

IELTS Speaking September to December 2021

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Part 0

1. Hi. Could you show me your identification card please?

Hello! Sure, here it is.

2. Could you tell me your full name please?

My full name is Xxx. I have an English name, Xxx.

3. What shall I call you?

You may call me Xxx.

4. Do you work or are you a student?

Presently, I'm a student. I'm a third year university student in Xxx.

5. What subject are you studying?

I'm studying marketing.

Part 1

Tips:

- *The examiner will ask you questions on familiar topics such as family, interests, studies, work, etc.*
- *The examiner will quickly introduce topics with phrases such as "Let's talk about music now." Listen carefully when the examiner announces the topic because such information can help you anticipate the next questions.*

In answering part 1 questions, you may follow this format:

- answer the question directly or general idea
- provide an explanation/example or a specific idea

Apps (new topic 9-12 月 2021)

1. What was the first app you used?

Model Answer 1:

No doubt, it's WeChat. And I'm proud to say that I was the one who introduced this app to my family and friends. I mean, it all started from me. I first **downloaded** this and found it to be really **functional** and recommended it to my parents and besties. Right now, it's the most used app here in my country.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **download** - to copy or move programs or information into a computer's memory, especially from the internet or a larger computer, or to be moved in this way
- 2) **functional** - designed to be practical and useful rather than attractive

Model Answer 2:

I can't remember actually because I'm not into using apps. You see, I'm not really a **techy** person. But thinking about it now, maybe it's the Bilibili. I remember I asked my friends what app I could use to watch interesting and funny videos and they **suggested** me this mobile software.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **techy** - a person who is very knowledgeable or enthusiastic about technology and especially high technology
- 2) **suggest** - to mention an idea, possible plan, or action for other people to consider

2. What kinds of apps are you usually interested in?

Model Answer 1:

I like apps that allow me to **interact** with others such as WeChat and Weibo because I'm really an **outgoing person**. I like checking my feed and chatting with my friends about the latest trends online. What's more, currently, because of the pandemic, social media apps like these made connecting with the rest of the world easier and faster.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **interact** - to communicate with or react to
- 2) **outgoing person** - friendly and energetic and finding it easy and enjoyable to be with others

Model Answer 2:

I love apps that let me watch random videos, series, or variety shows such as Bilibili, iQiyi, and so on. Spending my leisure time using these apps **ease** my mind and allow me to forget my problems even for a while. You know, whenever I become too tired working on something, I take a break for a few minutes and check some **viral** videos online. It really boosts my **productivity**.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **ease** - the state of experiencing no difficulty, effort, pain, etc.
- 2) **viral** - used to describe something that quickly becomes very popular or well known by being published on the internet or sent from person to person by email, phone, etc.
- 3) **productivity** - the rate at which a person, company, or country does useful work

3. What apps have you recently used?

Model Answer 1:

As I said, I've been using WeChat a lot recently. Through this app, we can chat with

our loved ones anytime and anywhere we want and we can even connect with strangers from all over the world. Plus, because of this app, sending audio messages and making video calls is just **one click away**. And you know, there are also many cute **emojis** that you can use when sending a message. All in all, it has a lot of useful features.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **one click away** - you can get it or do it in an instant on your computer or phone
- 2) **emojis** - a representation of a facial expression formed by various combinations of keyboard characters and used to convey the writer's feelings or intended tone

Model Answer 2:

Well, it's Bilibili. Lately, I've been so busy preparing for my tests, and every time I rest, I'd open the app and **browse** videos of all kinds— those **clips** that would make you laugh out loud and those that would just move you. They're either entertaining or **heart-warming**.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **browse** - to look at information on the internet
- 2) **clip** - a short part of a film or video shown alone
- 3) **heart-warming** - (especially of an event, action, or story) seeming to be something positive and good and therefore causing feelings of pleasure and happiness

4. What kinds of apps would you like to use in the future?

Model Answer 1:

