

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 should 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

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash 2. Niece 3. Wedding 4. Snake 5. Pet 6. Avalanche 7. Comb 8. Not acceptable 9. Choir 10. Cream 11. Beard 12. View 13. Manners 14. Suntan 15. Cut in line 16. Rhyme 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. Bargain 18. Cage 19. Election 20. President 21. Eyelash 22. Bar 23. Show affection 24. Ethical Relativism 25. Thunder 26. Guitar 27. Computer 28. Bucket 29. Advertisement 30. Optical illusion 31. Poster 32. Contradict 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 33. Moral dilemma 34. Consequences 35. Meritocracy 36. Compassion 37. Shake hands 38. Intention 39. Summarize 40. Culture 41. Festival 42. Handicrafts 43. Sculpture 44. National anthem 45. Silent syllable 46. Average 47. Burp 48. Poem
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 49. Emerald 50. Keep your voice down 51. Bow 52. Point at people 53. Rude 54. The bill 55. Passive sentence 56. Complain 57. Funeral 58. Server 59. Go abroad 60. Proverb 61. Reply 62. Suburb 63. Stream 64. Invention 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get off 2. Get out of 3. Get it 4. Get over something 5. Get going 6. Get away with 7. Get used to 8. Get the feeling 9. Get through something 10. Get around to 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active versus passive sentence 2. Walk around barefoot 3. To tip 4. To bargain 5. Culture 6. Cut in line 7. Keep your voice down 8. To bow 9. Supposed to do something 10. Extrovert 11. Chitchat 12. Prejudice 13. Bossy