

## SPEAKING – ADVANCED LEVEL (B2)

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- You will do both tasks of the oral exam in pairs – or, sometimes, in groups of three.
- You will have time to read the instructions and information so as to concentrate on what you have to do / say before the oral exam takes place. You might want to take down a few notes / guidelines which you can have a brief look at during your performance.
- If you want your performance to be recorded you are kindly requested to let the examiners know in advance. Remember that you will be recorded anyway if one of you should want to.
- If you need any further information / explanation about the tasks, please ask the EOI staff in charge who will hand out the oral tasks prior to the exam.
- The exam consists of an **introduction and two tasks**:

<b>INTRODUCTION</b> You and your partner introduce yourselves briefly both to the examiners and to each other. No marks are given at this stage.	1 min.
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<b>TASK 1: INDIVIDUAL LONG TURN</b>  You are expected to talk to the other candidate(s) about a topic. To help you, you'll be given a photograph (which you can refer to, but <u>not</u> describe in detail) and some guidelines.  Candidate 1: Presentation  Candidate 2: Presentation  Candidates should listen carefully to their partner's presentation of the topic, as afterwards they will be asked their opinion about the issue.	<b>TIME</b>  2-3 min.  2-3 min.
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<b>TASK 2: DISCUSSION</b>  You are expected to discuss a current issue with your partner(s). You'll both be given the same task sheet, i.e., photographs which introduce different aspects of the topic and some questions. It is important to justify your points of view as well as to listen to what your partner says and react (agree, disagree, add ideas, offer solutions or suggestions...)	<b>TIME</b>  7- 8 min.
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<b>ASSESSMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The total score you can obtain for Section D, Speaking, is 30 marks, distributed as follows:</li><li>- Task 1: 15 marks</li><li>- Task 2: 15 marks</li></ul> You will have to get a minimum of <b>20 marks</b> to pass this section.
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