I guess I would go for apps that will make my life easier like apps that can process all my **transactions** online without any worries at all. It may sound lazy but nowadays people are too busy to **exert** some effort in managing payments or other **matters** on their own so they need some help on that.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **transaction** - an occasion when someone buys or sells something, or when money is exchanged or the activity of buying or selling something
- 2) **exert** - to cause yourself to make an effort
- 3) **matter** - a situation or subject that is being dealt with or considered

Model Answer 2:

I would like to use an app wherein I can **access** everything just by using my phone just like the **locks** in my house and I can check my home even though I'm outside. I know it is already available in some parts of the world but I wish it could be available for everyone for **security purposes**.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **access** - the right or opportunity to use or look at something
- 2) **lock** - a device that prevents something such as a door from being opened and can only be opened with a key
- 3) **security purposes** - the purpose of preventing misappropriation or theft of a thing of value, including tangible and intangible goods, services



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Colors (new topic 9-12 月 2021)

1. What's your favorite color?

Model Answer 1:

Well, if I were to choose one among the **color spectrum**, blue is definitely my top choice. I just love all shades of blue as it reminds me of the sky and the ocean. Also, it makes me feel calm as it **evokes** a sense of peace and relaxation.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **color spectrum** - the distribution of colors produced when light is dispersed by a prism
- 2) **evoke** - to make someone remember something or feel an emotion

Model Answer 2:

Black is my favorite because it's a mysterious color that's usually associated with power. And, despite the negative **connotations** attached to it, I still think it **oozes** sophistication. On top of that, it's a color that channels confidence and independence.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **connotation** - a feeling or idea that is suggested by a particular word although it need not be a part of the word's meaning, or something suggested by an object or situation
- 2) **ooze** - give a powerful impression of (a quality)

2. What's the color you dislike? Why?

Model Answer 1:

I've never thought about that before but, I don't think there's a color I find boring or **unappealing**. Well, although there are some that do not suit my type of **aesthetics**, I believe all colors are unique and special in their own way.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **unappealing** - not attractive or interesting
- 2) **aesthetic** - An aesthetic object or a work of art is one that shows great beauty

Model Answer 2:

Absolutely, I have a strong hatred for **neon** colors. They are too bright for my eyes and too **saturated** for my taste. Besides, they're too **flashy** and unflattering that I don't even think they complement any skin tone.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **neon** - brightly glowing, electrified glass tubes or bulbs
- 2) **saturated** - (of color) very bright, full, and free from an admixture of white
- 3) **flashy** - ostentatiously attractive or impressive

3. What colors do your friends like most?

Model Answer 1:

I used to ask my friends this question when we were kids and I remember most of them chose blue, red, or yellow. **Back then** we're only familiar with the **primary colors**, so we didn't have many choices. Now that I'm older, I don't ask my friends this kind of question anymore. But based on my observation, they like almost all **shades** from the **color spectrum**

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **back then** - during that period of time

- 2) **primary colors** - basic colors that can be mixed together to produce other colors
- 3) **shade** - a type or degree of a color
- 4) **colour spectrum** - the distribution of colors produced when light is dispersed by a prism

Model Answer 2:

Honestly, I never talk about this topic to my friends. It's kind of **embarrassing**. I mean, we're too old for that. **More often than not**, this can be a hard question to answer since we know and explore various shades from **pastel** colors to **lurid** colors.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **embarrassing** - making you feel embarrassed
- 2) **more often than not** - happening more than half the time
- 3) **pastel** - a color that is pale and soft
- 4) **lurid** - too brightly colored

4. What color in your room makes you uncomfortable?

Model Answer 1:

Well, that thought **never crossed my mind**. Nothing, I guess? I mean, I have a small room with a very simple decoration. My furniture is mostly in **earth colors** and my wall is painted **baby blue**. These colors have a calming and relaxing effect on me. Plus, I don't think someone would style their room with a color they don't like.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **never crossed my mind** - if you say that an idea never crossed your mind, you mean that you did not think of it
- 2) **earth colors** - any of various rich colors containing some brown
- 3) **baby blue** - a pale shade of blue

Model Answer 2:

