IELTS Speaking Part 1 – January to April 2024

Please note that the questions included in this document are a guide and they may be slightly different in the real test and/or other questions may be asked during the test

1. Work/study – always a topic in Part 1

- Do you work or are you a student?
- Where do you work?
- Do you think it is a good place to work?
- Why did you choose this job?
- What do you enjoy most about your job?
- Have you always wanted to do this job?
- What training did you need to do for this job?
- What are your work plans for the future?
- What do you study?
- Where do you study?
- Do you think this is a good place to study?
- Have you always wanted to study this?
- What is the most interesting part of your study?
- Is there anything you don't like about your study?
- What are your study plans for the future?

2. Hometown – always a topic in Part 1

- What kind of place is your hometown?
- What are the most interesting things to do there?
- What kind of jobs do people do there?
- Would you say it is a good or bad place to live?
- How do you travel around your hometown?
- Would you prefer to live in a bigger or smaller place?
- Where do you live now?
- What do you like about your area of the town/city?
- Is there anything you don't like about your area of the town/city?
- Do you expect to continue living in this town/city for a long time?

3. Home – always a topic in Part 1

- What kind of accommodation do you live in?
- What do you like about it?
- Is there anything you dislike about it?
- Which room do you spend most time in?
- What can you see from your windows?
- Would you prefer to live in a house of a flat?
- Is there anything you would like to change about your house/flat?
- What colour are the walls in your house/flat?
- What colour would you never use in your home?
- Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?
- 4. NEW Colours (January 2024 August 2024)
 - What's your favourite colour?
 - What colour do you dislike?
 - What colours do your friends like?
 - Are there any colours you would not paint the walls of your home?
 - Do people in your country like to wear bright colours?
 - What are the main differences between men and women's colour preferences?

5. NEW – Cakes (January 2024 – August 2024)

- Have you ever made a cake?
- Do you like cakes?
- Did you like cakes when you were a child?
- Do you eat cakes or other sweet things after a meal?
- What's your favourite type of cake?
- What cakes do people in your country like?
- 6. NEW Sunglasses (January 2024 August 2024)
 - Do you like to wear sunglasses?
 - Do you often wear sunglasses?
 - Do you spend a lot of money on sunglasses?
 - Have you ever given sunglasses as a gift?
 - Why do you wear sunglasses?
 - Where can you buy sunglasses?
 - Do people in your country wear sunglasses?
- 7. NEW Social media (January 2024 August 2024)
 - Do you and your friends like using social media?
 - Do you think you use social media too much?
 - What's the most popular social media platform in your country?
 - Do you want to work in social media?

8. NEW - Music (January 2024 – August 2024)

- What kinds of music do you like to listen to?
- When did you start listening to that type of music?
- Do you often listen to music?
- When do you listen to music?
- How much time do you spend listening to music?
- How do you feel when you listen to music?

9. NEW - Boring things (January 2024 – August 2024)

- Do you ever get bored?
- What kinds of things are boring to you?
- What do you do when you feel bored?
- Do you feel more bored now than when you were young?

10. NEW - Advertisements (January 2024 – August 2024)

- Do you like advertisements?
- Do you watch them from beginning to end?
- Where do we see advertisements?
- Is there much advertising in your country?

11. NEW - Memory (January 2024 – August 2024)

- Are you good at memorising things?
- Have you ever forgotten something important?
- Why do people often forget things?
- How can you make sure you don't forget things?
- Why do people use mobile phones to remember things?

12. NEW - Video games (January 2024 – August 2024)

- Do you play video games?
- Would you watch others play video games?
- Do you think people spend too much time playing video games?
- Do you prefer playing video games alone or with others?

13. NEW - Collecting things (January 2024 – August 2024)

- Do you collect things?
- Are there any things you have kept from your childhood?
- Do you keep things for a long time? Why?
- Where do you usually keep things you need?
- Why do people like collecting things?
- What items are considered collectible in your country?

