KEY (KET): SPEAKING

Part 1 (5-6 minutes)

The examiner will ask each of you questions about yourself. In this part you will talk directly to the examiner. If you do not understand the question, ask for it to be repeated.

Don’t worry about making mistakes. It is better to say something than to say nothing, as if you do not say anything the examiner cannot give you any marks. So if the examiner asks you, for example, if you play a sport, do not simply answer ‘Yes’, but explain which sport you like, when and where you play it and why you like it.

The tests are timed so don’t worry if the examiner stops you.

Think about the sort of questions you could be asked, but do not memorize pre-prepared answers as they will probably not sound very natural. Be ready to talk about your hobbies, job, where you live, your family, etc.

The examiner will ask you to spell your name so practise spelling all parts of your name and make sure you can do it perfectly.

Part 2 (3-4 minutes)

The examiner will give candidate A some information on a card and say, for example, ‘You have some information about a cinema’. At this point, read the information and make sure you understand it. Candidate B will then be told, for example: ‘Imagine you do not know anything about the cinema so ask A some questions. Here is a card to help you.’ On the card will be question prompts such as: where/cinema?, name/film?, time/film?, parking?, children/price?. When A and B have asked and answered the five bullet point questions, the examiner will take back the cards. The roles will then be reversed, with B receiving an information card and A a question card. For this part of the test you will face your partner and not the examiner.

Take a few seconds to read and understand the information. The examiner will tell you when you can start.

If you do not understand the way your partner has asked you the question, ask him/her to repeat it.

When listening to your partner’s questions, try to reply making natural conversation.