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Preface

As far as you know, IELTS candidates will have only 11-14 minutes for IELTS Speaking and it comprises of Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that you invest time in practicing the real IELTS Speaking questions.

Beside Cambridge IELTS Practice Tests series published by Oxford University Press, IELTS Speaking Recent Actual Tests with Suggested Answers aims to develop speaking and test-taking skills along with language proficiency to help you achieve a high IELTS Speaking score. It contains IELTS Speaking questions that were asked and would be asked in IELTS Speaking tests in 2021. The questions are divided into part 1, part 2 and part 3. Each of the questions have answers provided by our certified IELTS trainer along with the vocabulary that is specifically used for that question/topic. When using this e-book, you can be aware of the kinds of questions that you would face in a real exam, and how the answers are framed accordingly. Moreover, these tests are extracted from an authentic IELTS bank source; therefore, you are in all probability to encounter these questions in your real examinations.

The authors are convinced that you will find IELTS Speaking Recent Actual Tests with Suggested Answers extremely helpful on your path to success with the International English Language Testing System.

Don't just trust to luck in your IELTS exam – the key is practice!

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Introduction

The Speaking test comprises of 3 parts and is conducted by an examiner for 11-14 minutes. This test is similar to an interview and thus the emotions attached to the test is also similar – jitters, scary, anxiety. This is where IELTS Speaking e-book comes in.

This e-book helps you to know the unfamiliar.

Part – 1

Most of the part one questions are personal questions that the examiner will ask you to bring you into a comfort zone. These questions are sorted in terms of different topics.

Part – 2 & 3

Part – 2 consists of a cue card for which you will be given 1 minute to prepare and 2 minutes to talk. The questions in the cue card are addressed and a sample answer is given for the cue-card. Following the cue-card are part 3 questions. Part 3 of the speaking e-book consists of questions related to the cue card you will receive. And so, these questions are found with sample answers below the related cue-cards.

Vocabulary

Lexical resources is a factor of assessment during the speaking tests. So, below each of these topics, you will find a vocabulary section that contains words related to that particular topic along with examples.

Happy practising!



IELTS Speaking – Part 1

1. Wallet

Questions

- 1 Do you use a wallet?
- 2 Have you ever lost a wallet?
- 3 Have you ever sent a wallet to someone as a gift?
- 4 Do most of your friends use a wallet?

Sample Answers

1 Do you use a wallet?

Yes, I use a wallet to keep my cash, card, slips or documents, etc., safely. It is very convenient for me to carry it anywhere. Also, a wallet is very useful in protecting our highly valued things.

2 Have you ever lost a wallet?

Yes, I vividly remember the moment when I lost a wallet. It was a rainy day when my friend and I went to a nearby departmental store to purchase snacks. Usually, I used to keep my wallet inside my bag for safety purposes. After purchasing, we had to stand in the queue for a long time, and when it was my turn to pay, I discovered that my wallet was nowhere to be found in my bag. I panicked and searched for it everywhere, but I couldn't find it anywhere, to my dismay. Later, my friend decided to pay for the snacks we bought.

3 Have you ever sent a wallet to someone as a gift?

Yes, I gifted a wallet to my brother on the occasion of his 14th birthday. Since I wanted him to save money and become responsible, I preferred to give him a wallet as a gift.

4 Do most of your friends use a wallet?

Yes, Most of my friends use a wallet as they find it very convenient to store cash/card and carry it anywhere. Moreover, we can keep many other things in the wallet depending upon its size and quality.

Vocabulary



Convenient - fitting in well with a person's needs, activities, and plans.

Eg: It was very convenient for me to work from home.

Vividly - in a way that produces powerful feelings or strong, clear images in mind.

Eg: I vividly remember my convocation day.

Queue- a line or sequence of people awaiting their turn to be attended to or to proceed.

Eg: Jack waited in the queue for almost 40 minutes to get entry to the exhibition.

Panic - feel or cause to feel panic.

Eg: When the aeroplane didn't take off, all the passengers panicked.

Occasion - reason; cause.

Eg: On the occasion of Independence Day, the school hoisted the national flag.





2. Car Trip

Questions

- 1 Do you like to travel by car?
- 2 When do you travel by car?
- 3 Where is the farthest place you've traveled by car?
- 4 Do you like to sit in the back or front when traveling by car?

Sample Answers

1 Do you like to travel by car?

Of course, I love to commute by car because of its convenience and flexibility. I can go anywhere I want without any difficulty and take shortcuts during traffic congestion. Moreover, it's a lot better than public transportation and time-saving.

