

**ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES
SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 3: SET 1
STUDENT'S VERSION**

PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

It is now much easier for people to alter their appearance through cosmetic surgery. This is a great achievement of science and technology and should be celebrated since it increases individual choice and control.

Think about (optional):

- Personal choice
- Costs
- Health risks

Question:

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

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SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 3: SET 2
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PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

Many people these days choose to travel to foreign countries for holidays. However, the result is increased air traffic and pollution. Therefore, we should all make a serious contribution to our natural environment by taking holidays in our own countries.

Think about (optional):

- Freedom of choice
- New experience
- Alternative transport methods

Question:

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

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SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 3: SET 3
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PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

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.

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SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 3: SET 4
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PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

Nowadays the easy availability of loans, overdrafts and consumer credit allows people to spend more money than they have and get into financial difficulty. In order to prevent debt, therefore, tighter restrictions should be placed on banks and other lenders.

Think about (optional):

- Repayment of debts
- Interest rates
- Cost of living

Question:

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

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SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 3: SET 5
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PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

Fruit and vegetables sold in supermarkets often contain harmful chemicals, such as pesticides. Farmers should not be allowed to use chemicals, even if this means they will be able to produce a lot less food.

Think about (optional):

- Price
- Health
- Growing population

Question:

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

**ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES
SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 3: SET 6
STUDENT'S VERSION**

PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

Singapore famously introduced a ban on chewing gum to keep the streets clean and free from litter. We should now follow this approach and ban the take-away cartons that fast-food restaurants and cafes provide.

Think about (optional):

- Choice
- Responsibility
- Practicality

Question:

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

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SPEAKING EXAMINATION SAMPLE 3: SET 7
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PART 2: Prepared Talk

Candidate's instructions:

Read the statement and question below and prepare to talk about this. You have 2 minutes to think and prepare; you may make notes if you wish. Your talk should last for 2 minutes.

Statement:

Governments spend a large amount of public money on looking after roads. This is unfair on people who don't drive and only those who use the roads should have to pay for their maintenance.

Think about (optional):

- Practicality
- Public transport
- Amount of money required

Question:

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