

# **BULATS – Speaking Test**

## Part 1 – Interview (typical questions)

### Section 1 – Introduction

- Do you come from a large family?
- Who do you live with?
- Are you married?
- Do you have any children?
- Where do you live?
- Do you live in a house or an apartment? Can you describe it?
- Where do you work?
- How do you go to work?
- How long does it take to get to work?

### Section 2 – Current work

- Can you tell me more about your job?
- What is your position in your company?
- Do you work alone or in a team?
- How many people do you work with?
- What is your office like?
- Do you travel in your job? Where do you have to go, and why?

### Section 4 – Travel

- What places have you visited in Brazil?
- Were these visits for work or pleasure?
- Which of these places did you like the best, and why?
- Have you ever travelled outside of Brazil?
- Which foreign countries have you been to?
- Can you describe the experience of being in a foreign country?

### Section 5 – Language learning

- For how many years have you studied English?
- Where have you studied English?
- Have you been to an English-speaking country? If so, which one?
- What do you like best about learning a foreign language?
- What other languages do you speak?

### Section 6 – Future career prospects

- How do you intend to develop your career during the next 5 years?
- Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?
- Do you intend to do any more studies? If so, what will you study?
- Do you intend to take any more professional qualifications? If so, which ones?

### Section 7 – Interests

- What do you like to do at the weekends?
- What do you like to do during the week after work?
- Where do you normally go on holiday?

## Part 2 - Presentation

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all THREE topics below carefully.

Choose **ONE** which you feel you will be able to talk about for one minute.

You have one minute to read and prepare your talk.  
You may take notes.

#### **Topic A**

Describe an unsuccessful business meeting you attended.

You should say:

- what it was about;
- why it was not successful;
- what you would have done to improve it.

#### **Topic B**

Describe your current working environment.

You should say:

- what it is like;
- what people do there;
- why you think it is a good environment.

#### **Topic C**

Describe a journey you have done for your company.

You should say:

- where you went;
- why you went;
- if it was a successful or unsuccessful trip – explain why.

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## Part 3 – Communicative Activity

### **Information Exchange**

You have noticed that one of your employees often arrives late at work. The Examiner is the employee and has arrived late today too.

Find out this information:

- i) the reason for his tardiness
- ii) if he needs anything from you to help him
- iii) if he is likely to continue to be late

Do you think that the employee deserves:

- a) sympathy and understanding
- b) to be fired
- c) some time off to resolve the problem

### **Discussion**

What personality traits make a good boss?