

IELTS Speaking Part 1 – September to December 2023

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?*

3. Place you live at the moment – always a topic in Part 1

- *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?*

4. Bags (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *Do you like bags?*
- *What type of bags do you like?*
- *Do you have bags for different occasions?*
- *Do you usually carry a bag when you go out?*
- *What do you put in your bag?*
- *When you are buying a bag, what factors are important to you?*

5. Wild animals (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *What's your favourite wild animal?*
- *Are there wild animals in your country?*
- *Have you ever seen a wild animal?*
- *Where can we see wild animals?*
- *Do you like seeing wild animals in zoos?*

6. Rain (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *Do you prefer rainy days or sunny days?*
- *What do you do on rainy days?*
- *Do you like wet weather?*
- *What do you usually do when you are outside and it starts to rain?*
- *How does rain affect life in your country?*

7. Teachers (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *Would you like to be a teacher?*
- *Did you have a favourite teacher when you were at school?*
- *What kind of teachers do you like?*
- *Do you think teachers should get angry at students?*
- *Can you describe a teacher from your high school?*
- *What's the difference between young and old teachers?*

8. Concentration (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *When do you need to concentrate?*
- *What do you do to help you concentrate?*
- *Is it difficult for you to stay focused on something?*
- *What might distract you when you are trying to stay focused?*
- *Is it easy for you to do two things at the same time?*

9. Friends (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *Do you have many friends?*
- *Are friends important to you?*
- *What do you and your friends do together?*
- *What kind of people do you choose to have as friends?*
- *Are you still friends with your friends from primary school?*

10. Languages (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *What foreign languages have you studied?*
- *Why did you choose to study that language/those languages?*
- *How did you study the language/the languages?*
- *How long have you been learning this language/these languages?*
- *Would you like to learn any other languages?*
- *Do you think language learning is difficult?*

11. Ice cream (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *Do you like ice cream?*
- *How often do you eat ice cream?*
- *What flavour of ice cream is your favourite?*
- *Why do you think so many people like ice cream?*
- *Did you like ice cream when you were younger?*

12. Fixing things (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *Can you fix things?*
- *What things can you fix?*
- *Have you ever asked someone to teach you how to fix things?*
- *Do you think fixing things is a necessary skill?*
- *Did you ask people to fix things when you were a child?*

13. Days of the week (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *What's your favourite day of the week?*
- *What's your typical daily routine?*
- *Is there anything that you do every day?*
- *What do you usually do at the weekend?*

14. Dreams and ambitions (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *Do you think you are an ambitious person?*
- *What was your dream when you were a child?*
- *What is your main ambition in life now?*
- *Are you the kind of person who never gives up on dream?*

15. Health (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *How do you keep healthy?*
- *Is it difficult for people in your country to keep healthy?*
- *What kinds of exercise do you do?*
- *What sports help people stay healthy?*

16. Days off (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *What do you do when you have a day off?*
- *When was the last time you had a few days off?*
- *Do you usually spend your days off with your friends or family?*
- *What would you do if you had a day off tomorrow?*

17. Riding a bike (May 2023 - December 2023)

- *Did you have a bike when you were young?*
- *Did you ride a bike to school?*
- *How old were you when you learned how to ride a bike?*
- *Do you ride a bike now?*
- *Are bikes popular in your country?*

18. Fishing (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*

19. Robots (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*

20. Geography (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*

21. Gifts (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*

22. Running (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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 stay healthy?*

23. Films (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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 or with friends?*
- *Do you prefer foreign films or films made in your country?*
- *Do you like to go to the cinema with your friends?*

24. Tea and coffee (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*

25. Noise (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*

26. Musical instruments (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*

27. Helping others (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*

28. Maps (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*

29. Chatting (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*

30. Clothes (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*

31. Transportation (September 2023 - April 2023)

- *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?*