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Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs
English Language Certification

LEVEL A1 & A2 On the scale set by the Council of Europe

MODULE 4 **SPEAKING: Candidate booklet**

Exam period:
May 2009

ATTENTION

- Do not open this booklet until the exam begins.
- Time: **20 minutes**



The A1 & A2 level oral test

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEST

Duration of the test: 15 - 20 minutes

Mode of participation: Candidates are tested in pairs but do not converse with each other.

Content:

1. Dialogue between the examiner and each candidate who answers four questions (two A1 level and two A2 level questions) about him/herself and his/her environment. (5 minutes for both candidates).
2. Talking about photos where each candidate answers four questions (two A1 and two A2 level questions) on the basis of one or more visual prompts (5 minutes for both candidates).
3. Giving and asking for information consists of two parts (6 minutes for both candidates).

The tasks in this case are always with reference to a 'multimodal' text; that is, a text which conveys information through language and image (graphic effects, symbols, pictures, and other visuals).

- (a) Part A: The examiner asks the candidate two A1 level questions with reference to one or more of the texts on the page s/he chooses. The candidate responds using the text as a source of information.
- (b) Part B: The candidate, guided by question prompts, poses three questions to the examiner relating to one multimodal text. The examiner responds (the answers are provided for him/her in the examiner pack).

Note: In all three activities the examiner interacts with each candidate in turn.

TEST MATERIALS

The Candidate Booklet

The Candidate Booklet contains:

- Information about the test and guidelines on how to carry it out (pp. 2-4).
- The Oral Test Assessment Criteria Grid (p.5).
- Photos on pp. 6-11 under a heading for Activity 2. The heading on each page indicates the theme and context of talk prompted by these visual cues.
- The multimodal texts on pp. 12-16, under a heading for Activity 3. The heading on each page or half a page indicates the theme and context of talk prompted by these texts.

The Examiner Pack

The Examiner Pack contains:

- the test items, i.e. questions for Activity 1 and the tasks for Activities 2 and 3,
- the Interlocutor Frame for the A1&A2 oral test.
- A reminder of potential trouble spots during the exam.
- The Rating Scale for A1 & A2 level.

TEST PROCEDURE

- Throughout the exam, there are two assessors and two candidates in the exam room.
- Both assessors evaluate the candidate and fill in their part of the "Oral Production Evaluation Form".
- The assessor who has the role of *Evaluator 1* sits on the side and is silent. S/he listens, observes, takes notes, and gives a mark for each candidate's performance, using the "Oral Production Evaluation Form".
- The assessor who has the role of Examiner is the one who sits facing the two candidates and who conducts the test, interacting with them. S/he rates candidates when they have left the exam room. So, besides being the Examiner, s/he has the role of *Evaluator 2*.
- The candidates are examined in pairs.
- The candidates take turns in doing the required task first. This means that if candidate A is the first one asked to respond to the questions of Activity 1, it is candidate B that is asked to begin Activity 2 and candidate A to begin Activity 3.

- Assessors should change roles frequently. It is recommended that they change roles as Evaluator 1 and Examiner (+Evaluator 2) when they have conducted the Oral Test with 2-3 pairs of candidates. However, the frequency of role change is up to them.
- Both people conducting the Oral Test are equally responsible for carrying out the test successfully.

Before the Oral Test begins:

- Make sure that you prepare for the test for at least 1½ hours. Study the Candidate Booklet and the Examiner Pack in a room made available for you.
- Work with a colleague and discuss the tasks and prompts, helping each other understand what each task type requires.
- Role-play one or two tasks and see how they work for you.
- Acquaint yourself thoroughly with the *Interlocutor Frame* provided in the Examiner Pack.
- Assessors are expected to have prepared themselves for the test by having become familiar with the information contained in the Handouts developed for the Oral Examiner Seminars.

Also:

- Find out in which examination room you will be conducting the oral test and who your Oral Test partner is going to be.
- Decide which one of you will have the role of Examiner first.
- Make sure that the desks in the examination room are set up properly, so that:
 - candidates are sitting side by side,
 - the Examiner is facing the candidates,
 - the desk of Evaluator 1 is at some distance from the candidates but allows visual contact with them.
- Make sure you have all the material you need to conduct the test. Bring your Candidate Booklet with you into the examination room as well as the Examiner Pack containing the tasks.
- Make sure also that there are two more Candidate Booklets in the room, one for each of the two candidates.

During the Oral Test remember:

In the Examiner Pack:

Activity 1

- Choose two questions from the A1 level category and two questions from the A2 level category for each candidate.

Activity 2

- Assign a different task to each candidate, and ask each one four questions: two A1 and two A2 level questions.
- Choose a different activity page for each candidate.

