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REVISION FOR ENGLISH 01

A. SPEAKING TEST FORMAT

PART	DURATION	FORMAT	
Part 1: Read out loud the following paragraph and answer examiner's questions	3-5 minutes	Read out loud 1 paragraph and answer examiner's questions	
Part 2: Topic	2 minutes	Give your own opinions on a given topic	

Introduce

Hello teacher, my name is Nguyen Thi Dieu Linh. I am a first-year student of the Faculty of Information Technology, class DHTI15A15HN. My number is 18. I was born and raised in the very beautiful Thai Binh province. My hometown is very peaceful, everyone is hospitable, my favorite subject is English because it gives me many opportunities in work as well as in life and I really love fashion design and besides In my spare time, I also like to look at cute cats. . . Everyone thinks I'm a hard-working student And I'm proud of that too.

B. SAMPLE OF SPEAKING TEST

1. Read out loud the following paragraph and answer examiner's questions (6 points)

I'm from Vancouver, Canada countries where it's more efficient. The bus lines don't go in the most efficient places and the train systems are very limited.

So, if I compare that to that of Japan, the trains in Japan are very efficient and being on a train in Japan is sometimes it's similar to be being on an airplane in first class. You have a big seat, comfortable space, snacks, vending machine, washrooms, so I would have to say that's preferable.

Example:

Examiner: How is the public transportation in Canada?

Student: It is not very good.

2. Topic (4 points)

Talk about a future mean of transport.

- What is the future mean of transport?
- Describe it.
- What are the advantages of it?
- Do you like it? Why?
- Do you buy it in the future?

C. TEST TAKING STRATEGIES AND MARKING CRITERIA FOR SPEAKING:

1. Part 1: READ OUT LOUD AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

In this part of the test, you are given **A PARAGRAPH**. You need to read out loud the paragraph, then listen and answer 3 examiner's questions.

The examiner asks the examinee 3 questions according to the paragraph and the examinee answers

- 1. How is the public transportation in Canada?
- 2. Where doesn't the bus line go?
- 3. How is about the train in Japan?

Criteria for Part 2 (3pts)	SKILLS	GRADES	
PRONUNCIATION	Use correct intonation, stress, individual		
(3 pt)	sounds.	0.5 1.0 1.5	
CONTENT	Answer 2-5 examiners' questions with		
(3 pts)	correct grammar and vocabulary	0.5 1.0 1.5	

3. Part 1: Topic

In this part of the test, there will be given a TOPIC and some SUGGESTIONS. You need to CLARIFY the topic by using the supporting details and your own ideas.

- Step 1: analyze the topic
- + Find the synonym, phrasal verbs, collocation, etc to change the expressions of the statement topic
- Step 2: state your answer
 - + Introduction, paraphrase the statement.
- + Body: develop the supporting details which are given as nouns, noun phrase, verbs phrase, etc into sentence. For each supporting detail, present example or further information.
 - + Conclusion: summarize the topic.

Tips:

- Try to vary your vocabulary by using synonym, related words, phrasal verbs, etc, instead of using given words.

Sample:

Students prepare and present briefly in 2 minutes

Traffic jams have appeared in many places of our country. So in the future, many interesting means of transport will be invented by humans.

My dream means of transport is a smart cycle. In my opinion, it will be powered by solar energy and wind energy to avoid pollution and save fuel. Two people can sit on it. We can use it any when and anywhere. It's won't take a lot of space. With the use of modern technology, this smart cycle will be able to help us many things and it will make our life become better. It will be able to avoid traffic jam, pollution and it help us travel to the sky more clearly.

In the future, I hope this mean of transport will be come true.

Criteria for Part 3 (3pts)	SKILLS	GRADES	
PRONUNCIATION (2 pts)	Use correct intonation, stress, individual sounds.	0.5 1.0 1.5	
CONTENT (2 pts)	Topic elaboration, organization, coherence and cohesion, suitable linkers and connectors.	0.5 1.0 1.5	

Part		Content and criteria	Điểm
1		Read out loud the following paragraph and answer questions	4
	1	Accuracy, fluency	2,5
	2	Answer examiner's questions	1,5
		What is?	
		It's	
		What is the main cause?	
		It's	
		What does?	
2		Talk about advantages of using public transport	4

Part		Content and criteria	Điểm
	1	Pronunciation, grammatical range and accuracy, lexical resource, fluency and coherence	2
	2	Content about advantages of using public transport	2

D. REVISION FOR EXAM

1. READ OUT LOUD THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS

Paragraph 1:

Dear Mr. Ashby

Subject: Our order Ref. PJ/66

We would like to inform you that we have a problem with the printer you delivered this morning. The box is damaged and there is a piece missing (Ref. no. ASD32/S). In addition, there is no instruction manual. Could you please send us the missing part and the manual as soon as possible?

