

Speaking Exam:

Directions: In the test, you will give your opinion about a specific topic on your life events. You will state your personal opinions and express support for the opinion with relevant reasons, examples or illustrations, in an organized and comprehensive way.

The questions are as follows:

1. What are your three most important goals in life right now?
2. What are your goals in the next five years?
3. What are some of the most important lessons you have learned over the course of your life?
4. What major challenges and problems do you have in your life?
5. What was your goal when you studied for your master's degree and how did you achieve that goal?
6. If you could turn back time, what life event would you change?
7. What was your biggest accomplishment in life?

Examination

Directions: Choose the latest local or international news story you have read or listened to, then explain your answers to the following questions with reference to this news.

1. Where did you get the news from? What is the source?
2. What type of news is it?
3. What is the news about?
4. When did the event happen?
5. Where did the event take place?
6. Why did this get your attention?
7. Is there another story from an equally reputable source that puts this news in a different context?
8. How is this event any different from the last time an event like it occurred?
9. What kind of essential topics and perspectives are missing in this news, if any? Why?
10. What have you heard about this event or story from other people but which isn't mentioned in the news? If you haven't heard anything about it from another person, what assumptions do you have about what happened or how things happened that are not stated in the news itself?

Speaking

Guided questions for Thai culture

1. In your opinion, what are the main characteristics of Thai people?
2. If you are a host and a group of your friends from China are coming to Thailand, what advice are you giving to them?
3. Which places are you recommending tourists to visit? And why?
4. What clothing is proper to wear when paying a visit at the Grand Palace?
5. If your foreign friends are asking you to explain about Patpong and Silom, what would you say?
6. What should tourists buy as a souvenir back home?
7. What is your recommendation about the night life in Bangkok?
8. Is it dangerous at night in Bangkok?
9. Is it dangerous to travel to the south of Thailand?
10. Where is Thailand's best street food? What menu are you recommending?
11. What is considered really rude in Thailand?
12. How would you explain the use of “krup ครับ” and “khaค่ะ” to tourists?
13. Taxi and Tuk-TuK drivers mostly do not speak good English and other languages apart from Thai. What would you suggest them do when they are travelling in Bangkok?
14. Why do Thai people in the open area, such as, Jatujak Weekend Market need to stand still for the national anthem at 8 am and 6 pm?
15. How would you explain to foreigners about the pre-movie tradition of standing and paying respect to the King while the Royal Anthem plays in the movie theater?