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Speaking Part 1:

Old Topics

Topic: Study

1. Do you work or do you study?
2. Which universities do you go to?
3. How do you usually spend your school day?
4. What technology do you use when you study? / Which technology can help you learn better?
5. Why did you choose your school/university?
6. Is it good to study in the morning or in the afternoon?
7. Who is more important for you at school, teachers or students?
8. Do you like your school?
9. Which part of your school do you like?
10. How do you improve your study efficiency?
11. Which part of your school needs improvement?
12. Are you looking forward to working?
13. Describe your education.
14. What kind of school did you go to as a child?
15. Do you think your country has an effective education system?

Topic: Major - Subject

1. What is your major?
2. Do you like your major?

3. Why did you choose that major?
4. What's the interesting part of your major?
5. What kinds of help can this major bring to your future job?
6. Will you continue doing what you're studying in the future?
7. What is your plan after finishing school?
8. When did you decide to choose your major?
9. Which subjects are more difficult? Do you think your major is difficult? / What do you dislike about your major?
10. What have you learned from the courses?

Topic: Work

1. Do you work or study? What work do you do?
2. Do you like your job?
3. Do you want to change your job? Will you do the same job in the future?
4. What is the most interesting part of your job?
5. What technologies do you often use at work?
6. Which part is difficult in your job?
7. How do you spend your work day?
8. Is it better to work in the morning or in the afternoon/
9. Have you ever changed your job?
10. What did you gain the most from your job? / What do you learn from work?
11. Which do you think is more important, colleagues or work itself?
12. What do you do to improve your productivity?
13. Do you think your company needs to make some changes? / Which part of your working environment needs improvement?

14. Is this job a good opportunity? / Is it good for your future development?
15. Do you miss being a student?
16. What are your responsibilities?
17. Why did you choose to do that type of work (or that job)?
18. What do you dislike about your job?
19. Is there some other kind of work you would rather do?
20. Describe the company or organization you work for.

Topic: Hometown

1. Describe your hometown a little.
2. Is that a big city or a small place?
3. How long have you been living there?
4. Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?
5. Would you like to live in the countryside in the future?

Topic: Home, decoration

1. What color would you choose to paint the walls of your room?
2. What color would you never use in your home?
3. Which room does your family spend most of the time in?
4. What do you like about your flat?
5. What can you see from the windows where you live?
6. Do you prefer living in a house or a flat?
7. What would you like to change in your flat?

Topic: Bags

1. Do you like bags?
2. What type of bags do you like?
3. Do you have different bags for different occasions?
4. Do you usually carry a bag when you go out?
5. What do you put in your bag?
6. When you are buying a bag, what factors do you consider?

Topic: Wild animals

1. What's your favourite wild animal?
2. Have you ever seen wild animal?
3. Do you like watching animals in the zoo?

Topic: Rain

1. Do you prefer rainy days or sunny days?
2. What do you do on rainy days?
3. What do you usually do when it starts to rain and you are outside?
4. Do you think rain is good?
5. How does rain affect life in your country?
6. Is there any part in your country where it doesn't rain much?
7. Have you ever had to change your plans because of the rain?

Topic: Teacher

1. Would you like to be a teacher?
2. Do you think you could be a teacher?

3. Did you have a favourite teacher?

4. How did this teacher help you?

Topic: Concentration

1. Is it difficult for you to stay focused on something?

2. What do you do to improve concentration?

3. When is it hard to concentrate?

4. In what situations do you need to concentrate?

5. Is it easy for you to do two things simultaneously?

Topic: Friends

1. Are friends important to you?

2. What do you and your friends do together?

3. Do you have many friends?

4. Do you prefer one friend or many friends?

5. What kind of people do you like to have as friends?

6. What kind of friend do you want to meet in the future?

7. Do your friends think that you are a good friend?

8. Do you prefer to spend time with friends or alone?

9. Do you like to spend time with friends?

Topic: Languages

1. What foreign languages have you studied?

2. Why did you choose to study that language?

3. How did you learn that language?

4. How long have you been learning that language?
5. Would you say it's difficult language to learn?

Topic: Ice creams

1. Do you like ice-creams?

Topic: Fixing things

1. Can you fix things?
2. What things can you fix?

Topic: Week

1. What your favourite day of the week?
2. Please describe your typical daily routine.
3. What do you usually do at this time of the day?
4. What do you do on weekends?
5. Do you like weekends?

