

## GESE – Sample interactive prompts

### Intermediate stage (Grades 7-9)

The following document contains some sample interactive prompts for Grades 7-9. Please note these are example prompts and will not be used in a real examination.

#### Grade 7

The examiner will introduce the Interactive phase by saying:

In this task, I'll start by telling you something. You'll have to ask me questions to find out more information and make comments. It's your responsibility to maintain the conversation. Are you ready?

#### Language functions

- ▶ Giving advice and highlighting advantages and disadvantages
- ▶ Making suggestions
- ▶ Describing past habits
- ▶ Expressing possibility and uncertainty
- ▶ Eliciting further information and expansion of ideas and opinions
- ▶ Expressing agreement and disagreement

#### Grade 7 Interactive prompts

1. My nephew/niece has decided to study a very rare language. I'm not sure if this is the best use of his/her time.
2. My friend has suggested playing games with other people online, but I'm not sure about this.
3. My friend and I want to spend the summer travelling to different cities together. The trouble is we can't agree on how to get around.
4. My brother/sister's children spend a lot of their free time indoors. I think that they should do more activities outside the home.
5. My nephew/niece wants to play sports professionally. I wonder if this is the right choice of career for him/her.
6. My brother/sister watches a lot of films on his/her mobile phone. I don't think this is the best way to enjoy a film.
7. My brother/sister is planning on travelling alone this summer. I'm not sure it's such a good idea.
8. I want to improve my fitness and my friend has suggested I go to the gym with him/her. I'm not sure if this is the best way for me to get fit.
9. My teenage nephew/niece is coming to stay with me for a week, but I live in a small town. I'm not sure there'll be enough for him/her to do.
10. I've recently moved to a new city. I want to make new friends but I'm not sure how.
11. My friend and I would like to do a hobby together in our free time but are finding it difficult to agree on what to do.

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Grade 7 Interactive prompts continued

12. I've always been on holiday with family or friends, but now I'm thinking of going by myself.
13. It's my nephew's/niece's seventh birthday next week and he/she has asked for a mobile phone. I'm not sure if this is a good idea.
14. About six months ago, some new neighbours moved in next door to us. They're very friendly, but we've had a few problems and I'm not sure what to do.

## Grade 8

The examiner will introduce the Interactive phase by saying:

In this task, I'll start by telling you something. You'll have to ask me questions to find out more information and make comments. It's your responsibility to maintain the conversation. Are you ready?

Language functions

- ▶ Expressing feelings and emotions
- ▶ Expressing impossibility
- ▶ Reporting the conversation of others
- ▶ Speculating
- ▶ Persuading and discouraging

### Grade 8 Interactive prompts

1. My friend has told me he/she's just bought a home in a really isolated location. I'm a bit worried he/she's going to feel lonely.
2. Students at my nephew/niece's school are now obliged to study environmental protection. I'm worried that traditional subjects will be neglected.
3. I've agreed to go on a cycling holiday with a friend, but now I'm wondering whether I've made the right decision.
4. I really want to become more creative and take up a new hobby, but I'm finding it difficult to choose what to do.
5. My nephew and niece have invited me to go to a music festival, but I'm not sure whether to accept or not.
6. My nephew/niece's parents want him/her to play less basketball and concentrate more on his/her studies. I think they might be making a mistake.
7. My brother/sister has told me that his/her son/daughter is not showing any interest in doing any sports. I'm a bit worried about this and wonder if I can help.
8. My friends are thinking of sending their children to a school where mobile phones are completely banned. I'm not sure that this is a good idea.
9. My brother/sister owns a successful café but wants to sell it to go travelling. I'm not sure if he/she's making the right decision.
10. My nephew/niece wants to have a career in fashion, but his/her parents are unhappy about it. I think he/she's very talented and feel I should speak to them.
11. My friend, who lives in a village, told me the local teenagers have been complaining that there's nothing for them to do. Perhaps something ought to be done about this.
12. My friend's son/daughter is a fantastic singer, but he/she's no longer interested in performing. I don't like to see such talent wasted.

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## Grade 9

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### Language functions

- ▶ Expressing abstract ideas
- ▶ Expressing regrets, wishes and hopes
- ▶ Expressing assumptions
- ▶ Paraphrasing
- ▶ Evaluating options
- ▶ Hypothesising
- ▶ Evaluating past actions or course of events

### Grade 9 Interactive prompts

1. My local council recently built a sports centre, but nobody uses it. I think this is because they designed it badly.
2. I would love to go abroad on holiday, but my family isn't very keen on foreign travel. I wish this wasn't the case.
3. My best friend recently decided to leave his/her job to focus on writing a novel. I'm not sure whether he/she has made the right choice.
4. From next month I won't be allowed to drive my car into the city centre anymore. I'm not sure that banning cars will be good for local businesses.
5. I've always been good at painting, but I decided to study engineering at university instead. Now I wonder if I should have tried to become an artist.
6. My friend has just accepted an offer of a job at a very big international company, but he/she's worried that he/she might have made a mistake.
7. I've always wanted to take singing lessons, but my friends think it might be a waste of time and money.
8. Last year my cousin decided to move to a big city far away from his/her friends and family. Now he/she's regretting this decision.
9. My nephew/niece's parents bought him/her a car for his/her birthday last month. I'm not sure that it was a good idea.
10. The local council wants to build new houses in the countryside near my home. I'm not sure if that's a good idea.
11. Recently, my local government decided to close down the swimming pool. I think there should've been more consultation about it.
12. After I left school, I moved away from my hometown, but some of my friends stayed. I wonder who made the better decision.

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