

Briefing for 4E5N students on O Level English Language Oral Examination 2016

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MPR 1&2

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Key Information

- Period of oral exam: **15 to 29 August 2016**
- Venue of exam: **HALL**
- Time to be released for lunch: **12.35 p.m.**
- Time to report to the hall: **1.35 p.m.**
- Start of exam: **2.30 p.m.**
- From **1.35-2.10 p.m.**, English teachers will guide you through some last-minute preparations in the two classrooms just outside the hall

Before the oral exam

- Confirm your oral exam date by referring to the candidature listing on the notice board at the foyer
- Take note of the Team No. that you are assigned to
- See your English teachers for oral practice and consultation
- Practise, practise, practise!(make full use of your Oral Exam Package)

On the day of your exam

- ◉ Leave your bags/files outside the hall
- ◉ All valuables must be in your pockets
- ◉ You may bring in your oral exam materials for practice while waiting
- ◉ **When it's your turn to start silent reading, leave your oral exam materials behind**
- ◉ The last candidate for each day will collect all oral exam materials at the end of the exam and put them on top of Ms Amy Yap's pigeon hole outside the HOD room

On the day of your exam

- **STRICTLY NO handphones are allowed in the exam venue** (penalty if caught: barred from ALL national exams)
- You are solely responsible for the safety of your handphones if you leave them in your bags outside the hall
- Ensure that you are properly groomed in full uniform with **tie** and proper footwear, and that your hair is neat – First impressions last!
- Bring entry proof and identification card

10-min preparation time

- You are given the passage and picture
- You are **allowed to READ ALOUD** to yourself (you need to hear for yourself how you sound while you practise reading aloud)
- Think of all possible questions that will be asked in the Spoken Interaction section and practise answering them
- Brainstorm vocabulary that you will use (especially adjectives and verbs)

During the exam

- ◉ Go to the examiners only after they have given you the signal to do so
- ◉ Greet the examiners politely and sit down (NO need to ask for permission to sit down)
- ◉ Take note of your body language during the exam (It speaks a lot about you!)
- ◉ Maintain **EYE CONTACT** with examiners during the Spoken Interaction section

During the exam

- DO NOT worry unnecessarily when the examiners interrupt you – you may be digressing/have spoken enough for a fair assessment
- DO NOT read too much into examiners' expressions/body language and become paranoid – it will adversely affect your performance
- If the examiners use handphones or their handphones ring/vibrate on the table during the exam, highlight to Ms Amy Yap

After the exam

- Thank the examiners
- Walk straight out of the hall, take your belongings and leave the area immediately
- You are NOT allowed to gesture/signal to other students who are waiting in the hall
- Students who complete their oral exam before 3 p.m. will be **quarantined** outside the hall (can only leave after 3 p.m.)

Absentees

- Absence must be accompanied by **medical certificates issued by doctors** (parents' letters are NOT ACCEPTABLE)
- If you are genuinely sick, you will sit for the oral exam the next day when you report back to school, provided you produce a valid MC
- If your exam date is the last day of exam, you will have to take the exam at SEAB

The oral exam accounts for
20% of your English grade

Prepare well...

Stay healthy...

Good luck!

Any questions?