We look forward to hearing from you as possible.

Yours sincerely

Jane Warren

Paragraph 2:

Hello! My name's Raoul Gautier and I'm the PR* Manager with the Banque de l'Ouest. It's a new job for me and I like it very much. My address is 47, Avenue Aristide Briand, Toulouse and my phone number is +33 555 78 43 00. I'm 24 years old - the same age as my partner, Sarah. We're getting married next year!

Paragraph 3:

Kati Varga is the director of Commerzbank, a large bank in Budapest. She gets up at about 5.30 and usually goes jogging in the park. Then she has a shower and prepares breakfast for herself and her family. 'We all enjoy to have breakfast together,' she says, 'and that's great.'

She goes to work by metro. She arrives at her office between 7.45 and 8 o'clock. Then she works at her desk for half an hour. 'I always check my e-mail first thing every morning,' she says.

Paragraph 4:

Angela Ahrendts is the American CEO of Burberry, the \$2.2 billion fashion company. Burberry is one of the biggest luxury brands in the world. The headquarters of this British company are in London, and it has more than 270 stores in 80 countries.

Fifty-year-old Ahrendts is from a small town in Indiana. She is married to Greg, her high-school sweetheart. They have a son (15) and two daughters (14 and 11). Their son,

Jennings, dreams of being a rock star. The children are at an American is international school in London.

Paragraph 5:

A lot of the work in a call center is very boring. You do the same job day after day. On a typical day, each of us takes up to 200 calls. We're often on the phone for four or more hours continuously. Most of the calls are complaints, and we're expected to solve each problem within two minutes. When one call finishes, another call starts immediately. You don't get time to think. It's very stressful. Another problem is there's no possibility of promotion. It's just a job, it's not a career. Nobody stays in the job very long, so the company is constantly recruiting and training new staff.

Paragraph 6:

Hi, Linda

How are you?

I'm very happy if you are well. This weekend my group will have a picnic by the river in the countryside. We will go fishing and play games there. Because we go out all day, we must prepare the food and tent. Do you want to join us? If you can, please take some food and cold drink for the picnic

Love,

Paragraph 7:

Dear Uncle Ba

This Friday afternoon, I am having the first music lesson, therefore, I am writing to borrow your piano. I will study from 2 p.m to 4 p.m. can I borrow it at that time? I am very happy if you accept my proposal. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Linda

Paragraph 8:

Hey Julie,

I hope things are good with you. What are you doing on Thursday night? I've got a spare ticket for a comedy show in Camden?

Would you like to come? We could go out for dinner after the show? There's nice Thai restaurant near the market. Let me know if you're interested.

Speak soon.

Jane

Paragraph 9:

Hi Samia,

Just a quick email to say that sounds like a great idea. Saturday is better for me because I'm meeting my parents on Sunday. So, if that's still good for you, why don't you come here? Then you can see the new flat and all the work we've done on the kitchen since

we moved in. We can eat at home and then go for a walk in the afternoon. It's going to be so good to catch up finally. I want to hear all about your new job!

Love

Linda

Paragraph 10:

Dear Mikael,

I hope you are well.

I'm writing to let you know that the date of your next English class is now Monday 5th June, not Tuesday 6th June. Remember to bring new text book and laptop to give presentation that day. I will send you the soft copy and you must convert it into PowerPoint and print 10 hard copies for other people in the class.

Kind regard,

Besty

Paragraph 11:

TikTok will allow 10-minute videos. It started in 2018 with one-minute videos. That tripled to three minutes in 2021. A company spokesperson said the company wants to "enrich the TikTok experience." Longer videos may give people more time "to create and be entertained".

