

**First Certificate in English - Speaking Test  
Standard Test Format**

**Part 1 (3 minutes)**

**1996 Test Materials**

*(Interlocutor)*

Good morning (afternoon / evening). Could I have your mark sheets, please? Thank you.

*(Hand over the mark sheets to the Assessor.)*

My name is ..... and this is my colleague .....  
He / she is just going to be listening to us.

So, you are ..... and .....? Thank you.

First of all we'd like to know something about you, so I'm going to ask you some questions about yourselves.

*(Select one or more questions from each of the following categories as appropriate.)*

**Home Town**

Let's begin with your home town or village .....

- Where are you from?
- Can you tell me something about *(candidate's town or village)*?
- What is the most interesting part of your town / village?
- What kind of jobs do the people in your town / village do?

**Family**

and what about your family ..... ?

- Do you have a large family or a small family?
- Can you tell me something about them?

**Work / Study**

and what about you ..... ?

- Can you tell me something about yourself?
- Do you work or are you a student?
- How long have you been studying English?
- How important is English for your work?
- What do you enjoy most about your work / studies?
- What qualifications did you need / will you need for your job / for the job you hope to do?

**Leisure**

Now, let's move on to what you do in your spare time .....

- Do you have any hobbies?
- How did you become interested in *(whatever hobby the candidate enjoys)*?
- Which do you prefer more, watching television or going to the cinema? What sort of programmes / films do you like to watch?
- What is there to do in the evenings in *(candidate's town or village)*?
- What kind of sports are you and your friends interested in?
- What kind of music do you enjoy most?
- How do you usually spend your holidays?
- Is there anywhere you would particularly like to visit? Why?

**Future Plans**

Now, thinking about the future .....

- What do you hope to do in the next few years?
- What kind of job do you hope to be doing in ten year's time?

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**Part 2 (4 minutes)**

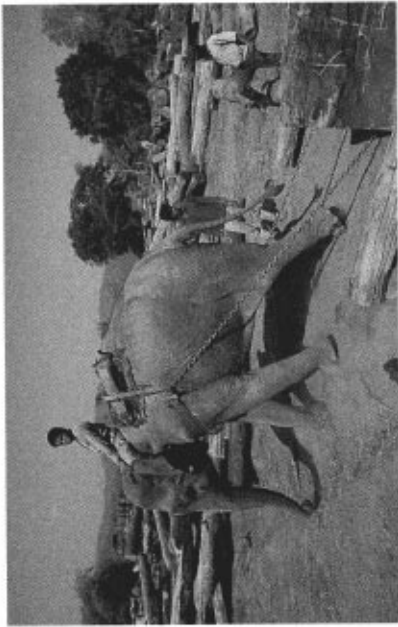
**1996 Test Materials 1 & 2**

**1 Places to Live  
2 Animals and Man**

- Interlocutor**      Now, I'd like each of you to talk on your own for about a minute.
- I'm going to give each of you two different photographs and I'd like you to talk about them.
- [1]      **Candidate A**, here are your two photographs. They show different places where people live. Please let Candidate B have a look at them.
- Hand over picture sheet 1 to Candidate A.*
- Candidate B**, I'll give you your photographs in a minute.
- Candidate A**, I'd like you to compare and contrast these photographs, saying what you think life is like in places like these. Remember, you have only about a minute for this so don't worry if I interrupt you. All right?
- Candidate A**      ⌚ *Approximately one minute.*
- Interlocutor**      Thank you. *Retrieve photographs.*
- Candidate B**, in which of these places would you prefer to live?
- Candidate B**      ⌚ *Approximately twenty seconds.*
- Interlocutor**      Thank you.
- .....
- [2]      **Now, Candidate B**, here are your two photographs. They show animals with people in different situations. Please let Candidate A have a look at them.
- Hand over picture sheet 2 to Candidate B.*
- I'd like you to compare and contrast these photographs, saying how you would feel in each of these situations. Remember, Candidate B, you have only about a minute for this, so don't worry if I interrupt you. All right?
- Candidate B**      ⌚ *Approximately one minute.*
- Interlocutor**      Thank you. *Retrieve photographs.*
- Candidate A**, in which situation would you prefer to be?
- Candidate A**      ⌚ *Approximately twenty seconds.*
- Interlocutor**      Thank you.

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**Parts 3 & 4**

**1996 Test Material 29**

**Necessities**

**Part 3 (3 minutes)**

**Interlocutor** Now, I'd like you to talk about something together for about three minutes. I'm just going to listen.

Here are some pictures of things we use every day.

*Place picture sheet 29 in front of the candidates*

Talk to each other about how important each one is in your life, and then choose three that are so important you could not live without them.

It is not necessary to agree with each other.

You have only about three minutes for this, so, once again, don't worry if I stop you and please speak so that we can hear you. All right?

**Candidates A & B** ⌚ *Approximately three minutes.*

**Interlocutor** Thank you.

*Retrieve picture sheet 29.*

**Part 4 (4 minutes)**

**Interlocutor** *Select any of the following questions as appropriate:*

- What other things would you hate to be without?
- How popular are 'fast foods' in your country?
- How important is it to be punctual?
- What is the most important piece of equipment or furniture in your home?
- More and more people are travelling by car these days. How wise do you think this is?
- What do you think life would be like without television, radio and newspapers?

Thank you. That is the end of the test.

*Check that all test materials have been replaced in the file.*

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