
INTERNATIONAL GCSE

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Speaking Paper

November 2020

Teacher's Booklet

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To be conducted by the teacher-examiner.

Time allowed: 7 minutes

The test will consist of:

Part 1 Photo card (15 marks)

For the November 2020 series, students are not required to sit Part 1. The Photo cards have therefore been removed. This is so the test can be conducted remotely if necessary.

Part 2 General conversation (25 marks)

Approximately 6–7 minutes

For the November 2020 series, teachers are required to select which **two** of the three themes an individual candidate will cover in their General conversation.

Information

- The test will last a maximum of 7 minutes and will consist of a General conversation only.
- Candidates must **not** use a dictionary at any time during this test.

Part 2 – SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR GENERAL CONVERSATION

The General conversation for each candidate is based on **two** out of the three themes. You must have a conversation with each candidate on a topic or topics from the two themes.

NB For the November 2020 series, teachers are required to select which two of the three themes an individual candidate will cover in their General conversation.

The total time of the General conversation should be approximately **7 minutes** and a similar amount of time should be spent on each of the two themes.

The following questions are examples of the type of questions you may ask candidates. Whilst these questions are examples of the type of questions you may ask, they are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.

Within the specified themes, you should choose topics which reflect the individual candidate's interests. When asking questions on a particular theme, some candidates may be able to hold an excellent conversation on just one topic or even sub-topic within that theme, showing development of ideas in a specific area. Other candidates may not have such in-depth knowledge and/or linguistic expertise to be able to concentrate on such a specific area, and so will take part in a conversation on a wider range of topics or sub-topics within each of the two themes.

Suggested questions for General conversation

Theme 1 – Identity and culture

- What is your ideal family?
- What do you like doing with your family?
- What have you done with your friends recently?
- How do you use social media to keep in contact with your friends?
- What are the best uses for mobile technology?
- How does music enrich the lives of people?
- What is the best film you have seen at the cinema? Why?
- Why do you think so many people like to play sport?
- How do you celebrate your birthday?
- Why is it important to continue local customs?

Theme 2 – Local, national, international and global areas of interest

- What is there for young people to do in the area where you live?
- How have you helped a neighbour in the past?
- Which charity do you think most deserves support? Why?
- What are the best ways to keep fit and healthy?
- Why is it important that people eat healthily?
- What are the main problems faced by homeless people?
- What are the effects of global warming?
- Why do you think so many people like to visit other countries?
- Where have you been on holiday?
- What is your ideal holiday? Why?

Theme 3 – Current and future study and employment

- Which subject do you most enjoy studying? Why?
- Tell me about something that you have enjoyed at school.
- Explain why it is important to learn other languages.
- What could be done to improve your life in school/college?
- In your opinion, what makes a good teacher?
- What do you plan to study next year?
- What could be the advantages of going to university?
- Would you like to work in England? Why/why not?
- Why is it important to have a good job?
- Describe your ideal job.

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