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Starter Quiz ·

BEC Business English Name: _____ Score: _____

1. ”Do you enjoy working in a team?” Which answer is best for Part 1?

   ☐ Yes, I do, because I get more ideas from other people. For example, in my last project we solved a problem together in one meeting.

   ☐ Yes, and let me tell you about every team I have ever worked in…

   ☐ Yes.

2. At Vantage and Higher, your partner asks you a question after your talk.

   ☐ True ☐ False

3. Why does Candidate B score higher in the example?

   ☐ B listens, responds and suggests, so the two really talk together.

   ☐ B speaks for longer.

   ☐ B uses more difficult words.

4. You take the BEC speaking test alone with one examiner.

   ☐ True ☐ False

5. What should you write in the preparation minute?

   ☐ Key words for each point and your conclusion

   ☐ Nothing

   ☐ The whole talk, sentence by sentence

6. In Part 3 you must pretend to have opinions you don’t really hold.

   ☐ True ☐ False

7. Listen to Wei. Why does Wei prefer to write reports alone?

   ☐ Reports are not important.

   ☐ The team is too slow.

   ☐ Wei can concentrate better.

8. Listen to the model talk. Which point does the speaker think is most important?

   ☐ quality

   ☐ price

   ☐ reliability

9. Saying "Yes, I agree" to everything your partner says is a good strategy.

   ☐ True ☐ False

10. Asking the examiner to repeat a question loses you marks.

    ☐ True ☐ False

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Answers ·

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1. **Yes, I do, because I get more ideas from other people. For example, in my last project we solved a problem together in one meeting.**

   An answer, a reason and an example, without turning into a speech.

2. **True**

   So listen to your partner's talk as well; you will ask them a question too.

3. **B listens, responds and suggests, so the two really talk together.**

   Part 3 rewards interaction, not long speeches.

4. **False**

   You take it in a pair (sometimes a group of three) with two examiners.

5. **Key words for each point and your conclusion**

   Key words are quick to write and easy to glance at while you speak.

6. **False**

   You imagine a work situation, but the opinions you express are your own.

7. **Wei can concentrate better.**

   "For writing reports, I prefer to work alone because I can concentrate better."

8. **reliability**

   "To sum up, I think reliability is the most important point."

9. **False**

   Agree and add an idea, a reason or a question.

10. **False**

    It is natural and costs nothing. Answering the wrong question costs more.