

Preparation for the oral exam

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORAL EXAM

➤ To test students':

- ✓ ability to understand a text / a picture
- ✓ ability to express themselves (fluently)
- ✓ ability to understand an interlocutor (a teacher)
- ✓ ability to make themselves understood
- ✓ level of culture

WHAT SHOULD THE ATTITUDE OF STUDENTS BE?

A. Before the oral exam

- ✓ read English documents regularly (for information, vocabulary...)
- ✓ practise the language outside the classroom (with friends...)
- ✓ revise your vocabulary, grammar, functions, courses and discussion topics
- ✓ listen to English broadcasting radios, etc
- ✓ be active in class and partake the English Club's activities

B. During the exam

1. The reception (in the exam room)

Be ready to answer preliminary questions such as administrative ones (your identity, school, index number...) and current events, etc. *Have you met?*

2. The choice of the text and your preparation work (the draft)

a. Possible expressions the teacher can use:

- ✓ Pick up a sheet, please! *(We pass the information)*
- ✓ Make your choice!
- ✓ Help yourself! *(Don't tell!)*

b. The preparation (confer the paper: How to deal with a text?)

C. The interview (confer the paper: Mise en situation fictive)

SOME PRACTICAL ADVICE

- ⚡ There is no definite method as far as the oral is concerned, so be flexible. After your preparation the teacher can ask you general questions before tackling the text you worked on.
- ⚡ When you don't get what the teacher tells you, you say: "I beg your pardon, Sir." *I could not catch you phrase*
- ⚡ Be clean and simply dressed. Avoid exacerbated make up and perfume.
- ⚡ Be self-controlled whatever could have been said about the examiner's reputation.
- ⚡ Don't be on the defensive and give the impression that you know more than the examiner.
- ⚡ Be humble, respectful and repeat the examiner's correction of your errors.
- ⚡ Avoid suicidal silence.
- ⚡ Leave the examiner with an impression of satisfaction to have been tested by him or her.

CONDUCTING THE BEPC AND BAC ORAL

EXAM

1. Good morning/ afternoon, hello/ hi
2. What's your name/ who are you?
3. Can you spell your name? / How do you spell your name?
4. How are you? / How is it going?
5. What is the date today? / What is today's date?
6. What are you?
7. When were you born?
8. How old are you?
9. Where were you born?
10. Where are you from?
11. What is your ambition in life? / What job would you like to do / what would you like to be?
12. Where do you live?
13. How long have you been living there?
14. What school are you from? / Which school are you from? / Where is it located?
15. Do you speak English outside the classroom?
16. Why do you learn English?
17. Who is your English teacher?
18. Can you tell me the time? / What time is it by your watch?
19. What did you eat yesterday?
20. What did you do yesterday?
21. Where will you spend your next holidays?
22. How many brothers and sisters do you have?
23. What is your father's job? / What is your mother's job?
24. What is your favorite subject?
25. What is your average?
26. What is your favorite past time? / What do you like doing in your spare time?
27. Do you enjoy travelling? Where to? Why?
28. Where would you like to go if you were allowed to go abroad to continue your studies?
29. Do you think men and women are equal?
30. What is the weather like?
31. What food do you like?
32. Who is the president of C.I.? / Who is the previous one? / The first one?
33. Who is the prime minister of C.I.?
34. What is the political capital of C.I.?
35. What is the economical capital of C.I.?
36. What is the official language of C.I.?
37. What is the motto of C.I.?
38. What is the emblem of C.I.?
39. Can you tell your ethnic group?
40. Who is your headmaster?

