SPEAKING Part ☐ *(3-4 minutes)*

What is the task

In Part 3 of the Speaking test, the interlocutor reads the instructions once while you look at a group of images that the interlocutor has given you. These images will give you ideas to talk about with your partner. They will be about a certain situation that the interlocutor will give you. You and your partner will discuss your ideas together, making and responding to suggestions, discussing alternatives, making recommendations and trying to come to an agreement. You can also use any ideas of your own, as long as they are relevant to the situation. You will have 4 minutes to do this task together with your partner. The interlocutor will not speak unless you and your partner run out of ideas before the time is up.

What you need to do

It is very important that this task is a balanced discussion between you and your partner. Don't try to do all the talking but, on the other hand, make sure that you say enough.

Listen to what your partner says and respond to their ideas. It is fine to disagree with them but always be polite.

You should also discuss all the images that you have been given and try not to come to a conclusion too quickly. Try to use a variety of language to show off your speaking skills. Don't worry if the interlocutor stops you. This will be because you have run out of time and this is not a problem. You will not lose marks if you haven't completed the task.

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EXAM PRACTICE

Interlocutor:

Now, in this part of the test you are going to talk about something together for about two minutes.
I am going to describe a situation to you.

A group of school children from a city school are going on a school trip to the countryside for the day.

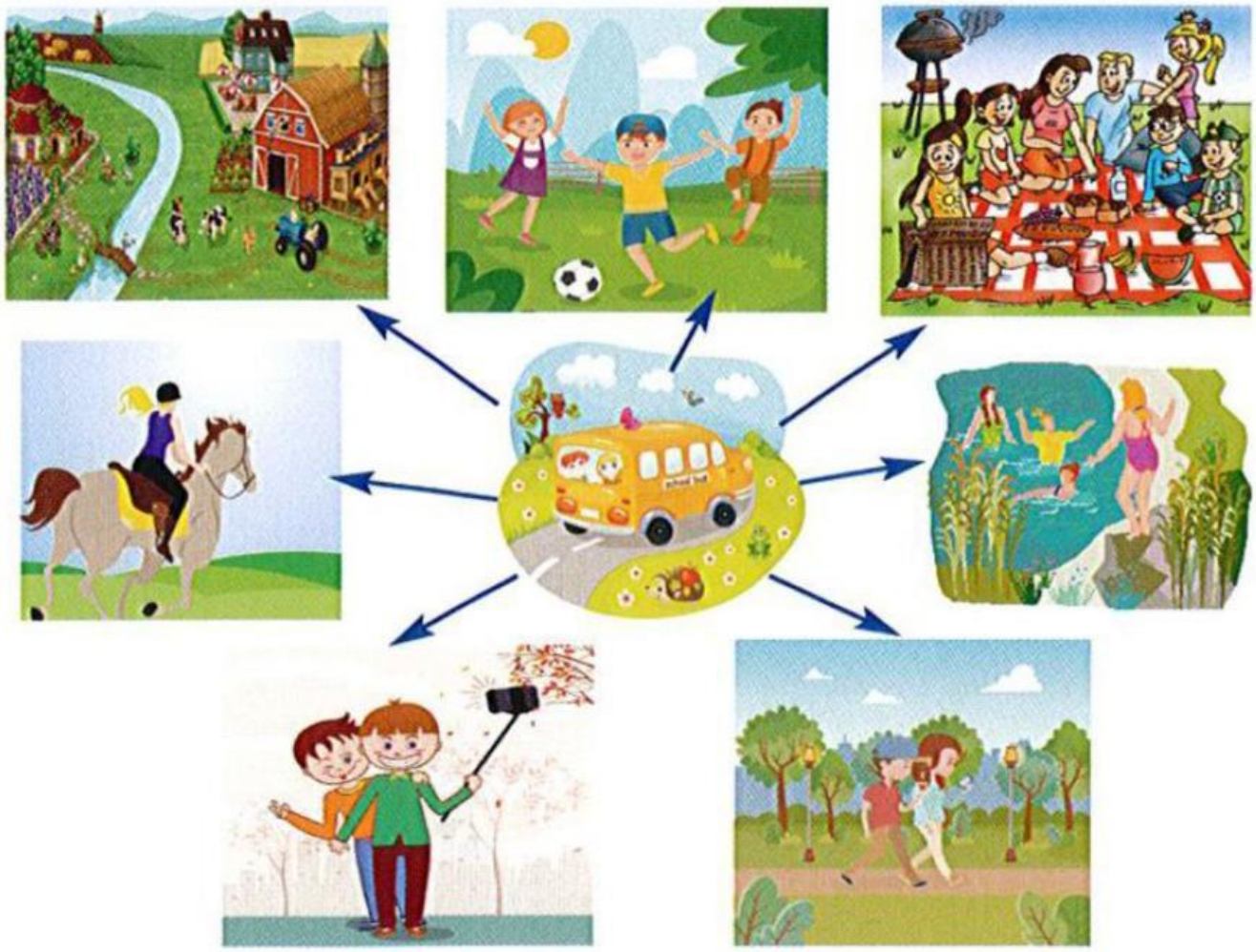
Here are some things that they could do.

Talk together about the different activities and say which would be the most relaxing.

All right? Now talk together.

Candidates ..... *(2-3 minutes)*

Interlocutor: Thank you. (Can I have the booklet please?)



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Sample Answer

Candidate A: Well, in my opinion, one of the most relaxing things is to go for a walk in the countryside. The fresh air is good for you and it's a healthy activity, too. What do you think?

Candidate B: I agree with you up to a point, but if you are feeling tired from all the studying and exams, then you may not want to go for a walk. I think it would be much better to do something else, like have a picnic and chat with your friends.

Candidate A: Yes, that's true, as you can really relax when you are with your friends. But maybe playing a game of football is a better idea, as you are with your friends and you are having lots of fun, at the same time. Do you agree?

Candidate B: Not really, because they can play football in the city, too, in a park. The same is true of going for a swim.

Candidate A: Actually, yes, you are right. I don't think taking photos would be very interesting, either, do you? And again they can take photos in the city, too.

Candidate B: That's right, but I think riding a horse or visiting a farm to see the animals would be both relaxing and lots of fun. That's something you can't do in a city.

Candidate A: I agree 100% about visiting a farm but I believe that some children would be too frightened to ride a horse, and it could be dangerous.

Candidate B: That's true so I think we agree that visiting a farm is the best choice.

Candidate A: Definitely.

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