2 When do you travel by car?

I usually don't use the car to travel short distances. But whenever I want to visit far-off places or go out of town, I use my car so that I can reach my destination within a short period.

3 Where is the farthest place you've traveled by car?

Well, the farthest place I've traveled by car is from Bangalore to Pondicherry, which was almost 317 KM, and it was around 7 hours 6 minutes. The roads were in very good condition, and I witnessed different kinds of plantations and beautiful scenic views. Overall, it was a phenomenal drive and a memorable experience.

4 Do you like to sit in the back or front when traveling by car?

I prefer to drive the car or sit in the front row rather than sitting at the back. I like sitting in the front row as I can keep a check on the traffic. Moreover, I get to see a spectacular view of the never-ending roads.

Vocabulary

Commute - travel some distance between one's home and place of work on a regular basis.



Eg: John commuted from his home to Park Tower via a cab.

Time-saving - reducing the amount of time needed to do something.

Eg: My mother bought a new time-saving vacuum cleaner, which was a great help to her.

Destination - the place to which someone or something is going or being sent

Eg: He said that he'd reach the destination within an hour.

Memorable - worth remembering or easily remembered, especially because of being special or unusual

Eg: I had a memorable experience with my cousins in Kashmir.

Never-ending - having or seeming to have no end.

Eg: I was mesmerized by the never-ending blue sea.





3. Sky and Stars

Questions

- 1 Do you like to watch the sky?
- 2 What is the sky like at night in your hometown?
- 3 Can you see the moon and stars where you live?
- 4 Have you ever taken a course about stars?
- 5 What's your favourite star?

Sample Answer

1 Do you like to watch the sky?

Well, who doesn't love to look at the beautiful blue sky in the morning and twinkling stars at night? I personally enjoy watching the magnificent beauty of the sky in the day and stargazing at night. It gives me a feeling of peace and tranquillity.

2 What is the sky like at night in your hometown?

My hometown is situated in the country's rural area, and whenever I visit the place during the daytime, I get to see the clear sky with no pollution and smoke. Further, the stars lighting up the sky at night and the moon being reflected on the bank of a river is one of the most magical sights, where we even get a chance to spot different constellations and stars.

3 Can you see the moon and stars where you live?

Sadly, I live in a metropolitan area, where air pollution is more prevalent, and the sky is always hazy during the day and at night, due to which it's impossible to see the moon and stars.

4 Have you ever taken a course about stars?

No, I have not enrolled in any course about stars. But I had a brief introduction to astrophysics and astronomy during my Bachelor's when I studied physics as an elective subject. But other than that, I have not studied the concept of stars intensely. If given a chance to study astronomy, I'd love to know about the evolution of stars, constellations, the milky way, and many more.

5 What's your favourite star?



Well, I don't know much about all of the stars present in the galaxy, but as a matter of fact, the Sun is also a star, and so I'd count the Sun as my favourite. It radiates light, heat, and energy, which keeps us alive. So overall, it is responsible for the existence of all life on Earth. Besides, I love watching the sunset and sunrise, as it gives me a feeling of warmth, appreciation and immense gratitude towards Mother Earth.

Vocabulary

Stargazing - observe the stars

Eg: I used to stargaze when I was a kid.

Magnificent - extremely beautiful, elaborate, or impressive

Eg: Rose was mesmerized by the idol's beauty.

Magical - relating to, using, or resembling magic.

Eg: It was a magical sight to see the Palace lit up so beautifully.

Enroll - officially register as a member of an institution or a student on a course.

Eg: Jack enrolled in an MBA program at a renowned university.

Existence - the fact or state of living or having objective reality.

Eg: The Museum has been in existence for a decade.



4. Relax

Questions

- 1 What do you do to relax?
- 2 Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?
- 3 Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?
- 4 Do you think students need more relaxing time?

Sample Answer

1 What do you do to relax?

Well, there are ample things which I do for relaxation. Some of my stress-busters are meditation, yoga, listening to music, dancing, gardening, talking to a friend or admiring nature to replenish and rejuvenate myself.

2 Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?

Maybe! Some people prefer to do exercise or work out to relax; it helps them stay calm and composed. Also, it's an acknowledged fact that sports is one of the effective ways of relaxation. In contrast, some people lie down, surf the internet and relax. Thus, it varies based on the individual.