Sir N'CHO N'CHACOU

ORAL EXAM

- 1- How are you ? How do you do ?
- 2- What's your number, please ?
- 3- What would you like to choose ?
- 4- What's the picture about ?
- 5- What are these pictures about ?
- 6- What can you see in ~~picture~~ this picture?
- 7- What can you see in picture, 1, 2 5 ?
- 8- What's this text about ?
- 9- What's this passage about ?
- 10- What do you think of
- 11- What's the meaning of
- 12- What does this mean ?
- 13- What do you mean by
- 14- What's the synonym for
- 15- What's the opposite of
- 16- What's the French for
- 17- Where do you come from ?
- 18- Where do you live ?
- 19- How far is your house from here ?
- 20- How long does it take to get there ?
- 21- How do you go to school ?
- 22- How long have you been living in Abidjan ?
- 23- How old are you ?
- 24- How long have you been learning English ?
- 25- How long has Ivory Coast been independent ?
- 26- When did Ivory Coast become independent ?
- 27- When were you born ?
- 28- Where were you born ?
- 29- Do you like dancing ?
- 30- When did you last go to dance ?
- 31- How many meals do you have a day ?
- 32- When do you usually have lunch ?
- 33- How many days are there in a month ?
- 34- What time is it, please ? / What's the time ?
- 35- What's the weather like today
- 36- What does your father do for a living ?
- 37- What would you do later on ?
- 38- Would you like to be an air-hostess ?
- 39- Where are you going to spend your holidays ?
- 40- What's your plan for the coming holidays ?
- 41- What would you do, if you passed your exam ?
- 42- What would you like to do, if you succeeded ?
- 43- If you had money, What would you buy ?
- 44- What kind of music do you prefer ?
- 45- Look at me ! What am I doing ?
- 46- Look at this man ! What's he doing ?
- 47- Whose is this ?
- 48- Why is it so cloudy today ?
- 49- What happened in picture 4, 5 ?
- 50- What's wrong with the man, the boy
- 51- What day is it today ?
- 52- What day of the week is it ?
- 53- What day of the month is it ?
- 54- Have you ever been to England, Ghana ?
- 55- How many times have you seen this picture ?

- 1 Fine, thanks / How do you do ?
- 2 My number is
- 3 I would like to choose a picture / a text
- 4 This picture is about
- 5 These pictures are about
- 6 In this picture I can see
- 7 In picture 1, 2; 5, I can see
- 8 This text is about
- 9 This passage is about
- 10 I think that
- 11 The meaning of is ...
- 12 This means (that)
- 13 I mean that
- 14 The synonym for is
- 15 The opposite of is
- 16 The French for is
- 17 I come from Bouaké, Man,
- 18 I live in Marcory, Cocody
- 19 My house is about 5 miles away
- 20 It takes 20 minutes to get there...
- 21 I go, to school on foot, by bus, ..
- 22 I've been living in Abidjan for ...
- 23 I'm eighteen / I'm eighteen years old
- 24 I've been learning English for 4 years
- 25 Ivory Coast has been independent for 21 years
- 26 Ivory Coast became independent 21 years ago
- 27 I was born 18 years ago
- 28 I was born in Daloa, in Abidjan.
- 29 Yes I do, No I don't
- 30 I last went to dance 2 years ago
- 31 I have three meals a day : breakfast, lunch, dinner
- 32 I usually have lunch at one o'clock
- 33 There are 30 or 31 days in a month
- 34 It's a quarter to nine, five past
- 35 It's fine, cloudy, wet today.
- 36 My father is a doctor, a mechanic
- 37 I would like to be a nurse, business man.
- 38 Yes I would, No I wouldn't !
- 39 I'm going to spend them in my village
- 40 I intend to go to my village, to help my father; then I'll come back to Abidjan to stay a bit
- 41 If I passed my exam, I would organise a big show
- 42 If I succeeded, I would like to carry on my studies
- 43 If I had money, I would buy many things
- 44 I prefer disco-music, soul music
- 45 You are writing, reading
- 46 He's sleeping, dancing, he's eating, crying ...
- 47 This is mine, yours, his hers, ours
- 48 ... because it's going to rain
- 49 In picture 4, 5, there was a car crash. Wind-mill but collapsed.
- 50 He has got bad cold, his arm hurts
- 51 Today is Monday, Thursday, Friday ...
- 52 It's Monday, Thursday, Friday
- 53 It's the 1st, the 5th of July
- 54 Yes, I have / no I've never been there