



# AIM Awards & Anglia Examinations

## Level 2 (Proficiency C1)

### Speaking Test

### Early Summer 2015

## Instructions for Students

- The test will take 20 minutes.
- You will take the test with another student.

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## Procedure

The Anglia Proficiency Speaking Test consists of three parts and should take *approximately* 20 minutes to complete. There are two candidates at each session. The examination will be recorded. Recordings are sent to Chichester College for moderation.

AFTER the examination, you must not return to the area where candidates yet to take the test are still waiting.

## Preparation

Think about your future plans and be prepared to talk about them and answer questions about them. Be prepared to ask the other student questions about his / her future plans, as well.

Two articles to read and think about. You should be prepared to talk briefly on one of them before discussing it.

Choose one of the topics from the list: money and shopping; food and eating; travel and holidays. The examiner will ask you a question on that topic or ask you to talk about a statement on that topic.

### Task One: *up to 4 minutes*

The examiner will ask you to talk about yourself and why you are taking the examination.

### Task Two: *up to 8 minutes*

The examiner will ask you to talk briefly about the article you have prepared and then you must be prepared to discuss it.

### Task Three: *up to 8 minutes*

The examiner will ask which topic you have chosen to talk about. The examiner will then ask you a question / questions on that topic. You must be prepared to engage in discussion about the topic.

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### Task Two: Readings for Discussion

#### READING ONE: A TOUGH CHALLENGE

The Tough Guy Challenge claims to be the most demanding obstacle course in the world. It is a one day survival ordeal, which takes place annually in Staffordshire, England, often in freezing January conditions. The twelve kilometre course consists of a cross country run followed by a series of over 25 extreme obstacles, including freezing water pools, fire pits, barbed wire and electric shocks. Before taking part, entrants must sign a death warrant in which they acknowledge the risks and dangers. To date two people have died attempting to complete the Tough Guy Challenge. Many suffer from sprains, burns, broken limbs and joint dislocation, dehydration and hypothermia. In 2015 around 5000 competitors from across the globe signed up for the ordeal, with 37 countries represented. Many similar challenges have sprung up around the world, and the phenomenon has been described as 'America's fastest growing sport'. However, Tough Guy is unanimously considered to be the toughest in the world.

#### Points to consider:

- Would you consider taking part in such a challenge?
- Should there be stricter controls on safety at events like this?
- Why do you think challenges like this are becoming so popular?
- Are children today less 'tough' than they used to be?
- What is the toughest thing you have ever done in your life?

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### Task Two: Readings for Discussion

#### READING TWO: THE 'WAKIE' APP

Few people enjoy being woken from their dreams by an alarm in the morning. Admittedly the modern alarm has come a long way since its invention in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Digital clocks and mobile phones provide a plethora of choice. However, modern day technology has made it no easier to wake up and get out of bed. A new app called 'Wakie' aims to change that. Recently launched for iPhone and Android, it replaces the alarm clock with a friendly wake-up call from a stranger somewhere around the globe. Users simply sign up, submit their phone number and register either as a 'Sleepie' or a 'Wakie', depending on whether they want to do the waking or to be woken. They then set their alarm and a stranger, who may be on the other side of the world, will call with a morning message. The service is free, calls are anonymous and no mobile numbers are given out at any time.

'Wakie' already has two million users in the UK, Ireland, US, Canada, Hong Kong and Singapore. 40 million wake-up calls have been made. According to its founder, 'Our mission is to brighten people's mornings. We want to make them happy and help them start their day with a smile. People get lots of positive emotions while talking to a stranger.'

#### Points to consider:

- Would you consider being woken up using this app?
- What are the advantages of 'Wakie' over the normal alarm clock?
- Why do you think someone would register to be a 'Wakie' rather than a 'Sleepie'?
- Are alarm clocks old fashioned? Will the 'Wakie' take over?
- Do apps like this merely make us overly dependent on our phones?

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**Task Three: Topics**

**GROUP ONE: NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**GROUP TWO: FILM AND TV**

**GROUP THREE: SOMEWHERE TO LIVE**

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