**LIST OF PART 1 SPEAKING QUESTIONS TO**

**PRACTICE AT HOME**

**QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU:**

1. What do you dislike about X?

2. How often do you do X?

3. What do you like most about X?

4. Do you prefer X to Y?

5. What do you usually/normally do?

6. What do you like to do (in your spare time)?

7. When was the first/last time you did X?

8. Did you ever learn to do X?

9. How would you improve X?

10. What do you want/hope to do (in the future)?

**QUESTIONS ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE:**

1. How has X changed?

2. How important is X?

3. Do people do/get enough X?

4. How can people find out about X?

5. Is X popular (in your country)?

6. Why do some people like X?

7. Is it difficult to do X?

8. Is X suitable for (types of people)?

9. What is the best time (of year) to do X?

10. Should people be given X?

**WORK**

1. What's your job?

2. Why did you choose that kind of work?

3. How long have you been doing it?

4. What is a typical day like at your work ?

5. Are there things you don't like about it? What are they?

**STUDYING**

1. What subjects are you studying?

2. Why did you choose those subjects?

3. How long have you been studying them?

4. Do you enjoy them? Why?

5. What is the best thing about studying?

**MOVIES**

1. Do you enjoy going to see movies?

2. What is your favorite type of film?

3. When was the last time you went to the cinema? What did you see?

4. What do you think of people who talk during movies?

5. Are horror films popular in your country?

6. Are there any actors or actresses you admire?

7. On a date, would you rather see a romantic film or a comedy?

8. Do you download films from the Internet?

9. When would you prefer to watch a film at home rather than at a

cinema?

10. What is the next film you want to see?

**READING**

1. Do you enjoy reading?

2. What do you usually like to read?

3. Do you prefer to read the news in print or online?

4. What did you like to read as child?

5. Do people in your country enjoy reading?

6. Do you often read comics? Why?

7. When was the last time you read a book?

8. What book would you recommend your friends read?

**SPORTS**

1. Do you enjoy playing sports? Which?

2. What sports do you like to watch on TV?

3. Which sports are popular in your country?

4. Are there any sports you don’t like?

5. Is it important for a child to learn a sport?

6. Do you admire any famous athletes? Who?

**TELEVISION**

1. Do you like to watch TV? Why or why not?

2. What are your favorite programs?

3. Are there any shows that you don’t like?

4. When do you usually watch TV?

5. Is watching TV a popular hobby for people in your country?

6. Why do people like watching TV?

7. How does watching a film on TV different from going to the

cinema?

8. How do you feel about advertisements?

9. Do you use the TV to help you learn English? How?

10. What TV show from your country would you recommend to a

foreigner?

**FOOD AND COOKING**

1. Do you enjoy cooking?

2. How often do you eat at restaurants?

3. What is your favorite food to eat?

4. What is a typical breakfast for you like?

5. Do you like food from other countries?

6. Did you eat breakfast this morning?

7. In your culture, are their special foods served during holidays?

8. What foods would you like to try but never have?

9. Is there a type of food you don't like or would never try?

10. Do you prefer to eat at home or at restaurants?

11. Are there foods you used to like, but no longer do?

**TRAVELLING**

1. Do you enjoy travelling? Why?

2. Where have you travelled?

3. Would you rather travel alone or with friends and family?

4. What do you dislike about travelling?

5. Describe how you prepare for a trip.

6. Do you prefer using a train or plane when you travel? Why?

7. Do people in your country enjoy travelling? Where do they usually

go?

8. Where will you go on your next holiday?

**MUSIC**

1. Do you like music?

2. What kind of music do you like?

3. When do you usually listen to music?

4. What kind of music did you like when you were younger? What kind

of music is popular in your country?

5. Do you play any musical instruments?

6. Do you wish you could play any musical instruments?

7. Which is your favorite instrument?

8. Can music change a person’s mood?

9. How is music you listen to different from the music your parents

listened to when they were young?

10. What makes a song “good”?

11. Do you prefer music that relaxes you or gives you energy?

12. Why do people like going to concerts?

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

1. What kind of outdoor activities do you enjoy?

2. Would you rather go camping in the woods or go to the beach ?

3. Where do people in your country go to enjoy nature?

4. How important is it to enjoy natural beauty?

5. When was the last time you went to the beach or the mountains?

6. Describe how you prepare for a trip to the outdoors.

**CITY AND COUNTRYSIDE QUESTIONS**

1. Do you like living in a big city?

2. What do you like the most about city life?

3. What is your least favorite thing about living in a city?

4. What do children in your country do for fun in the countryside?

5. How does a vacation in a rural area different from one in the city?

6. What types of amenities are commonly found in small towns and

villages in your country?