Longer videos means TikTok will rival YouTube. However, young people like shorter videos. They could move to other websites where they can look at many videos quickly. Longer videos may increase TikTok's profits because they are easier to make money from.

Paragraph 12:

Many people are worried about fast fashion. Cheap clothes are damaging the environment. Companies make 100 billion items of clothing every year. Many clothes are not recycled. They go to landfills. Chemicals used to make clothes damage the health of clothes factory workers.

People used to go to stores and try clothes on. They wore clothes for longer. Today, people take clothes back if they don't like them, or never wear them. We have a throwaway society. Four million tons of clothing ends up in the trash. Less than one per cent of this is recycled."

Paragraph 13:

Ferrari is famous for sports cars that are very fast. The company is now making clothes. It started its own clothes brand. It stopped making cars at its factory for a short time so models could walk down a catwalk. Ferrari wants its clothes brand to make up 10 per cent of its profits in ten years from now.

The designer of Ferrari's clothes used to work for the brand Armani. He used many bright colors in his new clothes, including "Ferrari red". He thinks his clothes will be popular with young people.

Paragraph 14:

Nike gave its office workers a week-long holiday to de-stress. The sportswear company closed its offices so workers could "enjoy additional time off to rest and recover". Nike wanted workers to "take the time to de-stress and spend time with loved ones." Nike's store workers worked as usual.

Nike said: "Taking time for rest and recovery is key to performing well. This past year has been rough. We're all human and living through a traumatic event." The holiday shows that Nike cares about mental health.

Paragraph 15:

Apple removed customer reviews from its online stores. Customers cannot read feedback about Apple's products. Apple removed the "Ratings and Reviews" section from stores in the US, UK and Australia. People have to visit other websites for reviews on Apple products. Apple has not said why it did this.

The website pcmag.com said: "Apple has decided its online store is better without customer feedback." It also said Apple might be repairing the system.

Paragraph 16:

The New York Times bought Wordle. The paper has many games. Wordle is a new game. It was uploaded in October. It is now a worldwide craze. Social media is full of posts from people playing it and sharing their score. The newspaper called it a "magical game".

Wordle's maker made Wordle for his partner to play. He said: "The game has got bigger than I ever imagined." Ninety people played it on the day of its release. Millions now play it every day. Players have to guess a five-letter word.

Paragraph 17:

A report showed the best 25 companies in the USA to work for. Top of the list was Google. It is famous for excellent working conditions. Facebook was number one last year. A Google software engineer gets very good money. One old Google employee said staff are so happy that they rarely take holidays.

A different survey had a different number one. The careers website Glassdoor said the consulting firm Bain and Company was the best. It has been very professional for over 40 years. This made the company grow.

Paragraph 18:

A USA-China trade war may start. Stock markets in Asia fell because people are worried. President Donald Trump wants to put tariffs on Chinese goods. A tariff is a tax on imports. Mr Trump wants to put tariffs on \$60 billion of Chinese imports. China said it would do the same.

If the USA uses tariffs, China will hit back. Then the U.S. will hit back further. Trump wants to protect U.S. workers. He is not happy because the USA buys \$385 billion more goods from China than China buys from the USA.

Paragraph 19:

Toyota is closing two elevators at its Tokyo headquarters. It wants to save money and electricity. This is because the Japanese yen is becoming stronger. In January, one dollar was nearly 120 yen; now it is 101 yen. A strong yen means Toyota cars are more expensive, so profit goes down. Toyota's profit last year was \$23 billion.

Toyota is also changing the temperature of air conditioners to save money. It did similar things after the financial crisis in 2008. Toyota said the most important thing about closing the elevators is to make workers understand more about the need to reduce waste.

Paragraph 20:

Google's boss said Europe should be like Silicon Valley. Many famous technology companies are in Silicon Valley. Technology companies can do business there easily. It is easy to start a new business there. He said Europe should start spending money on "big ideas".

Google's boss has \$62 billion to spend. He wants to help Europe. He also wants to change the world. Other business leaders say Europe must spend money on technology. Teachers want schools to teach technology and coding in elementary school.

Paragraph 21:

A Chinese company is now the world's third-largest smartphone maker. The company is called Xiaomi Inc. It is worth \$45 billion. That is more than LG, Motorola and Sony put together. Xiaomi's sales went up by 211 per cent last year. Its market share also went up from 2 per cent to 5 per cent.