Activity 3

- Assign a different task to each candidate. First do part A (ask two A1 level questions, with reference to one or more texts of one thematic page) and then do part B (where the candidate asks *you* three questions with reference to the text).
- Choose a different activity page for each candidate.

When using the material:

- You are expected to use a variety of questions, activity pages and tasks during the Oral Test. When choosing the activity page or task, keep in mind the candidate's age, sex, education, social experiences and anything else you can guess from their appearance and the information they give you.
- You are not expected to use all questions, photos or tasks or to use them more than once. Don't use those that you think will not work for you.
- Do not give both candidates their photo/task or their multimodal text/task at the same time because this will result in one candidate having more time to prepare his/her response than the other.

Also keep in mind:

- If before or during the test you have queries or problems, consult with the Examination Centre's Committee members.
- If you need to take a break, make sure that you inform the Committee members.
- SMOKING, the USE OF CELLULAR PHONES and EATING is PROHIBITED in the exam room.
- NO-ONE SHOULD INTERFERE with your work. No-one is allowed to stand right outside the exam room, and disturb you or the candidates.
- Communicate with candidates in English exclusively.
- On the whole, be flexible and try to accommodate the candidate.
- Remember that time is limited, so allocate the time for each activity to each candidate proportionately.
- When the examination is over, thank the candidates but give no indication as to the quality of their performance.
- Make sure that THE CANDIDATES DO NOT LEAVE WITH THE CANDIDATE BOOKLETS.

USING THE OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

- Make sure the candidates' names and code numbers are on their respective forms.
- Both Evaluators mark the boxes in the columns in ball point pen (black or blue).
- The first person to give a mark for the candidate's performance, Evaluator 1 (the person not conducting the test but sitting silent on the side) fills in the boxes on the left-side column of the Form. The person who gives the second mark (the person conducting the test) Evaluator 2 fills in the boxes on the right-side column, after the candidates have left the room. The overall rating for each candidate the total mark on the test is electronically computed, so there is no space provided on the Form for this. However, you are advised to work it out for yourself, so that you know the grade you are assigning. This is especially useful in borderline cases.
- When marking, remember:
 - the highest possible score for the Oral Test is 20,
 - 0 (zero) is not only given to candidates who have no competence in English whatsoever or to those who have not responded. It is also given to candidates who do not perform according to A1-level expectations (see Assessment Criteria).
- Since Evaluators record their marking separately, their ratings may differ.
- Do not mark the form before you have made your final decision on the mark you will award.
- Make sure that you know how you will be marking the Assessment Form. Corrections are not permitted on the Form, which should not be wrinkled or damaged in any way. However, if you do make a mistake and must correct it, take it to the Exam Centre Committee so that they will help you deal with the problem.
- Fill in the appropriate boxes for each criterion like this: ■

At the end of each testing day:

- Each day, RETURN to the Exam Centre Committee the Candidate Booklets, Examiner Packs and the completed Oral Production Evaluation Forms.
- DO NOT TAKE AWAY FROM THE CENTRE ANY OF THE TEST MATERIALS.

Follow up:

- When you have finished your duties as Examiner, please fill in the "May 2009 KPG Oral Test Feedback Form" and turn this in also to the Exam Centre Committee.

THE A LEVEL ORAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA GRID

TASK COMPLETION (ΒΑΘΜΟΣ ΑΝΤΑΠΟΚΡΙΣΗΣ ΤΟΥ ΥΠΟΨΗΦΙΟΥ ΣΤΟ ΖΗΤΟΥΜΕΝΟ)

1. DIALOGUE / INTERVIEW (ΔΡΑΣΤΗΡΙΟΤΗΤΑ 1)	0	1	2	3
Responds to all questions, including the main content points.				
2. TALKING ABOUT PHOTOS (ΔΡΑΣΤΗΡΙΟΤΗΤΑ 2)	0	1	2	3
Responds to all the questions of the task, using the visual prompt(s) effectively and including all content points.				
3. GIVING AND ASKING FOR INFORMATION (ΔΡΑΣΤΗΡΙΟΤΗΤΑ 3)	0	1	2	3
Responds to all the questions of the task, using the visual prompt(s)/ multimodal text(s) effectively and including all content points.				

