including Vietnamese and foreigners.

1. What is your favourite band? CD?

I’m fond of many Korea music bands such as Infinite, Suju, T-ara, BTS and Blackpink but I like T-ara the most and my favorite CD is Absolute First Album. As its name, it is their debut album.

1. Can you play a musical instrument?

It’s a pity I can't play any musical instruments. Nevertheless, I want to learn how to play guitar in the future.

1. How often do you listen to music?

Everyday. I listen to music while travelling, cooking or doing some housework. Without music, I’ll feeling empty.

1. What kind of music you don’t like?

It depends on my mood. When I feel sad, songs with fast tempo and beat drops are not my choices.

1. Have you ever been to a music festival?

If a fair was considered as a festival, I had gone to some music festivals.

***Card 4: Your last vacation?***

1. Where did you go for your last vacation?

I haven't been on a trip for a long time. Because of the impacts of covid-19 pandemic, people shouldn’t go far from where they live. But when it’s come to my last vacation, I along with my friends in the club went to camping sport Dong Mo about 4 months ago.

1. Who did you go with?

I went there with my friends in the programming club

1. How did you go there?

We all got there by motorbike.

1. What did you do there?

We went camping, got fun by doing some outdoor activities and gathered around the fire to listen to others’ stories.

1. What did you eat?

We had a pork barbecue party and ate some breads and noodles.

1. How was your hotel?

We didn’t stay in any hotels. We went there for camping so we slept in tents and cooked outside.

1. Did you have a good time?

Thanks to this trip, we became close and understood each other better

***Card 5: Your future plan***

1. What are you going to do after class today?

Continue reviewing to get high marks in online tests.

1. What are you going to do this weekend?

I think I will take half a day to rest and then continue to study for the offline tests. I hope we will repel the pandemic soon and students can return to the university to continue their studies and exams.

1. What are you going to do in 5 years’ time?

I’m gonna study well at school, do internships to gain experience, graduate on time and get a good job. And then, getting myself a lover is also something that I want to experience.

1. What is your plan for your next vacation?

My college friends come from many different cities, so in the next vacation I want to go to their hometown to visit their family, meet their friends and get some fun.

1. What is your plan for your future job?

In order to become a good web developer with high salary, I have to study hard first, and then do internships to gain experience.

***Card 6: Free time activities?***

1. What do you like doing in your free time?

I have always been a music lover, so whenever I have free time, I listen to music. It can refresh my mind and sometimes it makes my mood better. Music is simply the medicine for my soul.  When I am stressed, music remove stress. When I am happy, music inspires me to be more.

1. Who do you like spending time with?

Maybe alone or with my family or my friends. It has to depend on the situation as well. When it comes to some free time after classes, I'd rather just stay at my room. But on other occasions, I believe that hanging out with a group of friends can be a great fun. You know, the more the merrier. But if it’s a holiday, I love going back to my hometown ‘cause my family is there.

1. Can you play sports?

Well, I’m fond of watching sports. However, I’m not good at playing them. My favorite one is badminton and jogging.

1. How often do you play sports?

I used to play badminton with my friends twice a week and sometimes go jogging when I was in high school. U know, practicing a sport regularly is good for my health and keeps me in shape. Nevertheless, now due to the impacts of Covid-19 pandemic as well as the place that I live in Hanoi, I seldomly play sports.

1. Where do you play sports?

I play badminton with my friends in the school yard and jog in the winding lane.

**Card 7: Friend**

1. Do you have many friends?
2. Do you any close friends?

Not a lot, but I have a few very close friends. I think it is better to have one reliable friend than a thousand fair-weather friends. Although it's not easy to meet someone you have a lot in common with, I think I've managed to do it.

1. How long have you known each other?

We’ve known each other since we went to primary school. We've been through thick and thin together. Probably that's why we're so close now.

1. What do you usually do together?

My closest friends and I have a mutual interest which is we always have a thirst for clothes shopping, so whenever we have time, we will go shopping together until we break the bank. Sometimes when we are out of money, just window shopping is enough.