3 Do you think vacation is a good time for you to relax?

Without a doubt, yes. Everyone loves vacationing as it gives them an opportunity to relax, refresh, and rejuvenate. In addition, it gives them a break from their busy schedules and monotonous lifestyle. Also, some people plan and go on holiday to a different city whilst some people stay indoors and enjoy vacationing at home.

4 Do you think students need more relaxing time?

Certainly, Yes! Students have tremendous academic pressure and emotional stress. Therefore, they need to relax to focus on their studies. Therefore, they should be given additional time to relax as it may positively impact their learning ability.

Vocabulary



Ample - enough or more than enough; plentiful.

Eg: Students got ample time to complete the exam.

Rejuvenate - give new energy or vigour to; revitalize.

Eg: Rose visits the SPA to rejuvenate her skin.

Acknowledge - accept or admit the existence or truth of.

Eg: Meera's mother acknowledged her daughter's interest in music and enrolled her in the music classes.

Monotonous - dull, tedious, and repetitious; lacking in variety and interest.

Eg: Jack was tired of his monotonous work-life, so he decided to quit.

Tremendous - very great in amount, scale, or intensity.

Eg: The city was hit by a tremendous earthquake.





5. Holidays

Questions

- 1 What public holidays do you have in your country?
- 2 Which public holidays do you like the most?
- 3 What was the best holiday of your life?
- 4 Do you like to spend the holidays with your family or friends?

Sample Answers

1 What public holidays do you have in your country?

Well, Public holidays in Canada are also known as Statutory Holidays or stats holidays. There are several public holidays, to name a few are the New Year, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

2 Which public holidays do you like the most?

The obvious answer is Christmas as I get a chance to reunite with everyone in my family. Usually, my father invites a few friends and relatives to celebrate and enjoy each other's company on Christmas day. Moreover, we give each other extravagant gifts and forget our differences. Thus, without a doubt, Christmas is a wonderful time of the year.

3 What was the best holiday of your life?

One of the best holidays of my life was when I visited the most exotic place, Maldives. I had a very exhilarating experience at the island, where I witnessed the spectacular sandy beaches, turquoise waters, and amazing views. In addition, I enjoyed snorkelling, surfing, and various other activities. Moreover, everyone I met on the island was very welcoming and hospitable. Overall, I had a very good time, and I made some amazing memories.

4 Do you like to spend the holidays with your family or friends?

Of course, I like to spend the holidays with my family and friends, but it depends on the type of holiday. That being said, if it's a Christmas holiday, I'd spend it with my family, but if it's a New Year party, I'd definitely spend and enjoy my time with my friends.



Vocabulary

Obvious - easily perceived or understood; clear, self-evident, or apparent.

Eg: It was obvious that the interview will be conducted online.

Extravagant - lacking restraint in spending money or using resources.

Eg: The event manager planned an extravagant outing for his clients.

Differences - a point or way in which people or things are dissimilar.

Eg: The couple couldn't solve their differences, so they consulted a therapist.

Exotic - very different, strange, or unusual.

Eg: Bali is an exotic place for a vacation.

Hospitable - friendly and welcoming to visitors or guests.

Eg: The Vietnamese people were extremely humble and hospitable.





6. Going out

Questions

- 1 Do you often go out in the evenings?
- 2 What do you like to do when you go out?
- 3 Do you prefer going out on your own with friends?
- 4 How often do you go out in a week?
- 5 Where do most young people like to go out in your country?

Sample Answers

1 Do you often go out in the evenings?

Since I work, I'm not free to go out in the evenings. But I make sure to take a short break in the evening and stroll in the office corridors with my colleagues.

2 What do you like to do when you go out?

I mostly like to watch movies with my friends and hang out with them in coffee shops. I also like to engage myself in various activities like paintball, blowing, and so on. Often when I am alone, I like to go to nearby parks and enjoy playing with kids.

3 Do you prefer going out on your own with friends?

I usually prefer to go out with friends. I like being in the company of my friends. We do various activities together and gain new experiences as a group. However, there are certain activities like going to painting workshops, where I normally go alone since none of my friends are interested in painting.

4 How often do you go out in a week?

During weekdays, I don't go out often. But when I do, it is usually with my office colleagues or my family members, particularly when there is a special occasion in the family, like birthdays or anniversaries.

5 Where do most young people like to go out in your country?



Most young people like to go to the cinema to watch new movies or hang out with each other in coffee shops. They also enjoy participating in adventurous games such as bungee jumping, wall climbing, ice skating, etc.

Vocabulary

Stroll (noun) - a short leisurely walk.

Eg: I was feeling tired, so I took a stroll around the building.

