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Name: _____ Score: _____

1. About how many minutes is the Speaking test? Give the lower end of the range.

2. Pronunciation is one of how many Speaking criteria?

3. What should you write during the one-minute preparation?
 - ☐ Full sentences you can read out
 - ☐ Six to eight nouns, one or two per prompt
 - ☐ Nothing — thinking is enough
4. 'Do you like cooking?' Which is the Part 1 answer that scores?
 - ☐ Yes.
 - ☐ Yes, I do — I cook dinner most evenings because it's the one part of the day I'm not looking at a screen.
 - ☐ A forty-second description of every dish you can make
5. Complete: in Part 2 you have _____ minute(s) to prepare.

6. Why does dropping a final consonant cost more than it looks?
 - ☐ It sounds impolite
 - ☐ English carries a lot of grammar on its final consonants
 - ☐ It makes you speak too slowly
7. How many minutes must you speak for in Part 2?

8. Which of these are hedging phrases that show grammatical range? Choose all that apply.
 - ☐ It tends to be
 - ☐ It depends on
 - ☐ I don't know
 - ☐ That's probably truer of X than of Y

Tick every correct option.

9. Who asks the questions?

- ☐ A recording
- ☐ A trained examiner, face to face
- ☐ Another candidate

10. Where is the stress in 'photography'?

- ☐ PHO-to-gra-phy
- ☐ pho-TO-gra-phy
- ☐ pho-to-GRa-phy

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1. **11**

It lasts 11 to 14 minutes.

2. **4**

Four — Fluency and coherence, Lexical resource, Grammatical range and accuracy, and Pronunciation. It is a full quarter of the band and almost nobody prepares it.

3. **Six to eight nouns, one or two per prompt**

Nouns trigger speech; sentences get read aloud, and reading aloud is audible and discounted as memorised language.

4. **Yes, I do — I cook dinner most evenings because it's the one part of the day I'm not looking at a screen.**

Answer plus one reason or example, two or three sentences. One word gives the examiner nothing; a speech costs you the next question.

5. **1**

One minute to prepare, then up to two minutes to speak.

6. **English carries a lot of grammar on its final consonants**

Tense, plural and possession all live at the end of the word. Dropping the consonant removes the grammar as well as the sound.

7. **2**

Two, and the examiner will not stop you early. Most candidates dry up at about 45 seconds, which is what the timer practice is for.

8. **It tends to be; It depends on; That's probably truer of X than of Y**

'I don't know' ends the answer. The other three qualify a claim, which needs a structure — and that structure is what is marked.

9. **A trained examiner, face to face**

It is a live interview with one examiner in all three parts.

10. **pho-TO-gra-phy**

phoTOgraphy. Compare PHOtograph and photoGRAPHic — the stress moves when the suffix changes, which is where most errors live.