Oh, I don't have any. But I don't like rooms with strong, bright colors such as neon colors. Yes, they can have a powerful effect on emotions like they can make you feel **energized** or **alert** but they can be so **irritating** to the eyes. So, I never choose any item or stay long in a place that is bright-colored.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **energize** - to make someone feel energetic or eager
- 2) **alert** - quick to see, understand, and act in a particular situation
- 3) **irritating** - making you feel annoyed



Part 2

Tips:

- *The examiner will give you a task card about a particular topic and you will talk about it for one to two minutes.*
- *The examiner will give you one minute to prepare the talk and will provide you with a pencil and paper to make notes.*

In answering part 2 questions, you may follow this format:

- introduce the topic
- answer each sub-topic in the topic card and give a lot of details
- conclude (optional)

Describe a businessman you admire (new topic 9-12 月 2021)

You should say:

Who this person is;

How you knew this person;

What kinds of business this person does; and

Why you admire this person.

Key Ideas:

- your favorite business magnate
- who he/she is - Ma Huateng/ Pony Ma, co-founder/chairman/CEO of Tencent Holdings Ltd.
- how you know him or her - he owns the messaging app WeChat
- what he/she like - visionary; risk taker
- why he/she is your favorite singer/actor - he is a key person in shaping China's social media platforms; a smart person who knows what the public wants; made life easier

Model Answer:

I would like to talk about my favorite **magnate**. His name is Ma Huateng, but people refer to him as Pony Ma, the co-founder, chairman, and CEO of Tencent Holdings Ltd.

I first heard about him way back in 2011 when I saw a commercial about this new messaging app called WeChat. Because I was **skeptical**, I decided to look for more information about this app and I saw his name. I found out that Pony Ma is no **newbie** in the field of telecommunications since he and his classmates co-founded Tencent way back in 1998. As I read his **biography**, I could say that his road to success was not a **smooth sailing** experience as he and the company

faced legal **disputes** and issues. However, he and his team were not **fazed** by these challenges and it only made them stronger. Being a **visionary**, he decided to extend the app's service from messaging services to **launching** an online gaming platform.

For me, a big **risk taker** like Pony Ma deserves all the recognition that he gets. He is considered a key person in shaping the telecommunications and business companies in China. He is a wise man who knows how to listen to what the public wants and continues to improve his craft. With his brilliant mind, he has made our lives easier by making an app with lots of functions and features. This is why Ma Huateng is my favorite business person.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **magnate** - a person who is very rich and successful in business or industry
- 2) **skeptical** - doubting that something is true or useful
- 3) **newbie** - someone who has just started doing an activity or job
- 4) **biography** - the life story of a person written by someone else
- 5) **smooth sailing** - to be easy and without problems
- 6) **dispute** - an argument or disagreement
- 7) **fazed** - to surprise and worry someone
- 8) **visionary** - a person who has the ability to imagine how something will develop in the future
- 9) **launch** - to begin something such as a plan or introduce something new such as a product
- 10) **risk-taker** - someone who often takes risks



Similar Topic:

Tips:

- You may consider grouping similar Part 2 topics and use similar ideas when answering.
- You may modify some ideas to make them suitable to the topic.

Describe a time when you saw something interesting on social media (old topic 5-8 月 2021)

You should say:

- When it was;
- Where you saw it;
- What you saw; and
- Why you think it was interesting.

Model Answer:

I would like to share with you an article I have read years about. It was about Ma Huateng also known as Pony Ma, the co-founder, chairman, and CEO of Tencent Holdings Ltd.

I remember way back in 2011, I saw an article about the life story of Pony Ma. Because I was **skeptical**, I decided to look for more information about this person. I found out that he is no **newbie** in the field of telecommunications since he and his classmates co-founded Tencent way back in 1998. As I read his **biography**, I could say that his road to success was not a **smooth sailing** experience as he and the company faced legal **disputes** and issues. However, he and his team were not **fazed** by these challenges and it only made them stronger. Being a **visionary**, he decided to extend the business's service from messaging to **launching** an online gaming platform.

This article made me realize how rare it is to find a **risk-taker** like Pony Ma. Because of his contributions, he became a key person in shaping the telecommunications and business companies in China. With his brilliant mind, he has made our lives easier by making an app with lots of functions and features. Not only that, he is a wise man who knows how to listen to what the public wants and continues to innovate his craft. So, this is an interesting article I have read online.

