**Birmingham City University**

**English Proficiency Test**

**Speaking**

The speaking test comprises three parts and lasts for around 11 – 13 minutes. It consists of a one-to-one interview between you and the examiner.

**Part 1**: you will be asked some general questions about yourself, where you are from, your interests etc. This part lasts 3-4 minutes.

**Part 2**: you will be given a topic to prepare and talk about. There is 1 minute to think about this and note down some ideas, and then you are expected to talk for around 1 to 2 minutes.

**Part 3**: the examiner will ask you some questions to elicit more detailed discussion on the topic. This part should last about 5 minutes.

  
  
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**Sample Questions:**

**PART 1 (5 – 7 MINUTES)**

* What is your full name?
* Can I see you ID?
* Where are you from?
* Do you work or study?
* Can you describe your home town or village:
  + What kind of place is it?
  + Is it famous for anything?
  + Do you think it is a good place to live? (Why? Why not?)
* Let’s talk about health:
  + Do you do anything to look after your health?
  + What kinds of foods are good for our health?
  + Describe a healthy meal that you enjoy.

**PART 2 (4 – 5 MINUTES)**

You should talk for about one and a half minutes about the topic below.

Before you start talking, you have 1 minute to think about what you are going to say and make some notes.

When I ask you to start, you should start talking and keep talking until I ask you to stop. After this, I will ask you one or two more questions related to this topic.

**YOUR TOPIC:**

**Describe something you own which is very important to you.   
  
Describe it and say why it is so important.**

**PART 3 - Follow up questions (2 to 3 minutes)**

* Do you own anything that is important to you, but not worth any money?
* Do you think that people are too focused on owning lots of things?
* In your country is it more usual for people to buy or rent their home? Which would you prefer?