

Feedback Guidance for Practice Exam – GESE Grade 8

Teachers, you can use this table to help give your students feedback after their one-to-one practice exam with you in lesson 1 and 2 in week two. You could copy this and give each student a record of their practice performance, or simply use it to guide your feedback and to check what the whole class needs to work on before the exam day. There may not be time to practise all the phases below.

Exam requirements Topic phase	✓	Suggestions for improvements
Show understanding by responding appropriately to the examiner		
Communicate a variety of facts, ideas and opinions, and account for these, about a chosen topic linked across a series of extended turns		
Engage the examiner in discussion of the topic		
Be prepared to ask and answer questions about the content of the topic		
Handle interruptions or requests for clarification throughout the discussion of the topic		
Interactive phase		
Take control over the interaction		
Maintain the discourse by asking for information and making comments		
Help the discussion along by inviting comment from the examiner		
Take and give up turns when appropriate to do so		
Where appropriate to the individual task, make use of the language functions of the Grade		
Conversation phase		
Show understanding of the examiner by responding appropriately		
Share responsibility for the maintenance of the interaction with the examiner		
Follow up on comments from the examiner in order to develop the conversation		
In case of a breakdown in communication, take steps to repair it		

Exam requirements Choosing a topic General	✓	Suggestions for improvements
Was able to have an informal discussion and was not memorising or reciting		
Did the practice exam feel similar to a real conversation?		
Did the student ask for clarification if they didn't understand?		
Was the exam enjoyable?		
Handle interruptions or requests for clarification throughout the discussion of the topic		