Workshops (noun) - a meeting at which a group of people engage in intensive discussion and activity on a particular subject or project.

Eg: Painting workshop will be held on 27th July.

Occasion (noun) - a particular event, or the time at which it takes place.

Eg: This is a happy occasion.

Engage (verb) - participate or become involved in.

Eg: "Please engage yourself in some activity".

Hang out (verb) - to spend a lot of time in a place or with someone.

Eg: I don't hang out with Erica anymore.





7. Happiness

Questions

- 1 Are you a happy person?
- 2 What usually makes you happy?
- 3 Does the weather ever affect how you feel?
- 4 What makes you feel unhappy?
- 5 Do you think people in your country are genuinely happy people?

Sample Answers

1 Are you a happy person?

Yes. I am a happy-go-lucky person. I don't like to stress myself with uncomfortable thoughts, and I also like to maintain a positive attitude towards everything in my life. I also encourage others to adopt the same practice

2 What usually makes you happy?

Little details bring me joy. For example sleeping a few minutes longer, enjoying time with friends and family, going on adventurous journeys, listening to music, and so on. Helping people also makes me happy.

3 Does the weather ever affect how you feel?

Well, not really. Rain, on the other hand, manages to lift my mood. The slow drumming of rain helps me relax. Moreover, strolling in the rain brings happiness to me.

4 What makes you feel unhappy?

I think I am an empathic person. Seeing people in pain makes me feel unhappy. I have a tendency to internalize other people's suffering, particularly that of people I care about. Moreover, not getting adequate sleep tends to make me feel unhappy.

5 Do you think people in your country are genuinely happy people?

Indians are generally happy, as people often smile. People in India are very kind and thoughtful, and they try to create a happy and friendly atmosphere around them. Moreover, people easily burst into guffaws at the slightest things. People in my country are truly happy people.



Vocabulary

Adequate (adj) - satisfactory or acceptable in quality or quantity.

Eg: This flat is perfectly adequate for my needs.

Adopt (verb) - choose to take up, follow, or use.

Eg: Meera has adopted a positive attitude towards life after her injury.

Drumming (noun) - a continuous rhythmic noise.

Eg: The mosquitos are drumming around me.

Empathetic (adj) - showing empathy for others, and recognizing their feelings.

Eg: Harry Potter is an empathetic character.

Guffaw (noun) - a loud and hearty laugh.

Eg: Sneha bursted into a loud guffaw and she heard the joke.





8. Hobbies

Questions

- 1 Do you have a hobby?
- 2 What equipment do you need for it?
- 3 Do you think hobbies should be shared with people?
- 4 Did you have a hobby as a child?
- 5 What hobbies are popular in your country?
- 6 Why do you think people have hobbies?

Sample Answers

1 Do you have a hobby?

Yes, I do. I have many hobbies. My favourite hobby is photography, and I developed an interest in photography by a sheer accident during my parent's anniversary. I had no idea about the correct angles, flash or viewfinder, and was asked to take photos of the guests and decorations at the party. I enjoyed it so much that I added it to my hobby list.

2 What equipment do you need for it?

There are many advanced attachments available in the market for a camera, but few are necessary to purchase. Obviously, you have to start by buying a camera and a good lens. While there are many lenses available today that can improve your photography experience, I believe that a moderately priced lens can achieve the same results.

3 Do you think hobbies should be shared with people?

Well, I think it is not necessary to have similar interests. However, if you already have someone who enjoys your hobby, the practice becomes more interesting. At the same time, no one should be compelled to partake in the same hobby as someone else.

4 Did you have a hobby as a child?

Yes, I have had a few hobbies in my childhood which I no longer continue. In my teens, I used to collect stickers and practised a lot of science experiments. I still have some stickers and experiment models, but I began singing later. I became more enthusiastic about it and invested more time in it.



5 What hobbies are popular in your country?

Hobby is something that is entirely up to the person. However, I've noticed that teenagers are spending more time on social media sites in recent years. However, I see certain people who are devoted to their interests and participate in them as well. Some people enjoy drawing, art, music, reading, swimming and so on.

6 Why do you think people have hobbies?

Hobbies, in my opinion, provide people with a way to unwind. People nowadays live such a hectic lifestyle that it is important that they take some time to unwind from their daily routine and engage in relaxing and enjoyable activities.

Vocabulary

Sheer (adj) - nothing other than.

Eg: She smiled with sheer delight.

Enthusiastic (adj) - having or showing intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.

Eg: He is a very enthusiastic person.