Part 3

Tips:

- *The examiner will ask you questions related to the Part 2 topic in a more general and abstract way. Most questions are abstract ideas and these are suitable for discussion.*
- *The examiner will try to speak to you as if the two of you are having a discussion. Thus, always give several ideas or talk about the topics from different perspectives.*

In answering part 3 questions, you may follow this format:

- answer the question directly
- give one or two or more general ideas
- provide one or two or more an explanation or examples or specific ideas
- answer again (optional)

1. What do you think is the retirement age for men and women?

Model Answer:

I believe that the age of 55 is **sufficient** for male workers, while 50 is appropriate for female workers. It must be too early in comparison to other countries, but remember that in China, most adults always work more than 10 hours a day and are only given a limited amount of vacation time to relax. So, in my opinion, they deserve to be **compensated** for this by receiving early retirement, especially women who **bear** a heavy **burden** due to other responsibilities at home that they must attend to.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **sufficient** - enough for a particular purpose
- 2) **compensate** - to provide something good or useful in place of something or to make someone feel better about something that has failed or been lost or missed
- 3) **bear** - to accept, tolerate or endure something, especially something unpleasant
- 4) **burden** - a difficult situation or unpleasant responsibility that you must deal with or worry about

2. What kind of qualities do people need to run their own business?

Model Answer:

Running a business is a risky and difficult step, which **necessitates vital** qualities. To begin, if you want to run a business, you must be persistent. You will undoubtedly face numerous challenges and fail several times. As a result, you must be determined to succeed. In addition, you must be **self-assured** when **confronted** with failures. Furthermore, you must be **adept** at communicating with **prospective** customers, suppliers, and, most importantly, employees. People want to work with owners they can trust, so making a good first impression is critical.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **necessitate** - to cause something to be needed, or to make something necessary
- 2) **vital** - necessary for the success or continued existence of something; extremely important
- 3) **self-assured** - having confidence in your own abilities
- 4) **confronted** - having to deal with something or someone that you find difficult or threatening
- 5) **adept** - having a natural ability to do something that needs skill
- 6) **prospective** - possible

3. What do you think are the key factors that contribute to the success of a business?

Model Answer:

Aiming for a successful business is quite challenging so for me, success would demand three key elements. The first **prerequisite** would be **exceptional** decision-making and planning. In any business, developing **strategic** plans for achieving your objectives is **critical**. Then there's the outstanding leadership with effective communication and management. Without this, quality work cannot be **guaranteed**, which is ultimately the most **crucial** factor in ensuring a successful business. Hence, everything will be a total failure in the end if there is no continuous quality improvement, great marketing, and customer service.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **prerequisite** - something that must exist or happen before something else can exist or happen
- 2) **exceptional** - (used in questions and negatives) to be annoyed or worried by something
- 3) **strategic** - to obtain or begin to have something
- 4) **critical** - to try to develop and improve something
- 5) **guaranteed** - used to say that something is sure to happen or be true
- 6) **crucial** - extremely important or necessary

4. If you had the opportunity to have your own business, what business would it be? Why?

Model Answer:

Well, after giving it some thought, I suppose owning an online store might be beneficial. As you may be aware, we are still facing a **pandemic threat**, and people are **frightened** to go outside. As a result, many prefer to buy products online or order takeout using their phones, which is more convenient than going to a physical store. In fact, online **commerce** is very popular in China these days. Therefore, I think, if possible, maybe I could give it a try.

Useful Vocabulary:

- 1) **pandemic** - (of a disease) existing in almost all of an area or in almost all of a group of people, animals, or plants
- 2) **threat** - the possibility that something unwanted will happen, or a person or thing that is likely to cause something unwanted to happen
- 3) **frightened** - feeling fear or worry
- 4) **commerce** - the activities involved in buying and selling things

Homework

- Think of other topics that you could group with the topics: Describe a businessman you admire and Describe a time when you saw something interesting on social media. Try to use the ideas discussed in this material in your chosen topics.
- Learn and use in a sentence or in your own answers the useful vocabulary discussed in this material.