7. Would you prefer to live in a city or a village? Why?

8. What social problems did your hometown have when you were a

child? Have these problems improved or gotten worse?

**LIFESTYLE AND LEISURE QUESTIONS**

1. What do you do in your free time?

2. Can you describe your typical day?

3. What do you like to do on holidays?

4. How often do visitors come to your home?

5. Do you like to read" books?

6. What is your favorite type of music?

7. Do you prefer warm or cool weather ?

8. Is going to a gym popular in your country?

9. What is the best time of day for you to study?

10. Do you enjoy working in the garden?

11. When was the last time you cooked a meal?

12. Did you learn to play a musical instrument when you were younger?

13. How would you like to improve your lifestyle?

14. Do people in your country appreciate art?

**PREFERENCES**

1. Do you prefer watching TV or reading books?

2. Would you rather eat at home or in a restaurant?

3. How popular are comedies compared to horror films in your country?

4. Do your friends prefer to go out or stay at home on weekends?

5. Would you rather own a dog or a cat as a pet?

6. Do you prefer giving presentations or writing essays for school?

7. Would you like to visit Europe or the United States?

8. In your country, how popular are computer games compared to playing

cards?

9. Would you rather get a laptop, a tablet, or a smart phone as a present?

**ANIMALS**

1. What is your favorite animal?

2. What was your favorite animal when you were a child ?

3. Do you have a pet?

4. What animals do people keep as pets in your country?

5. Why do people keep pets?

6. Are there any animals which are symbols in your culture?

7. When was the last time you went to the zoo?

8. What are zoos like in your country?

9. Have you ever gone hunting?

10. Is hunting an important part of your country’s culture?

11. Would you rather have a dog or a cat as a pet?

12. Would you like to own an exotic pet such as a snake or a tarantula?

**CELL PHONES**

1. How often do you use a cell phone every day?

2. Would your life be better or worse without a cell phone?

3. Do you ever send or receive text messages when you shouldn’t?

4. Could you survive without a cell phone?

5. What are the worst things about cell phones?

6. What features do you look for in a cell phone?

7. Do you plan to buy a new phone?

8. How did you feel when you bought your first cell phone?

**COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE**

1. How long have you been studying English?

2. Have you studied any other languages ?

3. Do you often practice another language with your friends?

4. What is the most difficult thing about learning a new language?

5. Would you rather use the Internet or a book to study a language?

6. Is your native language easy for a foreigner to learn?

**EDUCATION**

1. Are you currently in school? What do you study?

2. When do you usually do homework?

3. Do you enjoy studying in groups or alone? Why?

4. Is there a subject you have never studied but are interested in?

5. Who was your favorite teacher when you were a child?

6. What is your least favorite subject to study?

7. Does taking exams cause you to feel stressed?

8. How do you relieve stress when you are studying?

9. Describe your routine for doing homework.

10. Is a high-level of education valued in your country?

11. Were you involved in non-academic activities at school?

12. If you could go back to high school, what would you do differently?

13. How often do you ask a teacher for extra help?

14. What is the study environment like at your school’s library?

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**GAMES**

1. Do you enjoy playing games?

2. What sorts of games do you enjoy playing?

3. Do you prefer games where you work as a team or work alone?

4. What kinds of games did you enjoy as a child?

5. Are there any games that are traditionally popular in your country?

6. How often do you play computer games?

7. When was the last time you played a computer game?

8. What do you like about computer games? What do you dislike?

**FAMILIES**

1. Do you come from a large family?

2. When do you often spend time together?

3. Does your family prefer to stay home on the weekends or go out ?

4. Would people in your country rather have a large or small family?

5. What special things did you do with your family as a child?

6. Do you ever practice English with a family member?

**HEALTH**

1. Are you a member of a health club?

2. What kinds of exercise do you do?

3. Who is the healthiest person in your family? What do they do to keep

healthy?

4. Do you have a lot of stress?

5. What are some things that cause people to feel stress? What are some

ways to deal with stress?