Devoted (adj) - very loving or loyal.

Eg: He is devoted to his work.

Hectic (adj) - full of incessant or frantic activity.

Eg: It was a hectic day.

Unwind verb) - relax after a period of work or tension.

Eg: This resort is a fantastic place to unwind.



9. Internet

Questions

- 1 How often do you go online?
- 2 What do you use the internet for?
- 3 How do you get online?
- 4 Do you have your own computer?
- 5 What's your favourite website?
- 6 Do you think children should be allowed unsupervised access to the internet?

Sample Answers

1 How often do you go online?

When I am occupied with some work, I use the internet at least 7 to 8 hours a day. But when I am free and not doing anything, I frequently use the internet to check my emails, listen to music, chat with friends, check social media, and read news articles.

2 What do you use the internet for?

I use the internet to stay in touch with people I care about. I also use the internet to update myself on various news issues and trends, scan social media, do my work, check emails, watch movies and series, and do some online shopping.

3 How do you get online?

I have wi-fi installed in my home. So, everybody in my family uses it to access the internet. Moreover, I travel often. I rely on my internet dongle or smartphone for internet connection in such situations.

4 Do you have your own computer?

No, I don't own a computer, but I do own a laptop. I do all of my work on the laptop, including writing notes, paying bills, reading papers, and playing games. I find that a laptop is more convenient and easier to use than a computer and that it does the same tasks.

5 What's your favourite website?



Google.com is my favourite website because it is the largest and most famous internet search engine, providing information about everything in just a fraction of a second. Another reason I like google is that it helps me get a plethora of information on the topics which interest me.

6 Do you think children should be allowed unsupervised access to the internet?

No, I think children should be allowed to access the internet only under an adult's supervision because there is dangerous content online. Besides, one can never rely on the internet as there are so many wicked people around who take undue advantage of children.

Vocabulary

Trend (noun) - a general direction in which something is developing or changing.

Eg: I can observe a new trend here.

Convenient (adj) - fitting in well with a person's needs, activities, and plans.

Eg: It's convenient to live close to the market.

Plethora (noun) - a large or excessive amount of something.

Eg: There is a plethora of information available on the internet.

Supervision (noun) - the action of supervising someone or something.

Eg: The baby needs constant supervision.

Wicked (adj) - evil or morally wrong.

Eg: You are a wicked person.



10. Leisure Time

Questions

- 1 What's your favourite leisure activity?
- 2 What did you enjoy doing in your free time as a child?
- 3 Do you prefer to spend your free time with other people or alone?
- 4 What's a common leisure activity in your country?
- 5 Do most people in your country get two days off a week?
- 6 Do you think leisure time is important?

Sample Answers

1 What's your favourite leisure activity?

It actually depends on how much free time I have. I would normally spend time reading a light novel or watch movies on television. If I have more free time, I catch up with my friends and ask about their well-being.

2 What did you enjoy doing in your free time as a child?

I used to enjoy playing table tennis as a kid, and I even took part in school tournaments. There were also other things that I loved doing in my spare time, such as playing basketball, skipping, swimming, and bicycle riding.

3 Do you prefer to spend your free time with other people or alone?

Earlier, I spent my spare time with friends, but now that I am growing old, I like to spend my leisure time alone at home. I enjoy being on my own and use this opportunity to read books.

4 What's a common leisure activity in your country?

Well, In my country, some popular leisure activities include going out to coffee shops with friends and family, and eating lunch or dinner at restaurants. Few people love going to the cinemas to see new releases or watch comedy shows.



5 Do most people in your country get two days off a week?

No, not everyone is given two days off a week. Most businesses allow Sundays off. However, whatever time they get, they choose to spend their free time with their families and friends.

6 Do you think leisure time is important?

Yes, I believe that leisure time helps you to relax and de-stress your mind and body. Additionally, engaging in leisure activity helps you to withdraw from the outside world and prepares you to deal with challenging circumstances in a less stressful manner.

Vocabulary

Leisure (noun) - use of free time for enjoyment.

Eg: Maria prefers to spend all her leisure time dancing.

Opportunity (noun) - a time or set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something.

Eg: I took the opportunity to visit the NGO.

Withdraw (verb) - remove or take away (something) from a particular place or position.

Eg: I had to withdraw from the competition.

Circumstances (noun) - a fact or condition connected with or relevant to an event or action.

Eg: Due to unavoidable circumstances, he couldn't attend the meeting.

Challenging (adj) - testing one's abilities; demanding.

Eg: Current scenario is quite challenging.