

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES
SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 3: SET 3
EXAMINER'S VERSION

PART 1 (1 min)

Examiner: My name is (examiner's name) and I will be asking you some questions. Now, in this first part, I'd like to ask you a question about the topic of the community.

- What is the local community like where you come from?

PART 2 (4 mins)

Examiner: I will give you a card with an opinion based on the topic of the community, and you will have to say how far you agree or disagree. You have to talk about this for 2 minutes. You have 2 minutes to think about what you are going to say and make some notes. You can choose whether to use the prompts on the card or your own ideas and you can ask me about vocabulary on the card if you want to. Okay?

Give the candidate 2 minutes to read the task card and prepare for their monologue – they may make notes.

Statement:

Many people around the world move from villages in the country to large cities. However, cities are impersonal places with no sense of community and people who live in them for long periods become more antisocial and selfish.

Think about (optional):

- Country life
- Housing
- Modern lifestyles

Question:

How far do you agree or disagree? Use examples and evidence to support your opinion.

After 2 minutes, prompt the candidate to begin.

Examiner: Alright? You have 2 minutes for this. I will take some notes while you are speaking and I'll tell you when the time is up. Can you start speaking now please?

Candidate speaks. Stop the candidate after 2 minutes.

Examiner: Thank you, now we will move on to part 3 of the examination.

PART 3 (3-4 mins)

Ask the candidate one follow-up question based on the content of their monologue.

Examiner: I would like to ask you some further questions about the points you made in your talk.

Examples: *You said that.... Why do you think this is true?*
 I didn't follow what you said about...? Could you go over that again, please?
 Why do you believe that is the most important concern?

Additional questions for building a discussion. Ask the candidate two questions:

1. For what different reasons do people move to live in cities?
2. How is life different in small rural communities compared to cities?
3. What is your definition of a good neighbour?
4. Do you think there can be a sense of community in the city? Why/ why not?

After 4 minutes (maximum): Examiner: Thank you. That is the end of the examination.

Collect all exam papers/notes from the candidate.