

## **B2 LEVEL SPEAKING TEST** (*sample interview*)

### **MODE OF PARTICIPATION**

Students will be tested in pairs, if possible.

During Activity 1 the examiner will interact with each candidate in turn. In Activity 2 and Activity 3 the examiner will set the task and the students will respond.

### **WARM UP AND INTRODUCING YOURSELF** (3 minutes for both students)

The examiner will ask each student some general questions (e.g. where are you from?, where do you live?, what do you do?, which faculty are you in?, where do you work?). These will help to break the ice and provide important information that will be helpful to choose appropriate tasks according to the student's profile.

### **ACTIVITY 1 – DIALOGUE** (5 minutes for both students)

Dialogue between the examiner and each student; students will be asked a series of questions about themselves and the environment they live in.

**e.g.**

- What kind of place is your hometown?
- What is the worst thing about living in your hometown? (Why?)
- And the best one? (Why)
- If you had the opportunity to learn another foreign language which one would that be and why?
- If you had to study in another country, which country would you choose and why?

### **ACTIVITY 2 – ONE-SIDED TALK** (6 minutes for both students)

Each student will have to deal with a task and develop a topic based on a visual prompt (a photo or a picture).

**e.g.**

- Imagine you are the man in the photo I will show you. You will have 1 minute to analyze the photo and take some notes if you want; then you will have to exchange your opinions about it with your partner about what has happened, how he is feeling and what is going to happen next.



- I will show you a picture. Imagine you know this girl. Exchange opinions with your partner about where she is, what she is doing and what she is going to do next.



- Imagine the people in the photo are buying a present for someone. Exchange opinions with your partner about who they are buying a present for, what you think they will buy and why.



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### ACTIVITY 3 – ONE-SIDED TALK (6 minutes for both students)

Each student will have to pick up a random card “from a bowl” and answer a question and develop a topic based on it.

e.g.

#### Sample cards:

- What was something that you really liked when you were a kid but you don't like anymore?
- What would your ideal house or apartment be like?
- What are some of the most famous cities in the world? What makes them famous?
- Where would you like to live and why?
- What is one of the most exciting jobs you can think of? How about one of the most boring jobs?
- What is the best present you have ever had?
- Where are the best places for:
  - Adventure vacations?
  - Historical vacations?
  - Shopping vacations?
  - Party vacations?
  - Relaxing vacations?
- If you won the lottery, what would you do?

- Are good family members or good friends more important? Why?
- Do you think people from your country usually eat healthy food?
- Where is your favorite place to shop for clothes?
- Why do people prefer to shop online? What about you?
- What do you like doing when you go abroad?
- What would you like to change in your eating habits?

#### **ACTIVITY 4 – REPORTING (6 minutes for both students)**

This activity will test the students' ability to understand a text (READING IS NOT ASSESSED!) and answer questions about it, possibly expressing personal opinions on the given topic.

**e.g.**

**Imagine your German friend Lisa wants to visit Sardinia this summer. You will have 1 minute to read the text and discuss with your partner why this island is worth visiting.**

#### ***WELCOME TO THE NEW SARDINIAN HOLIDAYS WEBSITE***

*Sardinia is an island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea and is the second largest of Italy. If you spend your holiday in Sardinia, you will have the chance to spend your time in a heavenly place.*

*Sardinia is known to be very special because it has shallow waters and crystal-clear water, elements that are normally found in a swimming pool. The climate in Sardinia is mild and during the year there are approximately 300 days of sunshine. This allows one to go to the beach from April until the end of October. The prevalent wind is the Mistral from the northwest, a dry and cool wind that makes the summer not too hot.*

*This wind also makes the island perfect for windsurf and kitesurf lovers. If you rent a villa in Sardinia, you will have the opportunity to discover unspoiled places of natural beauty.*

**Imagine that you are giving a talk to members of a health club about why sleep is good for you. Read the text and tell me what you will say.**

#### ***THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD SLEEP***

*Sleep plays a vital role in good health and well-being throughout your life. Getting enough quality sleep at the right times can help protect your mental health, physical health, quality of life, and safety.*

*The way you feel while you're awake depends in part on what happens while you're sleeping. During sleep, your body is working to support healthy brain function and maintain your physical health. In children and teens, sleep also helps support growth and development.*

*The damage from sleep deficiency can occur in an instant (such as a car crash), or it can harm you over time. For example, ongoing sleep deficiency can raise your risk for some chronic health problems. It can also affect how well you think, react, work, learn, and get along with others.*