Topic: Ambitions

1. Do you think you are an ambitious person? / Are you an ambitious person?

Topic: Health

1. What kinds of exercises do you do?
2. What kinds of exercises are popular in your country?
3. What sports do you like?
4. What sports do people in your country like to play?

Topic: Dreams

1. What was your dream when you were a child?

2. Are you the kind of person who sticks to dreams?

Topic: Days off

1. What do you do when you have days off?

2. When was the last time you had a few days off?

New Topics

Topic: Fish

1. Have you ever been to a place where there are lots of fish around you?
2. Is fishing popular in your country?
3. Do you like eating fish?
4. Why do people go fishing?
5. Have you seen any movies with lots of fish?

Topic: Robots

1. Are robots important?
2. How can robots affect people's lives?
3. Are you interested in robots?
4. Would you like robots to work at your home?
5. Do you want to take a car in which a robot is the driver?

Topic: Geography

1. Do you like Geography?
2. Do you ever want to travel to a country because of its geographical location?

Topic: Gift

1. What kind of gifts are popular in your country?
2. Do you like to give expensive gifts?
3. How often do you buy gifts for other people?
4. Have you ever received a gift which you didn't like?

Topic: Running

1. Do you like running?

2. Where do you run?

3. How often to you run?

Topic: Films

1. Do you like to watch films?

2. What kinds of movies do you like best?

3. How often do you go to a cinema to watch a movie?

4. What was the first film that you watched?

5. Do you like to watch movies alone or with your friends?

6. Do you prefer foreign films or films made in your country?

Topic: Tea and coffee

1. Are tea and coffee popular in your country?

2. Do you like tea and coffee?

Topic: Noise

1. Do you mind noises?

2. Do any noises bother you?

3. Are cities becoming noisier?

4. What type of noise do you come across in your daily life?

5. Are there any sounds that you like?

Topic: Music instruments

1. Are there any sounds that you like?

2. Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?

3. Is music an important subject at school in your country?

Topic: Helping others

1. Do you usually help people around you?
2. How do you help people around you, such as neighbors, family or friends?
3. Do parents teach you how to help others?
4. Did your parents help you a lot when you were young?

Topic: Maps

1. When was the first time when you used a map?
2. How often do you use a map?
3. Did you learn to use a map when you were a child?
4. Are you good at reading maps?
5. Do you prefer electronic or paper maps?

Topic: Chatting

1. What do you like to talk about?
2. Have your discussion topics changed since you were a child?

Topic: Clothes

1. What kind of clothes do you like to wear?
2. What color clothes do you like to wear?
3. Do people in your country like to wear bright colors?
4. What are the differences between men and women's preference in color?

Speaking Part 2 + 3

Old Topics

Topic: Bringing up a child

Part 2: Describe an occasion when you spent time with a child.

You should say:

- Who the child was
- What you did together
- Why you did it
- When you did it

Part 3:

1. Should parents give advice to help their kids decide what friends they make?
2. Do you think children should have a lot of toys?
3. Do you think that parents should make decisions for their children?
4. At what age can children make decisions on their own?

Topic: Getting lost

Part 2: Describe an occasion when you got lost.

You should say:

- Where it was
- What happened
- How you felt
- How you found your way

Part 3:

1. Why are there some people who never get lost?
2. Do you think that children should be taught to read paper maps at school?
3. How can people find their way when they are lost?

Topic: Clothes

Part 2: Describe a piece of clothing you wear most often.

You should say:

- What it looks like
- How often you wear it
- How you got it
- Why you like wearing it

Part 3:

1. When should people wear formal clothes?
2. Do people wear formal clothes more often than before?
3. Do you think people should wear formal clothes in the workplace?
4. Why do some people like to wear traditional clothes?
5. Do old people change their style of dressing?

Topic: Incorrect information

Part 2: Describe an occasion when you got incorrect information.

You should say:

- What information it was
- Where you got it
- How you found out it was incorrect
- What happened after you found it out

Part 3:

1. What kind of information do you usually receive? From whom?
2. Who are suitable to give information?

Topic: Travelling

Part 2: Describe a place away from your home you want to visit in the future

You should say:

- Where this place is
- Who you would like to go with
- What you would do there
- Why you want to visit this place

Part 3:

1. How easy it is to travel around your country?
2. Which method of travel do you consider the safest? Why?
3. Has travel become safer in recent years than that was in the past?

Topic: Memory

Part 2: Describe an enjoyable experience in your childhood.