1. What do you like most about him/her?

Oh, that's an interesting question... I guess there are lot of things... For instance, my best friend can draw unbelievable art, good enough to sell. And my other friend is really keen on cooking... But most importantly, they are people, who are near and dear to my heart.

1. How often do you see each other?

When I was a student, I used to meet my friends almost everyday. Now, we studies at different universities. We often make an appointment about some times a month. But if we can't see each other in person, we can make a video call.

**Card 8: Television**

1. Do you watch television a lot?

When I didn’t own a smartphone and a computer or a laptop, I watched TV a lot. I watched dramas, game shows, reality TV and especially cartoon.

1. What do you usually watch on Television?

When I’m in Hanoi for study, I really don’t watch television. But now, when I go back to my home in Haiphong to study online, I usually watch news while having meals.

1. How many hour of television do you usually watch?

About 1 hour a day.

1. What are the most popular shows in your country?

I’d say it is Who is the millionaire that is a game show based on the original British format. This TV show is broadcast from 2005 to today. It is shown on the Vietnamese [TV station](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TV_station" \o ") [VTV3](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/VTV3" \o "VTV3) on every Tuesday

1. What kind of shows do you like to watch?

When I used to watch TV a lot, I like watching dramas, game shows, reality TV and especially cartoon.

1. What are some advantages of television?

It is a good way of entertainment and a source of news that help you know what on earth is going on. TV can make you feel less lonely and relieve stress. Furthermore, spending time together as a family watching a television program provides a chance for everyone to connect and unwind.

1. What are some disadvantages of television?

Watching too much television is not good for your health and it’s a waste of time.You might not spend doing important things like doing outdoor activities and interacting with other people.

1. What did you last watch on television?

Yesterday evening. I watched news about number of Covid-19 infections.

**Card 9: Your study**

1. When did you start university?

I started university one years ago.

1. Why did you choose this university to study?

PTIT is one the best universities in Vietnam training human resources for information technology industry

1. What is your major?

I’m majoring in IT which is really dynamic and creative.

1. What subject do you like best?

I like studying subjects related to mathematics and my major. For example, as a freshman, I am currently studying basic informatics 2 learning about the C programming language. They’ll help me  improve logical reasoning skills and find a good job with high salary in the future.

1. How much time do you spend learning English each week?

I’d have to say I just spend learning E.L when there are classes and assignments so I learn about 4 to 5 hours a week.

1. What English skill do you find most difficult?

For me, listening is the most difficult skill when it comes to learning English. There are many barriers of listening - different language, different ascent, different tone, different circumstances.

1. What English skill do you find most interesting?

Our soul are nurtured from a very young age, so we are used to writing our feelings in our mother tongue. That’s also the reason why when it's come to writing in English, it turns out really new and interesting.

1. What should you do to improve your English?

spend more time learning English

Set yourself a goal and achieve it

Listening to music, watching movies and playing games in English is not only a mean of entertainment but a good way helps you improve your English skills

**Card 10: Your City**

1. Where are you living now?

I live in HaiPhong, the city of the red phoenix flower. My city is famous for being the main port and also the second largest city in the North of Vietnam. It has the beauty of both the ocean and the mountain.

1. How long have you been living there?

I was born and was raised in HaiPhong city for 19 years with my family.

1. What do you like best about your city?

My city is famous for being the main port and has the beauty of both the ocean and the mountain. Furthermore, it has been known as a major tourism center with desired destinations such as Do Son beach, Cat Ba island. Coming to Hai Phong, tourists can immerse themselves in unique festivals and discover its special cuisine culture.

1. What don’t you like about your city?

Personally, it’s a bit boring for me because as a small town, it doesn’t have many shopping malls or any other means of entertainment. Another problem is smoke exhausting from factories and the amount of trash.

1. What should we do to make it a better place to live?

We should reduce the amount of exhaust fumes and smoke and sewage from factories. Build more infrastructure, improve quality of education and life condition.