



## For examiners Own Use

### GCSE Speaking Test

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

#### Role Plays

Candidate responses are good. It is significant to note that his responses are not always totally accurate

- *Ba mhaith liom caitheamh £20*
- *Caithfidh me dul go dtí an teach le déanamh obair bhaile*
- *Buailfidh mé le tusa*

however he does not lose marks because he still manages to convey the full meaning of the task.

His response to the unpredictable element is a bit long and this can run the risk of major errors therefore it is better to keep these responses short and simple.

#### The Presentation

##### Caitheamh Aimsire

Development of topic is fairly good, however the candidate might have been better choosing just one topic and developing it in more detail. As it was, the fact that he chose to talk about three different hobbies resulted in him using the same type of grammatical structures. This performance could have been enhanced by more use of Indirect Speech when giving opinions. The candidate's delivery is hesitant in places and this hesitancy did impair the flow of the presentation, hence some marks were lost in the communication section. This was a good performance as opposed to being an excellent one

##### Conversation

This was a very good conversation. The candidate tries to develop his answers sometimes very simply but very effectively

- *Is dlíodóir mo Mhamaí, tá sí iontach cliste, ta sí beag. Tá a chuid gruaige donn agus tá a súile glas.*

He gives similar information about all the family.

The candidate exhibits the ability to manage the Past, Present and Future tenses well. He responds almost always with the correct verb in the appropriate tense

The candidate also shows the ability to state and justify his opinion, again quite simply but very effectively.

- *Níl a fhios agam. Is maith liom Éire ach ba mhaith liom a bheith i mo chónaí san Astráil mar tá an aimsir deas ansin.*