

Factsheet

GESE 6

Exam Phases

The exam consists of 2 assessed phases:

- Discussion of a topic prepared by the candidate (up to 5 minutes)
- Conversation on two subject areas selected by the examiner (up to 5 mins).

Communicative Skills

In the Topic phase

- Show understanding of the examiner by responding appropriately to questions
- Give information about the prepared topic in a series of sustained turns about the six discussion points on the topic form
- Make the sequence of events clear by referring back to previous events and forward to forthcoming events
- Answer questions on the prepared topic, and participate in informal discussion of the topic,
- responding to the examiner's requests for more information, facts or details
- Ask the examiner at least one question about the

topic area

- Take the opportunity provided to include samples of the language functions and language items listed opposite, where appropriate

In the Conversation phase

- Show understanding of the examiner by responding appropriately to questions
- Provide information and offer opinions where appropriate
- Start to play a limited part in initiating and maintaining the conversation
- Ask the examiner at least two questions about the subject areas

Language Functions

- Expressing and requesting opinions and impressions
- Expressing intention and purpose
- Expressing obligation and necessity
- Expressing certainty and uncertainty
- Describing past actions over a period of time

Lexis

- Vocabulary specific to the topic area
- Vocabulary specific to the subject areas
- Further expressions relating to future time, eg the day after tomorrow, in a year's time, in ... years' time
- Common phrasal verbs
- Phrases and expressions relating to the language functions listed above

Grammar

- Zero and first conditionals, using if and when
- Present continuous tense for future use
- Past continuous tense
- Modals connected to the functions listed above, eg must, need to, might, don't have to
- Infinitive of purpose

Subject Areas

- Travel
- Money
- Fashion
- Rules and regulations
- Health and fitness
- Learning a foreign language

Phonology

- The correct pronunciation of vocabulary specific to the topic and subject areas
- Sentence stress to clarify meaning
- Basic intonation and features of connected speech at sentence level
- Intonation patterns of more complex question forms
- Avoidance of speech patterns of recitation