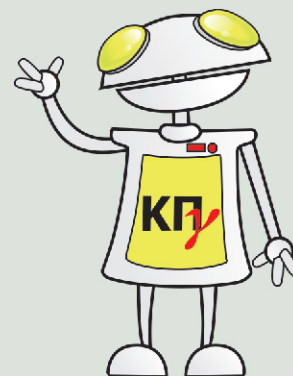
LANGUAGE USE (ΧΑΡΑΚΤΗΡΙΣΤΙΚΑ ΓΛΩΣΣΙΚΗΣ ΠΑΡΑΓΩΓΗΣ)

PRONUNCIATION AND STRESS (ΠΟΙΟΤΗΤΑ ΠΡΟΦΟΡΑΣ)	1	2		
Occasional mispronunciations, L1 accent is noticeable but output is intelligible				
VOCABULARY (ΛΕΞΙΛΟΓΙΟ)	0	1	2	3
Basic vocabulary, morphologically and semantically correct, use of memorized phrases and formulae but appropriate to the given task				
GRAMMATICAL COMPETENCE (ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ)	0	1	2	3
Correct use of some simple structures, mistakes but the message gets across clearly.				
COHERENCE (ΣΥΝΟΧΗ ΛΟΓΟΥ)	0	1	2	3
Information clearly organised, use of simple cohesive devices, hesitations and reformulations				

Note: Rating scale 0-3:

0 = Unsatisfactory for A1 level
1 = Satisfactory for A1 level
2 = Partly satisfactory for A2 level
3 = Satisfactory for A2 level

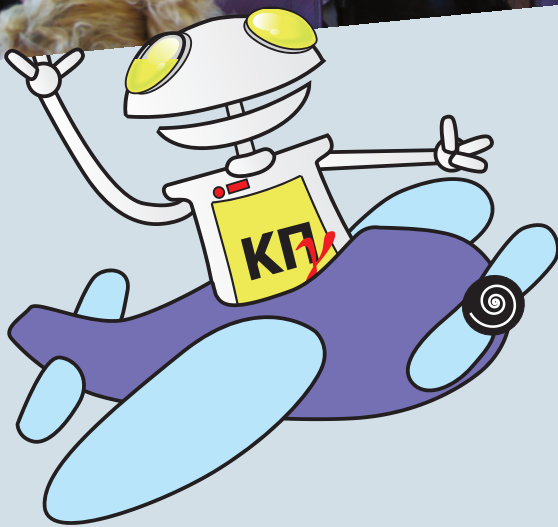
The environment



Out and about



Means of transport



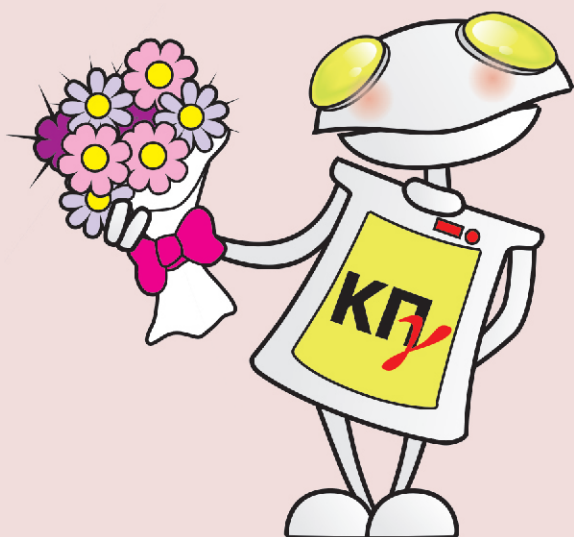
Expressions and feelings



The weather



Shops and presents



Watches

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Teach your child how to tell time with this easy to read watch!



Time Teacher ~~Girls~~ Watch

Buy it NOW on the Internet!

Sale price: EUR 23.05
Regular price: EUR 35.26

You save: EUR ~~12.21~~

**We deliver it to your home
No extra charge!**

- where/ buy?
- is/ watch/ girls?
- how much/ save?

2

Special offers

- One year warranty
- Free Shipping



Timex Unisex ~~Girls~~ Digital Watch

More information about this product:
www.timex.com

In Stock
Delivered in 24 hours!


List Price: 19.95€
Price Now: ~~19.95~~ €

- what kind/ watch?
- where/ find information/ watch?
- what/ price now?

3

For Girls

Free Matching ~~Ring~~!



Find them in all ~~Atmospheres~~!

Available colours: blue, pink, white

Old price: 25€
New price: ~~10~~ €

- how much/ watch?
- where/ find?
- what/ get/ with/ watch?

The zoo

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**ZSL
LONDON
ZOO**

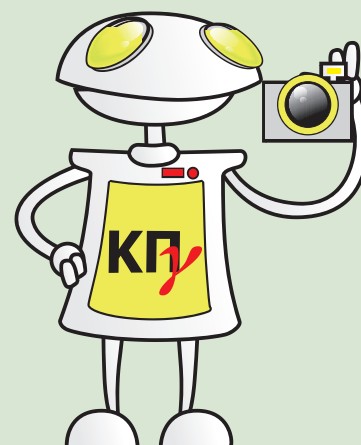
Opening hours:
every day
10:00am - 5:30pm

Tickets:
Adults: £12.90
Children (3-15 years): £10.90

Address: Regent's Park, London NW1 2RY

Tel.: 020 7722 3333

- where/ London Zoo?
- how much/ ticket/ adults?
- what time/ close/ every day?



