Test 1 (Part 1)

Before you watch

1 Work in pairs and answer the questions about the IELTS Speaking test.

1 How many parts are there?
A two B three
2 In which part of the test do you have to:
A answer questions about important issues in the world?
B answer questions about yourself and your life?
C describe a person, place, event or object.
3 How long does the test last?
A 11–14 minutes B 15–20 minutes

2a You are going to watch an examiner answering the questions below. Work in pairs and try to predict what the examiner will say.

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1 What will the examiner ask me about?
2 What if I don't understand a question?
3 What if I have no ideas on the topic?
4 What if I make a mistake?

b 1.1 Watch the examiner and check your ideas from Exercise 2a.

3 You are going to watch a candidate, Nouf, doing Part 1 of the Speaking test. Read the questions. What topic words do you think she might use? Make two lists: one for *family* and one for *television*.

Part 1

Tell me about your family.
1 Who are you most like in your family?
2 In what ways are you similar?
3 Who do you get on best with in your family? Why?
4 How important is family to you?

Let's talk about television.
5 How often do you watch television? Why?
6 What type of programmes DON'T you like? Why not?

While you watch

4a 1.2 Watch and tick the words on your lists from Exercise 3 that Nouf uses.



b 1.2 Look at the responses below and watch Nouf again. What answers does Nouf give? How would you complete the sentences for yourself? Use the questions in brackets to give you ideas to improve your fluency.

1 I'm similar to my _____ . (*What do you share? How are you different?*)
2 I get on best with my _____ . (*What do you enjoy doing together? What do you like about this person?*)
3 Family is important because _____ . (*How can family help you? Who else is also important?*)
4 I watch television _____ a week. (*What do you watch? Why do you watch it?*)

5 1.3 Watch the examiner talking about Nouf's interview. What does the examiner say about these things?

1 Does Nouf speak fluently?
2 Does she use connectors?

After you watch

6 Look at sentences 1–5. Make them better responses by joining them with extra information A–E. Then underline the connectors or introduction phrases.

1 I'm not sure, but I think I am very similar to my brother,
2 I get on well with my mum, of course,
3 Well, family is really important to everyone,
4 In general, I watch TV most evenings,
5 To be honest, I really hate sport,

A if you have a family that love you, things are easier.
B especially when there's a good American programme on.
C for example, we both have dark hair and very similar faces.
D so I never watch that, unless it's an important game like the World Cup.
E because she's very relaxed and also because we like the same things.

7 Work in pairs. Take turns to ask and answer the questions in Exercise 3. Remember to give extra information and use connectors.

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