Xiaomi sells phones for what they cost to make. It makes profit from apps and software. It has competitions for fans to win prizes. Xiaomi wants to make new, high-quality devices. Apple said Xiaomi stole the design of its iPhone and other ideas.

Paragraph 22:

Amazon is now in the grocery delivery business. Its service is called Amazon Pantry. A pantry is a small room in a house for food. Amazon will have a next-day delivery service for groceries. Customers can choose from more than 4,000 goods, from food to beauty products. It will sell fresh fruit and vegetables next year.

Shoppers might not use Pantry. It costs \$4.50 for the first 20kg. Customers must be members of Amazon Prime. This costs \$120 a year. Amazon said Pantry is convenient. People don't need to carry heavy groceries every day.

Paragraph 23:

There is a price war between taxi companies. Apps are making taxis cheaper. Some companies cut fares in half. London taxi drivers are unhappy with taxi apps. They say drivers of app taxis do not have enough knowledge of London's streets. Some taxi fares in London went down from \$45 to \$7.50.

A taxi app boss said the price war would mean more profits. He said companies should do things to be different. A London taxi driver said business was good. He said technology helps taxi drivers. One of New York's biggest taxi companies is unhappy with taxi apps.

Paragraph 24:

Panasonic's Japanese staff in China will get "pollution pay". This is because of China's pollution. No one knows who will get the pay, or how much it is. Workers who work in other countries usually get extra pay. Panasonic is the first company to give money because of pollution.

Pollution is a big problem in China. It is 15 times higher than healthy levels. China is fighting a "war on pollution" in almost every big city. There are thousands more factories now. There are also thousands more cars on China's roads.

Paragraph 25:

The number of jobless 15-24-year-olds is very high. Over 73 million want to work but cannot find a job. Youth unemployment is coming down in rich countries, but rising in poorer countries. In China, it was 10.6 per cent last year and could be 11.1 per cent in 2016.

It is hard to be young and looking for work. The unemployment figure for young women in the Middle East is around 45 per cent. One big reason is the global financial collapse of 2008. Youth unemployment isn't just bad for the economy. It is also bad for health, peace and happiness.

2. TOPICS

Topic 1 - 2:

Talk about your weekend.

Talk about your favorite activities at weekend.

Suggestions:

- What year are you in?
- Who do you often spend time with?
- What do you often do at the weekend?
- What is your favorite time and activity of the weekend?
- What do you think about your weekend?

TOPIC1 Talk about your weekend.

Weekend time is my favorite time this week because I can enjoy myself and do many relaxing activities I enjoy.

In the morning, after a relaxing breakfast, my family and I go to the supermarket to shop and buy food to prepare for the family's lunch. I am a person who loves to cook and this is also the time for me to show off my talents and eat with my family

In the afternoon, I often visit my grandparents and grow vegetables with them, sweep the house and play sports with them

Weekends for me are wonderful because that time I get to be closest to my family.

TOPIC 2

Weekend time is my favorite time of the week because I can enjoy myself and have a lot of relaxing activities that I enjoy. When I woke up in the morning, I immediately ran to the garden to see the beautiful flowers and the birds singing outside.

Then I ran into the kitchen to help my mother cook breakfast for the family to enjoy. Sunday is a meaningful day for me because it is the time when I spend the most time with my family. Go out with your family to many places and enjoy many delicious dishes. We have big noon there. We spend time together and in the afternoon. We usually have a delicious lunch there. My father cooks on Sundays, he is a good cook.

Later in the evening we come back home and we get ready for the next week. Sorry but I do't really like Mondays!

Topic 3 - 4:

Talk about your ideal job in the future.

Talk about your dream job.

Suggestions:

- What year are you in?
- What is your job now?
- What job will you do in the future?
- Why is it your dream job?
- What qualification or experience you would need for this job?
- What should you do now to get this job in the future?

TOPIC 3-4: Talk about your ideal job in the future

This year I am 19 years old and I am a toddler entering life with many pressures and thoughts. I am currently a freshman. My dream career in the future is to become a good manager. I love numbers, arrangement, calculation... As a child, I was a little girl with a passion for numbers.