You should say:

- When and where it happened
- Who you were with
- What you did
- How you felt about it

Part 3:

1. Why do you think some people have better memory than others?
2. In what situations is it important to remember information very well?
3. How can people improve their memory?
4. Why is it difficult for some people to remember things?
5. What childhood memories do people usually have?
6. Why do some people remember more of their childhood than others?

Topic: Games

Part 2: Describe a game you played in your childhood.

You should say:

- What the game was
- Who you played it with
- When and where you played it
- How you played it
- How you felt about the game

Part 3:

1. Do you think winning is the most important goal for playing games?
2. What kinds of games do children play these days?
3. Which do you think are better, indoor or outdoor games?
4. How can children benefit from playing team games?
5. Why do people like to play different games?
6. Do you think it's good for children to play games?
7. How important would you say it is to develop a sense of competition in children?

Topic: Shop

Part 2: Describe a new shop that opened in your city.

You should say:

- Where it is
- What it sells
- Whether you think it will be successful
- Why people go there

Part 3:

1. Do you think location is the key factor that attracts customers?
2. What kinds of shops are popular in your city?

3. Why do young people enjoy going to boutiques?
4. Why is cheap fashion so popular?
5. How important are price and quality in influencing consumer behavior?

Topic: Invention

Part 2: Describe an invention that changed people's lives.

You should say:

- What it is
- How you use it
- How it changed the world
- How popular it is

Part 3:

1. What are the qualities of a scientist?
2. What do you think have been some of the most important inventions in the past 100 years or so?
3. What inventions do you hope to have in 20 years?

Topic: Transportation

Part 2: Describe a car journey you had.

You should say:

- Where you went
- What you did there
- Who you went there with
- How you felt about the journey

Part 3:

1. What are the pros and cons of low-cost air travel?
2. How do you think people will travel in the future?

3. Should the government in a country focus more on rail transports or road transports? Why?

Topic: Reading books

Part 2: Describe a book you have read many times

You should say:

- What the book is
- What it is about
- Why you read it
- How you felt about it

Part 3:

1. Do you generally read a lot of books or do you prefer watching TV? Why?
2. What kind of books are considered good reads in your opinion?
3. Do you think that people read nowadays as they did in the past?
4. Do you regard famous writers as good role models?
5. If a movie is based on a book, would you prefer to read the book or to watch the film? Why?
6. How our reading habit changes as we grow up? Why does it happen?

Topic: Popularity

Part 2: Describe a popular person.

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What this person is like
- Why this person is popular
- How this person influences the public

Part 3:

1. What kinds of people are popular at work?

2. Are knowledgeable people popular at work?
3. What benefits are there when a child is popular at school?
4. Do celebrities need to have real talents?
6. What sorts of people are famous in your country?
7. How do people become famous?

Topic: Helping others

Part 2: Describe someone you know who often helps others.

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you know this person
- How this person helps others
- Why you think this person is helpful

Part 3:

1. What can children help parents with?
2. Why do people do volunteer work?
3. In your view, should children be taught to help others?
4. How do students, such as high-school students, help each other?
5. Do you think people nowadays should participate more in volunteering?
6. How can we encourage children to help others?
7. Who should teach children to help others, parents or teachers?
8. What are the benefits of children helping their parents?
9. Why are some people willing to help others?

Topic: Accommodation

Part 2: Describe an ideal house or apartment where you want to live.

You should say:

- What kind of accommodation it will be
- Where it will be
- Whether it will be big or small
- What it will look like

Part 3:

1. How can a person adapt to changes in life?
2. Why do some people quit and change jobs?
3. Do you like new things or changes in life?

Topic: Adventures

Part 2: Describe an adventure that you would like to take in the future.

You should say:

- What the adventure is
- Where you want to go
- Who you want to go with
- Why it is interesting for you

Part 3:

1. Are adventurous activities popular in Vietnam?
2. Why do you think people like adventurous activities?
3. What do you think are the advantages and possible disadvantages of experiential training?

Topic: Making decisions

Part 2: Describe an important decision that you once made.

You should say:

- What the decision was
- How you made your decision
- What the results of the decision were
- Why it was difficult to make

Part 3:

1. What important decisions do teenagers need to make after graduation?
2. Do you think advertisements can influence our decisions when shopping?
3. What are the advantages of advertising?
4. How does advertising influence children?
5. How do people make important decisions?

