

IELTS SPEAKING SAMPLE TEST WITH ANSWER

TOPIC 1: TRAVEL AND HOLIDAY

PART 1

Do you like travelling?

- *Yes, definitely!* I think seeing the world, from great historical monuments to white sandy beaches, is what life is all about. It's a very interesting way to learn about new cultures and explore new places.

What is your favourite type of holiday?

- I *really like* going to the countryside, getting away from it all. Nothing relaxes me as much as wilderness... I am tired of tourist traps and usually go off the beaten track...

What do you do on holidays?

- I *prefer* visiting various museums and places of interest. *For instance*, on my last vacation I was to Rome and I visited 12 museums. It was fantastic! Of course, sometimes I go shopping with my friends or relatives too... But I don't find it near as exciting...

Are there many tourists visiting your country?

- *Probably yes...* My country has different tourist attractions in many cities, especially the capital... *For example*, my country has old-time religious traditions... *That's why* we have a lot of ancient cathedrals and churches that are interesting for both tourists and local citizens...

PART 2:

Describe a tourist attraction you once visited. You should say:

- When you visited it
- Where is it situated
- Who you went with and say what about it you like the most

- A couple of years ago I went on a holiday to Paris with my parents... it is a very popular tourist destination, since it has various places of interest, *such as* ancient

museums and monuments... *That's why* there are always **hordes of tourists**... So we decided to **go out of season** in the autumn... *Fortunately*, the weather was great, and we did not waste any days watching TV at the hotel... it was a memorable holiday ... we enjoyed **brehtaking views** from the top of the Eiffel tower and dined in cozy little restaurants. *I would certainly recommend* visiting Paris, it is a **picturesque** city.

PART 3:

Why do you think tourism is so developed now?

- *Well*, because it is a lot easier to travel nowadays... you can choose **charter flights** and find various **youth hostels** all around the world, so you don't need to spend much money on the travelling. *Moreover*, you can **book a trip** via the Internet, so you don't even have to leave home.

How people choose their destination?

- *There are a lot of ways*. For instance, you can surf the internet for all the necessary information... Or you can visit different **travel agencies** for more advice.

What kind of transport do you prefer on holidays? Why?

- *It depends*... I usually reach my holiday destination by plane because it is the fastest and the least dangerous way to travel. However, flying can be a bit uncomfortable... So I also travel by train from time to time... But I never drive car on a vacation, because I do it every day when I work... I would have a busman's holiday otherwise.

Do you prefer travelling alone or in tour groups? Why?

- I definitely prefer travelling alone because I like to plan the trip by myself... When choosing a **guided tour**, you should always conform to a set schedule... So, if you are in India and, *say*, you want to spend an extra hour at Taj Mahal, you simply cannot do that with a group tour... I like independent travel. *That way* I get to see and do exactly what I want and spend as much time as I want at various stops.

TOPIC 2: EDUCATION

PART 1:

Do you work or are you a student?

→ *At the moment* I'm studying. I'm doing a graduate degree in molecular biology in the Vanderbilt University.

Why did you choose that subject?

→ I've always loved life sciences, *particularly* biology... And when I received my **bachelor's degree**, I took a research internship in a laboratory where I studied interactions between proteins... And then I understood that I want to **pursue my career in** biochemistry or molecular biology.

Can you describe yourself as a good student?

→ *Well*, overall, I think I am a good student. ... I am not an **eager beaver**, nor the **teacher's pet**... but I'm good at scientific subjects and, *most importantly*, I like studying.

Do you study English now?

→ Yes, *of course*. I've taken **an intensive course** this year, where I've **attend classes** three times a week... And I **plan on pursuing** my studies in the future, too...

Did you enjoy/Do you enjoy studying at school?

→ I've never really liked school... I'm not a **bookworm** and a lot of humanities subjects seemed too boring to me. *However*, the **workload** was not too big... The other good thing about school is being able to see your friends. And *fortunately*, I had wonderful classmates.

PART 2:

Describe a period of time from your studies that was the most difficult for you so far. You should say:

- When it was
- Why was it hard
- What you were doing at that time

→ I would like to talk about my last school year. It was really difficult due to **enormous amounts** of homework I had to do and all the exams I had to prepare for... Em, so I studied hard, having no time to **goof around** ... *Moreover*, I forgot a lot of things from the school curriculum, that's why I had to do a lot of revision... *But despite* the tough preparation, I managed to **set aside some time** to rest and interact with my friends and family... *After all*, my efforts were not **in vain**... I passed all the exams well and was admitted to the university of my dreams.

PART 3:

What are some essential qualities every teacher should have?

- *As for me*, every teacher should be able to **catch student's attention**. It is very important to make your subject interesting to others... *Also*, a teacher should be a **subject specialist** and a kind, helpful person..

What are some pros of studying on a distance learning course?

- *To be honest*, I think it's very advantageous to study in such a way... It gives you more time flexibility, especially if you have a job... *Not to mention* that it is **fairly cheap**, compared to **face-to-face classes**...

Does everybody get equal opportunities to study?

