Study Questions for Intermediate Conversation Rob Whyte Spring 2017

Midterm Exam General

- speaking test
- check ability to speak fluently and accurately
- check your understanding of vocabulary
- check your ability to explain reasons with logic
- about 6-7 minutes per person

Question 1 Vocabulary (1 minute)

- vocabulary comprehension
- I say 3-4 words, you give me a quick definition
- word list includes 64 words vocabulary list from quiz #2 plus a few others
- random selection

Question 2 Moral Dilemma (1-2 minutes)

- listen to the question
- explain your choice with good reasons
- talk about why the counter argument might not be right
- I will ask follow up questions
- We discussed three kinds of reasons to explain moral action in week 9. (i.e. consequences, action, intention)

Here are the two moral dilemma questions. You will get one of these (random).

Moral Dilemma 1

A university asked you to choose one student to receive a scholarship. There are two students. Student A has better grades and comes from a middle class family. Student B has lower grades and comes from a poor family.

Who gets the scholarship? Explain with reasons.

Moral Dilemma 2

A streetcar is driving downhill on a track. The streetcar can't stop because the brakes were damaged by a crazy man. Down the track, six old, poor, homeless people are waiting in a fear. They are tied to the track by the same crazy guy.

Here's the good news. You can save the six people from death by turning a switch, which will send the streetcar down a different track. Unfortunately, there is one person, who happens to be a world famous doctor, tied to that track.

What do you do: turn the switch or nothing? Explain with reasons.

Question 3 Mini Speech (2 minutes)

- speak fluently about a topic
- you will get one topic
- use long, full sentences with lots of details
- expect follow up questions

Here are two topics with suggested questions to help you make a great answer. You will get one of these topics in the exam (random). Short answers with incomplete information, such as "I don't know, I'm not sure" will result in a low grade.

Topic 1: A Special Thing

What's one thing you shouldn't miss on a visit to? Use the text on page 22 as a model.

You should:

- describe the thing that you like in great detail
- say where it can be found (i.e. neighborhood, city or country)
- explain why it is so good or special

Topic 2: 2 proverbs

Use the stories and questions on pages 28 and 29 to help you create a long, proper mini-speech. You will discuss 2 proverbs: one from your own country and one from another place.

You should:

- tell me the proverbs
- describe why they are memorable
- explain the messages they teach us
- discuss what we can learn about different cultures with the proverbs

Question 4 Q&A (2 minutes)

Make an interesting answer with long sentences and lots of details. Expect a few follow up questions. This is your chance to show that you can be descriptive in the English language.

- 1. Describe how ideas about good manners have changed over the past few years. Be specific.
- 2. Describe a sporting event that you attended.
- 3. Describe a happy moment from your childhood.
- 4. Tell me about the types of food that people eat in your country. Have those food patterns changed over the years?
- 5. How are education priorities today different from those in the past?

Intermediate Conversation Final exam vocabulary review

1. Cash	17. Bargain	33. Moral dilemma
2. Niece	18. Cage	34. Consequences
3. Wedding	19. Election	35. Meritocracy
4. Snake	20. President	36. Compassion
5. Pet	21. Eyelash	37. Shake hands
6. Avalanche	22. Bar	38. Intention
7. Comb	23. Show affection	39. Summarize
8. Not acceptable	24. Ethical Relativism	40. Culture
9. Choir	25. Thunder	41. Festival
10. Cream	26. Guitar	42. Handicrafts
11. Beard	27. Computer	43. Sculpture
12. View	28. Bucket	44. National anthem
13. Manners	29. Advertisement	45. Silent syllable
14. Suntan	30. Optical illusion	46. Average
15. Cut in line	31. Poster	47. Burp
16. Rhyme	32. Contradict	48. Poem
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