Topic: Money

Part 2: Describe an expensive gift you want to give someone when you save a lot of money

You should say:

- What the gift is
- Who you will give the gift to
- How long it will take to save the money
- Why you'd like to give the gift to this person

Part 3:

1. Why is it hard for some people to save money?
2. What is the best way of saving money?
3. Should children have pocket money?
4. Should children learn how to use money at school or from their parents?

Topic: Water sports

Part 2: Describe a water sport you want to try in the future.

You should say:

- What the sport is
- Whether it will be easy or difficult
- What you would have to do for it
- Why you want to do it

Part 3:

1. What are the pluses and minuses of transporting goods on water?
2. What water sports are popular in your country?
3. Why do people like to live near water?
4. What do you think of people who waste water?
5. Do you think it's good to teach swimming in schools?

Topic: Crowded place

Part 2: Describe a time you went to a place where there were lots of people

You should say:

- What place it was
- When you went there
- Who you went with
- What people did there
- Why it was crowded

Part 3:

1. What do you think of the phenomenon of people queueing in restaurants for more than an hour?

2. Why do some people love to live in tall buildings nowadays?
3. Which scenic spots are known to frequently have long queue of people?
4. What are the disadvantages of living on a lower floor?

Topic: Careers

Part 2: Describe an interesting job.

You should say:

- What it is
- How you know about it
- What skills it requires
- Why you think it's interesting

Part 3:

1. Do you think it's important for secondary schools to offer careers advice to students?
2. What professions are most popular with young people in your country now?
3. What kinds of jobs are well-paid in your country?
4. Which jobs pay low wages but require a high level of skills?

Topic: Traditional festival

Part 2: Describe an important traditional festival in your country.

You should say:

- What it is celebrated for
- When it is
- What people do during this event
- Why it is special or important

Part 3:

1. Is it important to celebrate traditional festivals?
2. Do you think these traditions will be lost in the future? / Are traditional festivals disappearing?
3. Should children learn about traditional festivals at school?
4. Do you think good food and drinks are important for celebrations?
5. Is music important in traditional festivals?

6. What do we need to prepare when we need to cook?
7. Do you agree that food is an important part of traditional festivals?
8. More and more people are unwilling to cook. Why is this happening?
9. Is it important to have a meal together with your family?

Topic: Sports

Part 2: Describe a sports program you like.

You should say:

- What it is
- Who you watch it with
- Why you like it

Part 3:

1. Which sports do you think most people like to do?
2. Do children need to exercise?
3. What is the difference between watching sports events at home and at the stadium?
4. What can parents do to make their children like sports?

Topic: Communication

Part 2: Describe an interesting talk or speech.

You should say:

- When you heard it
- Where you heard it
- What it was about
- And explain why you think it was interesting.

Part 3:

1. Which is better, being a communicator or listener?
2. What personal qualities does a good communicator need to have?
3. Does technological development have a negative impact on communication among people?

Topic: Movies

Part 2: Describe a movie you watched that made you feel depressed

You should say:

- What it was
- When you watched it
- Who you watched it with
- Why you didn't like it
- And explain why you felt disappointed

Part 3:

1. Do you believe movie reviews?
2. What kinds of movies are popular in your country?
3. Do you think films with famous actors and actresses would be more popular?

New Topics

Topic: Speech

Part 2: Describe an interesting speech you heard recently

You should say:

- When you heard it
- Where you heard it
- What it was about
- And explain why you think it was interesting.

Part 3:

1. What kinds of people often give speeches?

Topic: Sportsperson

Part 2: Describe a sportsperson you admire

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What this person has achieved
- How you know about this person
- And explain why you like this person

Part 3:

1. What characteristics do you think an athlete should have?

Topic: Successful person

Part 2: Describe a successful person you know

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you know this person
- How this person behaves
- And explain why you think this person is successful.

Part 3:

1. What kinds of family businesses are common in your country?
2. Is it good to work with family members?
3. What does it take to become successful?
4. Why is it that some people achieve success faster?
5. Are successful people often lonely?

Topic: City

Part 2: Describe a beautiful city.

You should say:

- What city it is
- How you know it
- What it is famous for
- And explain why you think it is beautiful.

Part 3:

1. What difficulties do people have living in the city?
2. What's the difference between living in an apartment and in a house?
3. What is the difference between living alone and living with roommates?
4. What kinds of people tend to live by themselves?
5. Should young adults live on their own?