- *Definitely not*. I think it really depends on the country you live in... *Moreover*, it depends on your **financial capabilities**... Some schools and universities are just too expensive... Only a **small fraction** of people can afford to study there.

TOPIC 3: TECHNOLOGY

PART 1

Do you use any gadgets on a daily basis?

- Yes, *surely* I do... *Although* I don't consider myself a **geek**, I quite enjoy using all the new items like laptops and smartphones... *All in all*, we're living in the **computer age** and it's impossible to ignore **cutting-edge** technology.

How often do you use Internet?

- I use the Internet every day... It helps me with my studies, and it entertains me when I'm down... **Surfing the Internet** is my hobby... *I also* frequently use the World Wide Web for communication purposes... *Though* I don't like **social media** like Facebook, I often use **video conferencing** for talking.

Do you own a computer? If so, how often do you use it and for what purposes?

- Yes, I have a personal computer and a laptop... I use my laptop *mainly* for education... It is very light and fits in my bag easily, *so* I take it with me to school... *Meanwhile*, my PC

has a **large screen** and convenient keyboard, so I use it for **word processing** and **browsing websites**. It is an old, but still **well-oiled machine**...

PART 2

Describe your favourite gadget. You should say:

- What is it
- When did you get it
- How often do you use it and say why is it so important to you

→ I don't own many gadgets... I have a PC, laptop and a smartphone and I can't imagine my life without either of those... *However*, my laptop is the most important piece of technology for me... I got it as a birthday present from my parents a few years ago and I use it nearly every day now. *Although at first* using it was like **rocket science** for me, after a few weeks I was able to do everything I needed... From **browsing websites** to **reinstalling the operating system**... *What's more*, without my laptop I wouldn't be able to do my homework for the university... *Also*, I use it for **surfing the Internet** and finding whatever I want, whether it is a piece of code for my project or a useful tip on how to cook a steak... *Generally*, my laptop became an **essential** device for me...

PART 3:

Do you think we need to know much about computers?

→ *Well*... Not too much, but there is definitely a couple of essential things everyone should know. *First of all*, you need to know how to **enter a web address**... how to **navigate websites**... It is very important nowadays to be able to **surf the net** for the information you need...

What is the most impactful piece of technology in our lives?

→ *In my point of view*, the Internet is the most important technological advance of our time... It gives us so many new opportunities to discover anything we want about our world! You just need to **boot up** your computer and **go online**... And with wireless networks at home and public **Wi-Fi hotspots** we can do it easily and almost everywhere.

How computers affect our everyday life?

- In a positive way, certainly. They help with so many things, starting from writing and printing your own essay and ending with developing advanced programs and digital editing... Without computers studying would have been time-consuming and inefficient...

How effective is the use of computers in the classroom?

- Hmm... *in my opinion*, using computers in the classroom is very effective. *I think* it is important for students **to become competent in the use of computers** to prepare them for the workplace ... *you know*, computers are used everywhere in the workplace now. *But...* I also think that having computers so easily available gives teachers the opportunity to introduce students to the variety of information on the Internet.

TOPIC 4: FAMILY

PART 1

How many people are there in your family?

- We're a family of four, including my parents, my younger brother, and myself. This makes us a **nuclear family**. Though we're not a large family, we're quite **close-knit** and supportive of one another.

Are there many different types of families in your country?

- Yes, definitely. In my country, there's a wide variety of family structures. While traditional nuclear families are still common, we also have **single-parent families, blended families, extended families, and same-sex families**. Each type of family has its own unique dynamics and plays an important role in our society.

How do you spend time with your family?

- We spend a lot of time together as a family. We usually have dinner together every evening, which allows us to talk about our day and share any updates. On weekends, we often go for **outings** to nearby parks or beaches, or sometimes we just stay at home and play board games or watch movies together. Overall, spending **quality time** with my family is something I really enjoy and look forward to.

What types of task do you do to assist your family members?

- ➔ I help my family members with various tasks around the house, such as cooking meals, doing household chores like cleaning and laundry, and running errands such as grocery shopping. Additionally, I provide **assistance** with technology-related issues, help with homework or school projects for younger siblings, and offer **emotional support** whenever needed.

PART 2

Describe a memorable family celebration or event that you attended. You should say:

- What the event was
- When and where it took place
- Who was present at the event
- And explain why this event was memorable for you.

- ➔ Well, one of the most memorable family celebrations that I attended was my grandparents' **golden wedding anniversary**. It was a truly special occasion for our entire family.

The event took place about three years ago, in my hometown, which is a small rural area in the countryside. We held the celebration at a local **banquet hall**, which we decorated with golden-themed decorations to mark the significance of the occasion.

All my **extended family members** were present at the event, including my grandparents, my parents, my aunts and uncles, and my cousins. It was a rare opportunity for us to all come together and celebrate such a momentous milestone in my grandparents' lives.

This event was particularly **memorable** for me because it was a beautiful testament to the **enduring love and commitment** that my grandparents have shared for fifty years. Seeing them surrounded by their children, grandchildren, and friends, all gathered to honor their love, was incredibly touching.

