

**ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING SKILLS****FINAL EXAM – June 2018****TIME: 1 h 45 m****NAME AND SURNAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Revisió d'exàmens i consultes: dimecres 4 de juliol, 11:00-13:00h (C6-104)

**SECTION I (2 marks)****Pronunciation****A)** According to their pronunciation, try to work out the spelling of these words.

1. /'kʌrənt/ \_\_\_\_\_ current
2. /'paɪrətɪd/ \_\_\_\_\_ pirated
3. /'kænsəld/ \_\_\_\_\_ cancelled
4. /'mju:t/ \_\_\_\_\_ mute
5. /mə'ʃi:n/ \_\_\_\_\_ machine
6. /'vɒltɪdʒ/ \_\_\_\_\_ voltage
7. /dɪ'sɪʒən/ \_\_\_\_\_ desicion
8. /'ætrɪbjʊ:t/ \_\_\_\_\_ attribute
9. /'krɪtɪkəl/ \_\_\_\_\_ critical
10. /'ɒpʃən/ \_\_\_\_\_ option

**B)** Circle the correct options to answer the questions below (only ONE answer is correct).

1. Which of the following words contains the sound /ə/?  
 a) refreshed      b) **connector**      c) save      d) module
2. Which of the words in each group contains a different vowel or diphthong? Circle the word.  
 a) **shift**      leave      meet      mean  
 b) **enough**      shout      loud      town
3. In which of the words is the letter “r” pronounced in British English?  
 a) Hyperlink      b) wireless      c) **compress**      d) purpose
4. Weak and strong forms. Which is the pronunciation of **must** and **can** in these sentences?  
 a)  
 - *I think he can be fired this month.*      **W**      **S**  
 b)  
 - *I must give an answer today.*      **W**      **S**
5. What's the correct stress for the words in italics? 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> syllable?  
 a) You need a *permit* to park your car here.      **1<sup>st</sup>**      **2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 b) Students are planning to *protest* for lower taxes      **1<sup>st</sup>**      **2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SECTION II** (2 marks)

**LISTENING 1. Mainframes to Minis to Micros (1984).** You are going to watch a video about the history of computers. Answer these questions.

1. What are the main evolutionary trends about microprocessors?

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2. What were the “Pascaline” and “Hollerith’s machine”?

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3. What were the main features of the “Pascaline” and “Hollerith’s machine”?

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4. What were the main characteristics of the forerunners of modern computers?

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5. When did the “new era” of computing start? What technology made it possible?

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6. What was the real function of the TX-0?

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7. Why is the TX-0 important in the history of computing?

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**VOCABULARY**

Trend	tendència
Dial	roda
Punched card	tarja perforada

**SECTION III (2.5 marks)**

**Interaction in different situations**

A) Complete the following dialogues.

(1)

S. Adams: ICL Engineering. \_\_\_\_\_?

P. Brown: Hello, \_\_\_\_\_ Peter Brown, from Pacesetters Ltd., and  
\_\_\_\_\_ to Sarah Adams, please.

S. Adams: \_\_\_\_\_.

P. Brown: Oh, hello, Ms. Adams. \_\_\_\_\_ about a proposal we  
sent you.

S. Adams: Oh, you should speak to my colleague, Roger Simons. I'll \_\_\_\_\_  
(you) \_\_\_\_\_ to his extension.

P. Brown: Thank you.

S. Adams: \_\_\_\_\_ the line is engaged. \_\_\_\_\_?

P. Brown: Yes, please. Could you tell him I phoned? It's urgent.

S. Adams: Of course. I'll leave the message.

P. Brown: Thank you very much. Goodbye.

S. Adams: My pleasure. Bye.

(2)

Your partners are discussing about different topics. React to the statements made, and give your opinion

- **TOM:** Hello! Finally, I have found the information we needed for our assignment on ERP. This is the information I took from a website.

- **SAM:** From the Internet? But on the Internet anyone can publish anything. You shouldn't trust the Internet as a source of information so easily!

- **YOU** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- **TOM:** Just a minute, please. I need to check my Instagram profile for a moment. I think I have something important.

- **SAM:** Something important? Really? This is crazy! In my opinion, the mobile phone is invading all aspects of human interaction. You cannot have a fluent face-to-face conversation any more.

- **YOU** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- **TOM:** I'm a bit concerned about some of my personal information being stored on the cloud through different services. I don't think it is safe enough.

- **YOU** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(3)

Supply alternative expressions for the following.

1. May I speak with John Parker, please?

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2. Now, that brings us to another topic... (during a presentation)

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3. I think you ought to install an antivirus program as soon as possible.

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4. How about Monday? (making appointments)

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5. I'd go along with that. (during a discussion)

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**SECTION IV (2 marks)**

**Job Interviews**

- a) **Interviewer. Write 4 questions you would ask a candidate. One of them must be asked formally**

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- b) **Candidate. Now, answer the following question: *Why should we hire you?***

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**SECTION V (1.5 marks)**

**Preparing an oral presentation.**

A friend of yours is preparing her thesis defence in English, and she asks you for advice about how to make an effective presentation. According to what we have learnt in this course (and your own experience), give advice to your friend to prepare the presentation. Consider *all* aspects involved in the task.