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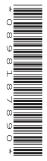
#### **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

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Paper 5 Speaking Assessment A

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### A Following trends

People follow the latest trends in fashion, games or music, often for a short time.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

### Use the following prompts, in the order given, to develop the conversation:

- trends that you or your friends follow
- a time when a lot of people followed a trend, and why
- reasons why some people choose not to follow trends
- the view that only young people enjoy following trends
- the idea that following new trends is more important than keeping traditions.

You may introduce **related** ideas of your own to expand on these prompts.

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### B Changes in the weather

Changes in the weather affect our lives in many ways.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

### Use the following prompts, in the order given, to develop the conversation:

- your favourite type of weather, and why
- · what you, and other people you know, do when the weather changes
- what could happen if our planet becomes much warmer
- · the view that people can prepare for major changes in the weather
- the opinion that governments don't take global changes in the weather seriously enough.

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### C Eating out

We usually eat at home, but sometimes we eat out in places such as restaurants.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

### Use the following prompts, in the order given, to develop the conversation:

- a special occasion when you enjoyed eating out
- · whether you prefer eating at home or eating out, and why
- the view that families should eat together at home more often
- the opinion that the quality of the food you eat in a restaurant is more important than the quality of the service
- the suggestion that in the future there will be no more fast food restaurants.

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# D Modern buildings

The buildings we live and work in have changed with modern life.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

### Use the following prompts, in the order given, to develop the conversation:

- a modern building that you like or dislike, and why
- whether modern buildings are as comfortable to live in as traditional buildings
- the ways that modern buildings are environmentally friendly
- the idea that we should destroy old buildings and replace them with modern buildings
- the view that buildings of the future should be designed to solve the problems in society.

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### **E** Practice makes perfect

Practice involves doing something again and again in order to learn a skill.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

### Use the following prompts, in the order given, to develop the conversation:

- skills that you have learned, and how much practice you needed
- how you, or other people you know, prefer to practise different skills
- the disadvantages of doing a lot of practice
- nowadays, we expect instant success without the need to practise
- the view that people can only get better at doing something if they are talented.

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### F Keeping calm

In our busy lives, it is sometimes difficult to stay calm and relaxed.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

### Use the following prompts, in the order given, to develop the conversation:

- a time when you found it difficult to stay calm, and why
- what you, or other people you know, can do to stay calm
- the view that we do things better when we are feeling calm
- the opinion that women are better at staying calm than men
- the suggestion that it is better to show our true feelings in public than pretend to be calm.

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### G Staying in touch

There are more ways than ever of communicating with family and friends, when you are not together.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

### Use the following prompts, in the order given, to develop the conversation:

- how you prefer to stay in touch with family and friends when you're not together
- · what people talk about with their family and friends when they're apart
- advantages and disadvantages of using the internet to stay in touch
- the view that it is important for everyone to stay in touch at all times
- how staying in touch will change in the future.

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### **H** Competitive games

In many games and sports the players have to compete against each other.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

### Use the following prompts, in the order given, to develop the conversation:

- a competitive game you enjoy or would like to play, and why
- · whether you are a competitive person, and why
- how playing competitive games can help us prepare for life
- the suggestion that playing fair is less important than winning a competitive game
- the view that competitive games, such as the Olympics, can help bring people together.

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### I Waiting

In our busy world, many people don't like waiting.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

### Use the following prompts, in the order given, to develop the conversation:

- when you waited a long time for something, and why
- · what you do and how you feel when you have to wait a long time
- · whether people in the past were happier to wait than we are nowadays
- the view that it's acceptable to keep people waiting
- the opinion that it is always better when things happen as quickly as possible.

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#### J Natural resources

As the population increases, we are using more natural resources such as water, wood and oil.

Discuss this topic with the examiner.

### Use the following prompts, in the order given, to develop the conversation:

- natural resources that you use in your daily life
- how people can reduce the use of natural resources
- whether we have a responsibility to preserve natural resources for future generations
- the suggestion that a lack of natural resources will mean that people will have to live their lives very differently in the future
- the only solution to the shortage of natural resources is to explore other planets.

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