

SAMPLE SPEAKING TEST

TOPIC – FRIENDS

Choose the answer which is not relevant to the question:

Q. Do you have many friends? [Why/Why not?]

Answer.

1. I have more than 10 friends and I am not sure if I should say this is many!
2. However, I had more than 30 friends in my school days.
3. My friends are kind and really know how to take care themselves.
4. With the passage of the time, the number plummeted. If I count my Facebook friends as real friends, the number would go high!

Q. How often do you go out with friends? [Why/Why not?]

Answer.

1. I meet my friends almost twice a week.

2. I love to spend my weekends with them and sometimes I visit different places, watch movies and discuss different topics with them.
3. I do not go out with all of my friends. I mostly hang out with 2-3 close buddies and go out with them almost 3-4 times a month.
4. I don't usually go out with my friends after studying at school. Cause each has so much things to do like going to other classes, attending club, ...

Q. Tell me about your best friend at school.

Answer.

1. My best friend at school was John and he was a great friend. He was tall and brave.
2. He taught me how to show courage when we are in trouble. He has a great impact on my life.
3. I am thinking about how to create a surprise for my brother at his 6th birthday.
4. Though he lives in Australia now, we regularly communicate via Skype. I specifically like him because he was more like a brother than a friend to me.

**Q. How friendly are you with your neighbours?
[Why/Why not?]**

Answer.

1. My neighbours always travel and drink a cup of joy whenever they have a chance as summer holiday, Tet holiday.
2. I am quite close to them. We have been living in our neighbourhood for more than a decade and our neighbours have become our close relatives.
3. We have a mutual understanding and an invisible bond that ties us together as good neighbours.
4. I respect their opinion, privacy and try to step forward whenever they need me.

**Q. Which is more important to you, friends or family?
[Why?]**

Answer.

1. To be honest, family comes first. However, there are some friends who become our family members.
2. The bond between family members is often stronger but this does not mean that we do not have friends who are less important in our life.

3. Being with the family makes us who we really are and friends make our life worth living.
4. Flatter oneself that family and friends are all important to my life. I have many friends and also my family never leaves my side.

Topic - People you study/work with:

Write the best answer (1, 2, or 3) next to the question:

A. Who do you spend most time studying/working with? [Why?]

1. As a university student, I have a couple of classmates, who are also my friends, with whom I spend a considerable amount of time studying or discussing different topics related to our studies or assignments. If I have to single out a person among them, I would say I spend most time with “Jessica”, who is a very close friend of mine, and a very brilliant student.
2. My major is Business Studies, and I often find myself studying or discussing accounting, banking, technology, finance, management and computer applications related topics or assignments with the people I study with. If we have important assignments, which are quite frequent, we also discuss how we can approach and prepare to get a good grade.
3. I am not a passionate gardener like my grandfather, but still, I believe that a house without some plants and flowers looks empty. And yes, having plants - both flowers and other kinds, is an absolute necessity not only for aesthetic reasons but also for environmental reasons.

**B. What kinds of things do you study/work on with other people?
[Why?]**

1. I think most of us would agree that group studies are better for understanding comparatively complex topics and it also helps us share our ideas. However, there are some instances, at least this is what my experience has taught me, when we tend to do better if we study all by ourselves. For instance, if I need to write an essay, read a chapter of a book that requires utmost attention, solve a math problem, or do some online research for a small project, I prefer working alone to being in a group of several people. I would like to share my ideas or get reviews on the work I do in such situations, but when it comes to jotting down my thoughts or thinking with rapt attention, I think working solo is sometimes the best option.
2. As a software developer, almost always I work in a team. My work nature is such that I have to constantly interact with a group of people ranging from the clients to the project manager, from teammates, subordinates, the design team, the marketing team to the testing team. I work with the clients to understand the project requirements. With other teams and project managers, I mostly discuss the progress of the projects or do formal meetings about the projects. With the testing team, I collaborate in order to solve bugs or improve a feature.
3. Well, before starting working on a project, I need to discuss and collaborate with several people. But when it comes to actually write codes for the software or application, I prefer to work all by myself. However, during this work, I often need to supervise my subordinates and interact with seniors. I think I prefer writing code in a silent environment without the intervention of others because this way, I can pay absolute attention and produce great outputs.

C. Are there times when you study/work better by yourself?

[Why/Why not?]

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2. Yes, it is absolutely important to like the people we study with. Students, most of the time, if not always, create a friendly bond with others they study with. So if they do not like each other, chances are that the group would not sustain in the long run and produce very poor output. As for me, the students who I study with are my dear friends, and this friendship has begun after we started studying together.
3. I learned that they were inspired by a name they found in the book and they took the surname from my grandfather. Thus they combined the name and selected it for me. However, this was the final step they went through to pick my name. As far as I know, they had to choose from hundreds of names, spend considerable hours to finally become satisfied with the name.

D. Is it important to like the people you study/work with?

[Why/Why not?]

1. In my opinion, it is quite important to like and respect people we work with. Without having a work environment where we

have friendly and helpful colleagues, we cannot go on for a long. In fact, we spend a significant amount of our day-time in our workplace, so it is imperative that we are surrounded by the people we like to work with and respect each other.

2. I love flowers, and "dahlia" is my favourite flower, perhaps, because of their astonishing beauty and incredible colours. This flower comes in a variety of colours, perhaps, all the colours in a rainbow, and they are absolutely delightful to look at. My grandfather was an avid fan of this flower, and we had different dahlia in our garden.
3. My name is very special to me and I would never change it. For anyone, his/her name is quite unique and significantly important. I might take an alias someday if I need to ghost-write some articles, but changing my real name to something for the sake of modernism or style, is something I will never accept.