

# **Oral exam topics**

## **1. Personal characteristics**

- describing appearance
- describing character and personality
- clothing, fashion

## **2. Friends and relationships**

- friendship
- fellow students and colleagues
- partners

## **3. Family**

- candidate's family
- division of tasks in the family
- generations living together

## **4. Place of living**

- candidate's flat/house
- furnishings, pieces of furniture
- household chores and appliances
- living environments
- living in the city, living in the country (advantages and disadvantages)

## **5. Learning, education, the school system**

- candidate's past and present education, qualifications
- Hungarian school system
- language learning experiences
- role of foreign languages

## **6. Work**

- candidate's occupation, future plans
- fashionable jobs / dream jobs
- ways of finding a job

## **7. Holidays and celebrations**

- family holidays (birthdays, name days)
- Christmas, Easter
- public holidays

## **8. Free time activities**

- reading (books, newspapers, libraries, Internet)
- TV, cinema, video
- hobbies, pets
- parties
- music (listening to music, concerts, opera, playing an instrument)
- theatre
- museums, exhibitions

## **9. Sports**

- candidate's sporting activities
- favourite sports
- sports facilities

## **10. Health, illnesses**

- healthy lifestyle
- food and drinks
- healthy and unhealthy diet/dishes
- common illnesses, at the doctor's, at the dentist's

## **11. Services**

- catering facilities
- repairing, maintenance
- help services (ambulance, police, automobile association) laundry, cleaning
- banks (ways of payment, cards, loans)

## **12. Shopping**

- everyday shopping, foodstuffs
- shopping centres / corner shops / markets / supermarkets
- shopping habits

## **13. Transport**

- candidate's everyday transport
- public transport in the city
- long distance transport (coaches, trains, planes, ships)
- individual transport (cars, motorbikes, bicycles)
- advantages/disadvantages of the different means of transport

## **14. Travelling within Hungary and abroad**

- preparations
- accommodation, reservation
- advantages/disadvantages of the different means of transport
- favourite destinations
- travelling experiences

## **15. Weather, seasons**

- weather, seasons

## **16. Telecommunications**

- making phone calls
- computers
- e-mail
- Internet

## **17. Hungary**

- Hungary as a destination
- major tourist attractions
- main places of interest

## **18. English-speaking countries**

- general information, personal experiences

# Speaking

## **Part 1:**

### **Exchanging personal information**

In this part of the exam you will be asked questions which are related to a particular topic. Your answers should reflect your personal views and experiences.

You might be asked questions like these:

#### **Family**

- How many people are there in your family? Introduce them.
- Who are you similar to in your family?  
How?
- How much time do you spend together?
- What do you do when you are together?
- Have you got a lot of relatives?  
How do you keep in touch with them?

## Part 2:

### Discussion on a topic stimulated by photographs

You will be given a set of photographs, which illustrates a certain topic. You should describe the photos on your own.

Remember that in your description you have to speak from a general perspective.

You might be given a set like this:

### Place to Live



When you have finished you will be asked to answer some questions so that you can broaden the topic introduced in the pictures.

You might be asked questions like these:

### **Place to Live**

- What is a typical place to live for a Hungarian family in a town and in the country?
- Why do so many people live in blocks of flats?
- What rooms are there in an average-size flat?
- Where is it better to live? In a house or in a flat?  
Why?
- How difficult is it to get a home of your own in Hungary?

### **Part 3:**

#### **Situation**

You are asked to act out a situation. You will be given a card which describes what you have to do. Study the card and begin the conversation.

#### **Weather**

#### **Candidate sheet**

Your English friend is coming to stay with you for a week next month. He/she telephones you. Tell him/her:

- about the weather at that time of the year,
- what clothes to bring,
- what you plan to do with him/her during his/her stay in Hungary.

*You start the conversation (answering the phone).*