Topic: Parties

Part 2: Describe a party that you enjoyed

You should say:

- What the party was
- When it took place
- Where it was
- Whose party it was
- And explain why you enjoyed it

Part 3:

1. Why do some people dislike parties?
2. What do adults do at parties?
3. What do children do at a birthday party?
4. Why do people organise family parties in your country?

Topic: Service

Part 2: Describe a time when you received bad service at a restaurant or a shop.

You should say:

- When and where it was
- What was wrong with the service
- And explain how you felt about it

Part 3:

1. What do people do when they get bad service?
2. Why do some people choose to remain silent when they receive bad service?
3. As a customer, what kinds of services do you expect from a company?
4. What is bad service?
5. What should companies do if a product appears to be faulty?
6. When does good customer service play the most important role?

7. Do you think robots can sometimes provide better customer service than people?
8. Do you think that customers' expectations are too high?
9. Why is it that some companies don't provide good service?
10. How can a company maintain the quality of the service that it gives to the public?
11. Is service better in large shops or in small shops?

Topic: Painting

Part 2: Describe a painting

You should say:

- What it looked like
- Who the painter is
- When you first saw it
- How you feel about it

Part 3:

1. What are the differences between a painting and a drawing?
2. Why do people keep some paintings for a long time?
3. Does the design of the building influence people's mood?
4. What types of art do people in your country like?
5. What kinds of art are the most valuable in terms of monetary value?
6. Why do some paintings have higher value than others?
7. Would you say art is important?

Topic: Photography

Part 2: Describe a photo that makes you feel happy.

You should say:

- Where you took it
- When you took it
- And explain why it makes you happy

Part 3:

1. Is equipment important for taking photos?
2. Do people take more pictures now compared to the past?
3. Do you think being a professional photographer is a good job?
4. Is it easier to take pictures now than in the past?

Topic: Parks

Part 2: Describe a park you like.

You should say:

- What park it is
- Where it is
- When you go there
- And explain why you like it.

Part 3:

1. Why do some people like planting flowers?
2. Do young people like to go to parks?
3. What do old people like to do in parks?
4. What are the benefits of going to the park for young people and old people?

Topic: Rules

Part 2: Describe an important rule at school or at work.

You should say:

- What rule it is
- Why you think it is important
- What happens if someone breaks it
- And explain how you feel about it

Part 3:

1. What are some examples of rules that exist in many families?
2. What are some rules that exist in schools or workplaces in your country?
3. Why do some people refuse to abide by rules?

Topic: Science

Part 2: Describe a science subject you're interested in

You should say:

- What science subject it is
- How you got interested in it
- How you learn this subject
- And explain this subject is interesting to you

Part 3:

1. Do you think science is important?
2. Which area of science is the most important in the last one hundred years?
3. Which area of science is the most important in the last one hundred years?
4. Do you think science can change our society?
5. Which do you think is more important, science or the social studies?

Topic: Waiting

Part 2: Describe a time you waited for a nice thing.

You should say:

- What you were waiting for
- How you felt
- What you did while you were waiting
- And explain why you waited for it

Part 3:

1. What are the daily experiences that people have to wait for?
2. Do you think children have more patience than adults?
3. Who behaves better when waiting, a child or an adult?
4. What can you do while waiting in line?
5. Why do people dislike waiting?

Topic: Advice

Part 2: Describe a time when you gave advice to others.

You should say:

- Who you gave advice to
- What the situation was
- What advice you gave
- What the results was

Part 3:

1. What advice do parents usually give to children?
2. Do you prefer advice from your family or your friends?
3. Why do so many young people not accept the advice of older people?
4. In general, what kind of person is most suitable for giving advice to others?
5. Do you think it's ok if professional advice costs a lot?
6. What problems can people face if they ask many different people for advice?
7. Which do you think is better, advice from young people or advice from older people?
8. When somebody gives you some advice, do you usually follow this advice or do you usually insist on your own opinion?

Topic: Person with interesting ideas

Part 2: Describe a person who has interesting ideas and opinions.

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What this person does
- How you know this person
- Why you think his/her ideas are interesting

Part 3:

1. When do you think children start to have their own opinions?
2. Are children's opinions influenced by their parents?
3. Who are smart children to be influenced by?
4. How do inventors or philosophers come up with new ideas?
5. Are there only old ideas from books or previous writers?
6. What kind of people have lots of great ideas in your country?
7. When do children begin to have their own ideas?
8. Why are there more and more differences between children and their parents?
9. Is there someone with good ideas that has changed many people's lives?