IELTS Speaking Sample 46

IELTS Speaking Mock Test # 9

Part 1 - Introduction

Q. Do you work or are you a student?

A. I have been working as a medical laboratory technician since July 2013.

Q. What is difficult about your job?

A. I am dealing with human for their sample diagnosis and analysis every day. So there is no scope of error and the job requires utmost dedication and sincerity. In my opinion no scope for mistake in my job is the most difficult part.

Q. Would you recommend your job to someone else?

A. Yes, I would love to do that. This job really satisfies me. I am helping people every day and this gives me an immense pleasure. The medical report done by me can help people prevent serious diseases, such as lung cancer, at the very early stage. My job also helps improve public health. For example, I was one of the technicians to provide the results of people body check last year. From this regards, I would recommend this job to others who want to help people as well as have a meaningful career.

Q. What are the types of shops that you usually go to?

A. I usually go to supermarket. Actually I go to a supermarket three times a week for my various needs for shopping.

Q. What is the name of the shop?

A. The name of the shop I usually go to is called 'Welcome' and 'Supreme Market'.

Q. What changes have you seen in those shops these days?

A. Honesty, I haven't seen any significant changes in those shops these days. While, I do see some changes on the way people purchase their goods. Apart from better decoration and more sales persons, things have been almost same as it was few years ago.

Q. Do you read books? What kinds of books?

A. Not really. I read research papers regularly. I used to read a lot but nowadays I spend most of time reading professional readings.

Q. Did you read books when you were a child? How often?

A. Yes, I did. I read fairy tales when I was a child, like Snow White and Cinderella. I used to read fairy tales every day after school.

Q. Do children nowadays love reading?

A. I'm afraid not. Children nowadays prefer to play games on iPod and in other gaming devices, rather than reading books. In our childhood, reading books was the main activity among children but nowadays children have electronic gadgets and internet connection to spend time. So they read less on an average than our generation.

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Q. Would you give a book as a gift?

A. Definitely I would. In fact I often do that. I gave my best friend the book called "Bridget Jones's Diary" as her birthday present recently.

Part 2 - Cue Card

Topic:

Describe a magazine that you often read.

You should say:

- -- What is it
- -- What type of people read it
- -- Is it popular in your country

and explain why it is important to you to read it.

[You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.]

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Part 3 - Discussion

Q. Compare reading a newspaper and a magazine.

A. Newspaper, as its name suggests, includes all kinds of news and recent events and editorials. For example, by reading daily newspaper, we can get all information happened yesterday and in the week, sometimes even today's event. While, magazines, on the other hand, are more likely to focus on certain area, such as geography, spots, short story, significant recent events etc. For instance, the magazine "Hello", includes lots of news about celebrities. People, who like stars like Beyonce or Victoria, can get special information from it. Finally, newspapers are targeted for all the people while magazine targets people with special attraction to a certain niche or field. For instance, a newspaper might include an interesting news about a successful genetic engineering experiment that has grabbed a considerable attention on people recently with other regular and diverse type of news. On the other hand a magazine which is based on Genetic Engineering is aimed to target professionals and students of this field and would cover most of its articles on this subject.

Q. How do people read them? Do they just read the headlines or the entire story?

A. It depends. Most people prefer to read the headlines first. If the headline attracts their attention, they prefer to read the whole story. For some certain people, they are the fan of some newspaper or magazine, and they are likely to read all of them.

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Again, in case of newspapers, people read the headlines and often skim though the news. Magazine readers prefer mostly to read the details article.

Q. Why do people read magazines?

A. Like I said earlier, people read magazines to seek certain information. People read "Hello" and "US weekly" to get gossip and fashion news of celebrities. Geography and Nutrients are the magazines that offer the knowledge in special areas. Many professionals and students prefer to read magazines as those often come with special news, in depth articles and research papers related to their profession and study.

Q. Is reading the newspaper popular in your country?

A. Yes, newspaper reading among people is quite popular actually. Evening papers are the most popular newspapers in my country. We get to know news from it every day. For example, the new policy issued by the government, and the construction about the train could be learned from such daily newspapers.

Q. What are the other sources of news? Do people from the rural areas have the same access to these sources as people from the urban areas?

A. People can obtain news by watching TV and using the internet. These are also the population ways to get news. I believe so. In our modern society, even newspaper and magazine are popular, watching TV and internet become the most important and convenient ways for people no matter where they are living.

Q What are the advantages of the Internet?

A. When people read a newspaper or a magazine, they can't choose what kind of information exactly they are willing to read. For example, it is hard to chase a piece of information about how a special medical technique developed in this month by reading them. But it works with internet. People can simply put keywords in Google search and get the results in one second. It is easier and more convenient. Again it's not possible to purchase all the newspapers and magazines from a store. On the contrary, you can read as many newspapers, magazines and other news sources from internet. With the popularity of social media like Twitter and Facebook, the news are being shared and read by people without even searching for them. So I would say the advantages of internet as a whole and in terms of communication and news source is unparalleled.

Q. Are there any disadvantages?

A. Of course it has. Every coin has two sides. The disadvantage for using the internet is that there are too many results and we have to choose which one to read that contains more useful information. The other disadvantage is that it is not very healthy to sit in front of laptop or computer for a long time. Finally, the news sources are not always authentic and one can often get biased and false news from the internet.

Q. Describe the impact of the internet in the lives of the students.

A. It depends. For high school students, I think the negative impact overtake the position parts. They are more likely to be attracted by internet games, instead of learning things. They would spend too much time chatting and playing games than reading interesting articles.

The college students can control them better than high school students. Internet is a useful tool for them.

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Internet can offer them information to help them find the reference materials, especially for their dissertations and assignments.

For younger students like primary and secondary students, I think they should not use the internet at all. It is obvious that they will hurt their eyes and might find unsuitable content which is detrimental for their physical and psychological growth.

Overall, students are relying on internet heavily than the past generation. They find study materials, they submit their homework, find references from internet and that has many positive sides in terms of their interaction with the teachers and classmates.

Q. Do you recommend that all countries adopt the latest trends in technology?

A. I don't think so. Whether the latest trends in technology should be used or not depends on the development of the country. For example, when the technique of mitochondrial donation was published early this year, it was impossible for some developing countries to adopt this. It is not only because the money spent on this technique is expensive, but also the condition of technique in the country. Maybe America can use this one quickly, but for some countries, they can't even think about this when many people are living in poverty.

However, the widely accepted technologies like online learning should be adopted by all countries for the sake of advancement.