Entering businesses, watching the brothers and sisters passionately working, I have raised the dream of becoming a manager in the future. Every day, I always try to study hard, read documents and improve knowledge for myself.

Being a manager is a good job but there are many pressures such as: targets, solutions. Although this profession has many challenges, I always choose to pursue my dream. yourself. There is still a long way to go to my dream career, and I am sure that I will always learn new and necessary things to be a good teacher.

Topic 5 - 6:

Talk about your studying over Zoom.

Talk about your experience of learning online.

- What year are you in?
- Why do you have to study over zoom/ learn online?
- What subject do you study?
- When do you study?
- How do you study?
- What problems are there when you study over Zoom/ learn online?
- What do you think about studying over Zoom/ learning online?

Topic5: I am 19 years old this year. is a first year student. You may know that last year we spent a long time fighting the covid pandemic. It affects our lives as much as learning does, to protect our health we have to change the form of learning from face-to-face to online learning via the zoom platform. Online learning also has many benefits but also many disadvantages. The advantage is being proactive in time. The best thing about online learning is that we still get regular support from our school. Although students were not able to speak directly to the teacher, we were provided with clear instructions for the assignments, along with detailed teaching materials and friendly prompts prior to assessment. The teachers were also happy to answer any of our questions via email. Many even provide videos in which they explain our self-study material step-by-step. Therefore, students can update easily and continue learning effectively

Topic6: Admittedly, watching lectures and taking part in seminars via Zoom does require a tad bit more effort than mindlessly scrolling through your social media, or playing Temple Run!

However, I can honestly say that my experience of learning online during the coronavirus pandemic has been a positive one.

Today, I will be sharing my personal experience of the online routine I followed, from the beginning of lockdown in 2020, up until now.

Online learning is helpful, as I can pause and replay the pre-recorded videos at any moment. I can do online research quickly when it comes to something I don't know. Also, I can take a small break when I feel tired. These are the advantages that only online learning can bring about.

Topic 7-9:

Talk about your typical weekday.

Talk about your working day.

Talk about your daily activities.

- What time do you start and finish your day?
- What do you often do after getting up?
- What do you often do in the morning, afternoon, evening and at night?
- Do you study at university or study at home?
- What is your favorite time and activity of your day?

Topic 7: In the morning, I usually get up at 7 o'clock and eat breakfast at 8 o'clock, then study at 9 o'clock. After that, I will be the one who cooks lunch for the family and my brother is the dishwasher. I have a class at school in the afternoon and it ends at 5: 30. After that, I will cook dinner with my mother and have dinner with my family. After eating, I will do my homework until 11 pm and go to bed at 11: 30

Topic 8-9: In the morning I get up at 6 o'clock. Every day I do morning exercises with my mother. Then I wash my face and brush my face, brush my teeth. I have breakfast at half past six. Then I put on my clothes. And I go to school by bus. In my classes, I have many classes. I study a lot of English, math... my favorite subject is English. because it's very interesting. In the afternoon, I eat a lot of fast food. In the evening, I do my homework and go to bed at ten-fifteen. End of a busy day of work and study.

Topic 10 - 11:

Describe the person you admire most.

Describe the person that makes you impressed=admire

Suggestions:

- What's her/his name?
- How old is she/he?
- Where does she/he live?
- When/where did you know her/him?
- What does she/he look like?
- What is she/he like?
- What do you think about her/him?
- Why do you admire her/him?

I am going to talk about Adele. she is a famous singer and songwriter. Recently she has released her fourth album, "30". This album is successful in many countries and I really love it.

I have known Adele since her debut album, "19". It came out over a decade ago. Back then, as a student, I thought her lyrics were too complicated, but I was impressed with her voice and her performance. I guessed this woman would become one of the most well-known artists in the future. Now I know I was so right

Topic 12 - 13:

Describe your mother or father.

Describe a member of your family.

Suggestions:

- What's her/his name?
- How old is she/he?
- Where does she live?
- What does she/he look like?
- What is she/he like?
- What do you think about her/him?
- What do you want to do to help or make him/ her happy?