- what/ telephone number/ zoo?
- what time/ zoo/ open/ every day?
- how much/ ticket/ children under 3?

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ATTICA ZOOLOGICAL PARK

Park hours:
every day from 8:00am to sunset

Entrance fee:
Adults: 14€
Children (3-12 years): 10€
Children under 3: 5€

Address: Athens - Spata **Tel.:** 210 971 1111

- how much/ day ticket/ children?
- where/ zoo?
- when/ zoo/ open/ winter?

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ZOO BERLIN

The oldest zoo in Germany!

Opening hours:
winter: 9:00am - 5:00pm
summer: 9:00am - 6:30pm

Day ticket:
Adults: 12€
Children (5-15 years): 8€

Tel.: 48030254010



Souvenirs

ARCTUROS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE SOUVENIR SHOP

Buy Arcturos' souvenirs
and help save the environment!

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Arcturos' T-shirts

For: ~~Children and Adults~~

Colours: Blue, Yellow, Red, Pink

Sizes: ~~S, M, L, XL~~

~~Long and Short sleeve~~

Price: ~~5, 10~~ €

- who/ T-shirts/ for?
- what sizes?
- how much/ T-shirts?

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Arcturos' schoolbag

Colours: ~~Blue and Yellow~~

Old Price: 25€

New Price: ~~20~~ €

Free ~~Postage~~
with 3 Films

- how many colours?
- what/ get/ with schoolbag?
- what/ new price/ schoolbag?

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Arcturos' cup

Colours: Yellow, Red, Green

Price: ~~5~~ €

Free ~~Postage~~

- how much/ cup?
- what picture/ on/ cup?
- what/ get/ with/ cup?

Take-away menus

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CORNER



Spaghetti carbonara: 6.30€

Salad: 4.00€

Strawberry milkshake: 2.00€

Big bottle of water: 1.00€

- what/ name/ restaurant?
- what kind/ salad/ menu?
- how much/ milkshake/ cost?

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PITTA FUN



Special: 1.70€

Greek salad: 1.00€

French Fries: 1.50€

Small bottle of water: 0,50€

- what/ buy/ for 1.70€?
- what drink/ on/ menu?
- how much/ salad/ cost?

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BURGERS



Big Bacon classic: 5.30€

Tomato & lettuce salad: 3.00€

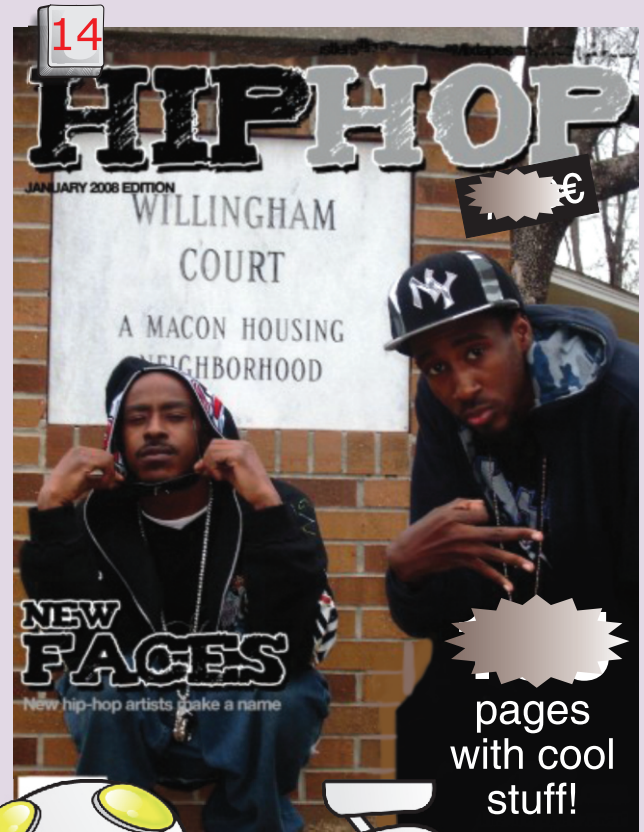
Orange juice: 3€

Apple pie: 2.00€



- what/ name/ restaurant?
- what kind/ juice/ on/ menu?
- how much/ apple pie/ cost?

Magazine covers



- how many pages?
- who/ woman/ magazine cover?
- how much/ cost?

- what kind/ magazine?
- how much/ cost?
- how many pages?

- is/ expensive?
- how many PS3 games?
- what kind/ magazine?