

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING SKILLS**FINAL EXAM – January 2018****TIME: 1 h 45 m****NAME AND SURNAME:** _____

Notes provisionals: dijous, 25 de gener a Racó

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

1. /'ɔ:təmeɪt/ _____ automate
2. /kəm'pəʊnənt/ _____ component
3. /'feɪljə/ _____ failure
4. /'mɪʃən/ _____ mission
5. /rɪ'freʃt/ _____ refreshed
6. /'səʊʃəl/ _____ social
7. /tek'nɪk/ _____ technic
8. /'stɔ:d/ _____ stored
9. /'vɜ:tɪkəl/ _____ vertical
10. /'fɔ:wəd/ _____ forward

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) utility b) valid c) **continue** d) event
2. Which of the words in each group contains a different vowel or diphthong? Circle the word.
 a) long bond **sort** lost
 b) peer fear **hair** here
3. In which of the words is the letter "r" pronounced in British English?
 a) performance b) **paradigm** c) external d) version
4. Weak and strong forms. Which is the pronunciation of **must** and **can** in these sentences?
 a)
 - *I think she must be promoted immediately* **W** **S**
 b)
 - *Can you? Really?* **W** **S**
5. What's the correct stress for the words in italics? 1st or 2nd syllable?
 a) You need an *update* of your software. **1st** **2nd**
 b) There's a student *protest* today **1st** **2nd**

SECTION II (2 marks)

The Development of the PC

Answer the following questions:

1. What's the purpose of the whole program (today's special edition)?

2. What did the first PC users do with their computers?

3. When did Apple II and Apple III appear?

4. When did the IBM XT appear?

5. What famous actor is related to the IBM XT? Why?

6. Why is the year 1984 important in the history of personal computing?

7. Why do you think the TV presenter makes the comment, "why 1984 won't be like 1984"?

8. What was the most important development in the 1990s?

9. Where do the computers in the program come from? What is special about them?

10. What do modern users do with the computer?

SECTION III (2 marks)

Interaction in different situations

(1) Complete the following dialogue.

P. Brown: Hello, _____ ICL Engineering?
S. Adams: Yes, it is.
P. Brown: _____ to Sarah Adams, please?
S. Adams: _____.
P. Brown: Hello, my name is Peter Brown, from Pacesetters Ltd. _____ 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) Supply alternative expressions for the following.

1. Can I speak to Linda Smith, please?

2. What do you think about this? (during a discussion)

3. Would Monday suit you? (making appointments)

4. You'd better install an antivirus program as soon as possible.

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

(3) Give advice.

1. "I need to buy a laptop and I need some advice to make a good choice". What do you recommend?

John:

Lucy:

SECTION IV (2 marks)

Job Interviews

a) **Interviewer. Write 3 questions you would ask a candidate. One of them must be asked formally**

1.

2.

3.

b) **Candidate. Now, answer the following question: *Can you tell me about yourself?***

SECTION V (2 marks)

Preparing a presentation.

A friend of yours is going to give a demo of a product to an audience of potential investors. According to what we have learnt in this course (and your own experience), give advice to your friend to prepare an **effective presentation**. Consider all aspects involved in preparing a presentation.