14. NEW - Crowded places (January 2024 – August 2024)

- Do you like going to crowded places?
- How do you feel when you go to crowded places?
- What kinds of places are often crowded in your area?
- When was the last time you were in a crowded place?
- Why do you think some people don't like crowded places?

15. NEW - Money (January 2024 – August 2024)

- Do you spend a lot of money?
- How do you save money?
- Did you save money when you were young?
- Have you ever given money to children?
- Do you think parents should teach their children about money?
- Do parents give pocket money in your country?

16. NEW – Singing (January 2024 – August 2024)

- Do you often sing?
- Do you like singing?
- When do you like to sing?
- What kinds of music do you like to sing?
- Do you think singing can bring happiness to people?

17. Fishing (September 2023 - April 2024)

- Is fishing popular in your country?
- Is fishing a good hobby?
- Do you like eating fish?
- Have you ever been to a place where there are lots of fish around you?
- Have you seen any movies with lots of fish?
- Why do people like keeping fish as pets?

18. Robots (September 2023 - April 2024)

- Are robots important?
- How can robots affect people's lives?
- Are you interested in robots?
- Would you like robots to work in your home?
- Would you like to use a car driven by a robot?

19. Geography (September 2023 - April 2024)

- Do you like geography?
- Did you study geography at school?
- Are you good at reading maps?
- Would you visit a country because of its geographical location?

20. Gifts (September 2023 - April 2024)

- What kinds of gifts are popular in your country?
- What's the best gift you've ever received?
- What gifts do you give to others?
- How often do you buy gifts for other people?
- Do you like giving expensive gifts?
- Why do people give gifts?
- Have you ever received a gift you didn't like?

21. Running (September 2023 - April 2024)

- Do you like running?
- How often do you go for a run?
- Where do you usually go running?
- Do you think running is a good way to say healthy?

22. Films (September 2023 - April 2024)

- Do you like watching films?
- What kind of films do you like?
- How often do you go to the cinema?
- Did you go to the cinema when you were a child?
- What was the first film you watched?
- Do you like to watch films alone of with friends?
- Do you prefer foreign films or films made in your country?
- Do you like to go to the cinema with your friends?

23. Tea and coffee (September 2023 - April 2024)

- Are tea and coffee popular in your country?
- Do people prefer tea or coffee nowadays?
- Do you prefer to drink tea or coffee?
- Do you often drink tea and coffee?
- Do you often buy tea or coffee in a café or shop?

24. Noise (September 2023 - April 2024)

- Do you mind noise?
- Do any noises bother you?
- Do you think there's too much noise in today's world?
- What type of noise do you come across in your daily life?
- Are there any sounds that you like?

25. Musical instruments (September 2023 - April 2024)

- Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?
- What musical instruments do you enjoy listening to the most?
- Do you think children should learn to play an instrument at school?
- Do you think music education is important for children?

26. Helping others (September 2023 - April 2024)

- Do you usually help others?
- How do you help others e.g. neighbours, family, and friends?
- Did your parents teach you how to help others?
- Did your parents help you a lot when you were young?
- What have you done to help the elderly?

27. Maps (September 2023 - April 2024)

- When was the first time you used a map?
- How often do you use a map?
- Did you learn how to use a map when you were a child?
- Are you good at reading maps?
- Do you prefer electronic or paper maps?

28. Chatting (September 2023 - April 2024)

- Do you like chatting with friends?
- What do you usually chat about with friends?
- Do you prefer to chat with a group of people or with only one friend?
- Do you prefer to communicate face-to-face or via social media?
- Do you ever argue with your friends?

29. Clothes (September 2023 - April 2024)

- What kind of clothes do you like to wear?
- What kind of clothes do you never wear?
- Do you wear the same style of clothes on weekdays and weekends?
- What colour clothes do you like to wear?
- Do people in your country like to wear bright colours?
- What are the differences between men and women's colour preferences?

30. Transportation (September 2023 - April 2024)

- What's the most popular means of transportation in your hometown?
- Is driving to work popular in your country?
- Are there any traffic problems in your area?
- Will you use more public transport in the future?
- How do you think public transport could be improved?