My mother is the most important person in my life. She is a farmer. She is 38 years old. She is tall and strong. She has a beautiful figure. She has an oval face with long black hair. She has a delicate nose in front of her plump red lips. Her eyes are black and affectionate. Her ears are huge. Her hand is white. Outwardly, she is not prettier than others, but in my eyes she is the most beautiful. She cooks delicious and very nice food. I love her food. It feels to my mother. My mother also took care of me when I was young. My mother always teaches me to cook in the evenings. My mother is usually kind and easy to get along with people. And she is always smiling. She is very good to my family so I love her very much. Because I love her, I will study well so that she is always happy and has a lot of fun.

Topic 14 - 16:

Talk about your hometown.

Talk about where you were born.

Describe your hometown.

Suggestions:

- Where is your hometown?
- Is it easy to visit around your hometown?
- What is it known for?
- What do people in your town usually do?

Hello everyone, my name is Dieu Linh and today I will tell you about my hometown. I come from Thai Binh, a city in the North of Vietnam. There are not many tall buildings and constructions here so the air is fresher and cleaner than in the city. The weather here is very good and it will make you feel comfortable and happy. My hometown's specialty is sloppy salad. People in my country love this rustic dish. Everyone living here cares and takes care of each other, they live like a big family. In the evening, everyone living in the area always gathers together in the large courtyard and chats after a long day of work. I love my hometown and the people here so much and I think, it doesn't matter how far you can go, but home is always a place you can come back to whenever you want

Topic 17 – 19

Talk about your house.

Describe your house.

Describe your flat.

Suggestions:

- Where do you live?
- Who do you live with?
- How many rooms are there in your house/flat?
- Which room do you like best? why?
- Are there any special in your house/flat?
- Do you want to move into a new one? Why?

My house is in a quiet alley. It is a lovely Yellow House consisting of 8 rooms altogether: a living room, a kitchen, a toilet, a bathroom, and two bedrooms. In the living room, there is a set of bamboo chairs and a television. This is a special room in my house because this is where my family gathers after dinner, my dad turns on the TV, chooses a good movie and we watch it together. Next to the living room is the kitchen used to cook and enjoy meals. In the middle of the room is a dining table made from wood. Two stoves, a refrigerator, and all the necessary utensils for cooking are carefully arranged in the right corner of the room. To the left of the kitchen is a clean toilet. Next to the toilet is a bathroom equipped with a shower and bathtub. The only two rooms upstairs were my parents' room and my sisters' private room. This is also my favorite room and I have decorated my bedroom with pretty wallpaper and lots of lovely stuffed animals. A single bed was placed next to the window so I could enjoy the view before falling asleep. Opposite the bed is my desk, and my bookshelf holds a variety of books. Even though my house is not so big for me it is the most beautiful house in the world and I want to spend the rest of my life in it.

Topic 20 - 22

Talk about favorite activities in your free time.

Talk about your free-time activities.

Talk about what you often do for fun.

- What are your favorite activities in your free time?
- Who do you like doing with?
- How often do you do these activities?
- Why do you like doing these activities?

My house is a country house, but it's really beautiful. My house is blue, has 6 rooms: living room, 2 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom and toilet. In the living room there is a television, cupboard, fan, and a large table in the middle with 6 chairs. The computer and the organ are in a small corner. Next to the bedroom. Inside the bedroom were a table, a wardrobe and a bed. There is also a light and a fan. The kitchen has many things, such as: rice cooker, clothes hanger, sink, lamp, 2 chairs, a fridge,.... Finally there is the bathroom and toilet. In the bathroom there are towels, bathtub, shower, washbasin, Next to the bathroom there is a small toilet but very clean. I love my home very much.

Topic 23 – 25

Talk about your favorite food.

Talk about the best dish you have tried.

Describe your favorite dish.

Suggestions:

- What is your favorite food?
- How do you make this food?
- Why do you like this food?
- When do you cook/eat this food?

Everyone will have their own way to relax, relax, relieve stress and fatigue. For me, the most interesting thing is to enjoy the food that I love. Among my favorites, not to mention fried chicken.

Fried chicken is almost impossible to become familiar with in a busy life. It is often the main dish at fast food restaurants and is also something that not only adults but also children love. The chicken pieces will be coated with a layer of flour, then fried. When you eat, you will see the crispness of the fried dough and the tenderness of the chicken. The delicious taste with a little French fries or salad will give you a great meal. I really love this dish.