6. When was the last time you ate fast food?

7. Do you know someone who smokes? Do they plan on quitting?

8. Have you ever smoked cigarettes?

9. What disease frightens you the most? Why?

10. If you were ill, what would you do to feel healthy again?

11. What do you think of cosmetic surgery? Would you ever consider it?

**FREE TIME AND HOBBIES**

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

2. What hobbies did you have as a child?

3. Did your parents have any hobbies? Did you help them?

4. If you could try a new activity, what would it be ?

5. Do you enjoy relaxing hobbies or exciting ones?

6. Do you have a special talent? What have you done to practice this

special talent?

7. Is it better to do hobbies alone or with other people?

8. Why are hobbies important?

**HOLIDAYS/ VACATIONS**

1. When was the last time you went on a vacation?

2. Do you prefer- to visit familiar or new places when on a holiday?

3. Is travelling alone enjoyable for you?

4. Have you ever visited a foreign country? Where?

5. Where will you go on your next vacation?

6. If you could go anywhere, where would you go?

7. What are some popular tourist attractions in your country?

**HOMETOWN**

1. Where do you come from?

2. Can you tell me something about your hometown?

3. Is your hometown famous for anything?

4. What places should foreigners visit in your hometown? Why?

5. Is there anything you would like to change in your hometown?

6. What places do you like in your hometown best?

7. How has your hometown developed in the last 10 years?

8. What amenities does your town provide?

9. What are the main crops in your region?

10. What other industries are important for your hometown’s

economy?

1. 11 .When is the best time of year to visit your hometown?

**HOUSEWORK**

1. What types of household chores do you do?

2. Do you ever help with the cooking?

3. Is there a certain time that you do housework?

4. Are you good at any particular household task?

5. What is your least favorite chore to do?

6. If you could avoid doing a specific chore, what would it be?

**THE INTERNET**

1. How often do you use the Internet?

2. What was your first experience with the Internet like?

3. What do you mainly use it for?

4. Tell me about your favorite website.

5. Do you use Facebook or twitter?

6. What is your least favorite thing about the Internet?

7. Would you rather watch films online or at the cinema?

8. Do you like to access the Internet on your mobile phone?

9. What do you think about “blogging"?

10. Have you ever uploaded a video to Youtube.com?

**MONEY**

1. Are you good at saving money ?

2. What do you usually spend your money on?

3. How often do you go shopping?

4. Do you ever use a credit card?

5. Would you rather shop at a mall or a small market?

6. What do you 4hink about online shopping?

7. When was the last time you shopped for clothing?

8. Is fashion important to you?

9. What is the most expensive thing you have ever bought?

10. How is shopping alone different from shopping with friends?

11. Tell me about your favorite shop.

12. Are there some shops that you refuse to spend money at? Why?

**DESCRIBING HABITS**

1. What do you like to cook?

2. What did you like to watch on TV when you were a child?

3. Where do you spend time with your friends?

4. What kind of clothes do you like to wear?

5. Do you ever do charity work?

6. How often do you read the newspaper?

7. When do you usually do housework?

8. What sports did you play when you were growing up?

9. Who do you practice English with?

10. Do you enjoy singing karaoke?

11. Which foods don’t you like ?

12. Did you help your mother with household tasks when you were a

teenager?

**COMPUTERS**

1. How often do you use a computer?

2. What are your favorite things to do on a computer?

3. Do you enjoy playing computer games?

4. Did you have difficulties the first time you used a computer?

5. Does the computer ever distract you from completing important tasks?

6. What is your opinion regarding social networking sites?

7. Can you tell me about your favorite website?

8. Do you use a computer to study English? How?

**FUTURE PLANS**

1. Why are you taking the IELTS test?

2. What are you planning to do in the next five years?

3. What are you planning to do in the next ten years?

4. What is the first thing you will do when you arrive at the new place?

**THE SEA**

1. Have you ever made a journey by boat?

2. Is the seaside a popular destination for people in your country?

3. What do you think should be done to prevent pollution of the oceans?

4. Do you enjoy going to the beach?

5. When you go to the beach, what do you normally do?

**MODERN LIFE**

1. Is life in your country today very different from when your

grandparents were your age?

2. What things are changing in your country at the moment? Do you

think modern life is healthy?

3. Where do people from your country like to go on vacation?

4. Have you ever been abroad? Did you enjoy it?

**WEATHER AND SEASONS**

1. What seasons do you have in your country?

2. Which season do most people go away on holiday in your country?

Why?

3. Which season do you like the most? Why?