Moreover, the celebration provided an opportunity for our family to **reconnect** and create **lasting memories together**. We laughed, we reminisced about old times, and we celebrated not just my grandparents' anniversary, but also the strong bonds that hold our family together.

Overall, attending my grandparents' golden wedding anniversary was a **heartwarming experience** that reminded me of the importance of family and the power of love to unite us all.

PART 3:

What role do you think grandparents play in the family?

- Grandparents often serve as **pillars of wisdom and experience** within the family. They provide guidance, support, and **unconditional love** to both their children and grandchildren. Moreover, they help **bridge the generation gap** by sharing stories and traditions from their own past.

How has the concept of family changed in recent years?

- The concept of family has evolved significantly in recent years. Traditional nuclear families are no longer the norm, as more diverse family structures are becoming increasingly common. This includes single-parent households, blended families, and same-sex parents. Additionally, advancements in technology have allowed families to stay connected across long distances through video calls and social media.

Do you think it's better to have a small or large family? Why?

- I believe that the ideal family size varies for each individual and depends on factors such as **personal preferences**, **cultural norms**, and **socioeconomic status**. While some people may prefer the intimacy and closeness of a small family, others may enjoy the support and camaraderie that come with a larger family. Ultimately, what matters most is the quality of relationships within the family, rather than the quantity of members.

What are the benefits of spending quality time with family?

- Spending **quality time** with family has numerous benefits, both for individuals and for the family unit as a whole. It strengthens **bonds**, fosters communication, and creates lasting memories. Moreover, it provides emotional support, reduces stress, and promotes a sense of belonging and security. Ultimately, these shared experiences contribute to overall happiness and well-being.

TOPIC 5: DAILY ROUTINE

PART 1:

When do you wake up?

- Well, I'm a **morning riser**, and I wake up at about 5 o'clock. Getting up early not only makes me feel refreshed and productive but also **prevents my skin from having** wrinkles.

What is your daily routine?

- Well, in the morning, I get up early to have a light breakfast and **hit the gym** at about 8 a.m. After one hour of workout, I leave the gym club and go to the supermarket to buy food to prepare lunch and dinner. In the afternoon and evening, I go to my workplace and start working from 14.00.p.m until 21.00.p.m.

What part of the day do you like most?

- I enjoy it late at night when I come home from work, and everything is filled with dim grey light. To me, it's a great time to **kick back** on the bed to **chit-chat** with my roommates, surf the Internet, listen to music, or watch a favourite movie.

What's the difference in routine between you and your teenage times?

- Well, I can say that there's a **vast difference** between my life then and my present life. You know, when I was a teenager, besides **focusing on** study, I had much free time to pursue my interests like watching films or listening to music. In contrast, my routine and time management have become stricter now. Since I graduated from university and began working as an English teacher, I've been so occupied with my work that I have little leisure time.

PART 2:

Describe an occasion when you got up very early. You should say :

- When did it happen?
- Why did you get up early?
- Who were you with?
- Explain how you felt about getting up early.

- I am **from the lot** who love burning the **night owl**. For me, it is easier to stay awake till late than to get up early in the morning. However, there was this one time when I had to get up quite early. I got up at 4 a.m, even before dawn and the time was last summer.

During summer, my family had planned a weekend trip to Rishikesh, a beautiful city located in Uttarakhand. My father is exceptionally disciplined and an ardent follower of time. He doesn't like anybody wasting even a second. Thus, he decided that we were to have a road trip that commenced at 6 am.

At sharp 6 am, all of us – I, my sister, and my parents began our journey. The early start was indeed a plus point as it gave us extra time to spend in Rishikesh, indulging in varying activities.

While the timing was a bit of a disappointment, the entire idea of a road trip to Rishikesh was the highlight that kept me **exhilarated**. So, I desperately tried sleeping early on a Friday night but to **no avail**. Anyway, I still managed to wake up at 4 in the morning on a Saturday, which was pretty unusual for me. **Owing to** this journey, I realized the importance of getting up early.

PART 3:

Do you think people need to have a day-to-day plan? | Do you think people can still do their tasks if they don't plan them?

- ➔ Yes, because **a day-to-day plan** is key to effective time management. If you have a clear plan for the day, you can make the most of your time and accomplish other tasks of the day. In my opinion, not everyone needs a plan. Few can still do their daily tasks without a plan.

Do you think it is possible to learn how to manage your time?

- ➔ Yes! I plan my tasks for the day and implement them accordingly which helps me to manage my time. One can learn to manage their time by **setting goals** and prioritizing them wisely. It's better to set a time limit for each task and complete it at the earliest.

What are some possible advantages of using a time management app for your phone to help you plan your time?

- ➔ Some of the possible advantages of time management apps are that we can quickly review the profitability of our projects, prioritize and deliver work on time, reduce our stress levels, make bill payments on time, and so on. The time management app would be ideal for understanding all the extra budgets as well. **Hence**, they are productive and effective.

Why do you think some people don't plan their day in advance?

- ➔ Some people **avoid planning** their day **in advance** because they are worried that their plan won't work or is not good enough. While some people are good at planning, they **procrastinate** when it comes to implementing the same.