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### GCSE Speaking Test

#### Principal Examiner's commentary on Grade A test

#### Role Plays

Good set of responses. Responses not always totally grammatically accurate but the mistakes do not impair the clarity of the message, therefore marks are not lost

- *Ba mhaith liom dul go dtí an Spáinne*
- *Ba mhaith liom an post marde dhíth airgead.*

Candidate gives very short and simple responses to the open ended and unpredictable elements. Keeping these responses short and simple is the key to success with these elements.

#### The Presentation

#### Mo Cheantar Dúchais

The presentation is very simply but very effectively developed

- Describes the area
- Describes the house
- Talks about the facilities
- States clearly what she likes and dislikes
- States clearly what she would like to see in her area.

Candidate uses a variety of tenses ( Present and Future ) even though not essential in mark scheme. She uses Indirect Speech ( *Sílím go bhfuil -----* ) Nice use of clauses ( *Ba mhaith liom lárionad siopadóireachta a fheiceáil i mo cheantar féin* )

Candidate is clearly well prepared, there is a little evidence of hesitancy but it does not interfere with the 'flow' of the presentation therefore very few marks are lost. Delivery is clear and articulate.

#### Conversation

The questions in this oral are not difficult however the candidate develops her answers quite simply but effectively.

- *Is maith liom camógaíocht, bím ag cleachtadh dhá uair sa tseachtain.*

The questions are for the most part 'open' questions

- *Inis dom faoi-----*

When open questions are asked it is essential that the candidate gives a developed answer.

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The candidate displays the ability to manage the tenses – she listens carefully to the question and responds with the appropriate verb in the appropriate tense.

The candidate also states and justifies her opinion –again quite simply but effectively

- *Is fearr liom ríomhaireacht mar tá sé suimiúil.*

Taking a sentence like this and using Indirect Speech is also highly recommended

- *Is maith liom ríomhaireacht mar sílim go bhfuil sé suimiúil.*

A candidate does not need to be accurate 100% of the time to achieve a top grade in the oral. Examiners are looking for a natural conversation with developed answers