PSLE Oral Crash Course 2019

Course Dates: 4, 5, 7, 8, 12 August 2019

Timing: 7-9pm

<u>Pricing:</u> \$267.50 (GST inclusive) Teacher-in-Charge: Ms Maple Ye

Part 1: Reading Aloud (10 marks)



What the examiners are looking out for:

- Pronunciation / Enunciation
- Pitch
- Pace
- Expressiveness
- Rhythm

Pointers for Good Reading:

- 1. Read out aloud with clarity.
- 2. Read with good expression and fluency.
- 3. Read at the <u>correct pace</u>, i.e. neither too fast nor too slow.
- 4. Pronounce the <u>end sounds</u> like the 'ed', 's', 't', 'k' and 'th' sounds.
- 5. <u>Pause appropriately</u>, such as after a semicolon, comma or full stop.
- 6. <u>Do not raise your pitch</u> unnecessarily unless to express joy or surprise.
- 7. Pay attention to the words in a sentence that need to be read with a stress to <u>create a rhythm</u>.

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Part 2: Stimulus-based Conversation (20 marks)

What the examiners are looking out for:

- Response to the question
- Organisation of Ideas
- Language

Pointers for Good Conversation:

- 1. <u>Listen carefully to the questions</u> asked by the examiner.
- 2. Always <u>use the present tense</u> unless you are relating a past experience/event.
- 3. Answer in <u>full sentences</u> and try to give your <u>own</u> <u>opinions</u>, views and feelings especially when demanded by the questions.
- 4. <u>Pause at times</u> and <u>maintain eye contact</u> with the examiner when talking.
- 5. <u>Clarify</u> with the examiner if you do not understand the question asked. Ask him/her politely to explain to you.
- 6. <u>Bid the examiners farewell</u> at the end of the conversation.

Methods of Conversation:

- 1. Levels of perspective (personal, family, school or social point of view)
- 2. PREP (Point, Reason, Explanations, Point)
- 3. Chronology (Past, Present, Future)
- 4. Comparison (Advantages vs Disadvantages)

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Three General Questions Types:

1. Stimulus-based question

Look at the flyer, what do you think it tries to encourage people to do? Is it effective at showing its message?

2. Personal experience question

Have you made any donation before? Describe the experience. (If no, what kind of organisation would you like to donate to? Why?)

3. Personal opinion question

Other than donating money, can you think of other forms of help which can improve the lives of the others?

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