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SPEAKING PART 1

1) Headphones

Do you use headphones?

What type of headphones do you use?

When would you use headphones?

In what conditions you won't be using headphones?

2) Weather

What kind of weather do you like most?

What is the weather like in your hometown?

Is there any difference in the weather in different parts of Vietnam?

Do you prefer dry or wet weather?

3) Colours

What is your favorite colour?

What is the colour that you dislike?

What colours do you want to paint your house with?

What colour makes you feel uncomfortable in your room?

4) Pets and animals

What is your favorite animal?

Have you ever kept an animal as a pet?

Where do you prefer to keep your pet, indoors or outdoors?

5) Public garden and parks

Would you like to play in a public garden or park?

What do you like to do when visiting a park?

How have parks changed today compared to the time you were a kid? Would you prefer to visit a private garden or public garden?

6) Science

Do you like science?

When did you start to learn about science?

Which science subject do you find interesting?

Have you done anything interesting with science?

7) Handwriting

Do you like to write by hand?

Is your handwriting easy to read?

Which do you prefer, writing by hand or typing?

What is the difference between handwriting and typing?

8) Mobile apps

What mobile apps have you recently used?

What kinds of mobile apps are you usually interested in?

What was the first mobile app you used?

What kinds of mobile apps would you like to use in the future?

9) Wild animals

Do you like watching TV programs about wild animals?

Did you learn something about wild animals from school?

Where can you see wild animals in Vietnam?

In which country do you think you can see many wild animals?

10) Advertisement

What kinds of advertisements do you watch?

Where can you see advertisements?

Have you ever bought something because of its advertisement?

Do you watch advertisements from the beginning to the end?

11) Flowers

What kinds of flowers do you know?

Are there any flowers that have special meanings in Vietnam?

Have you planted any flowers?

Have you sent flowers to anyone?

12) Barbecue

Do Vietnamese people like barbecue?

What kind of food do you like to eat for barbecue?

Would you like to have a barbecue with your family or your friends?

Did you have barbecue when you were a child?

13) Car trip

Do you like to travel by car?

When do you travel by car?

Where is the farthest place you have travelled to by car?

Do you like to sit in the front or back when travelling by car?

14) Relax

What would you do to relax?

Do you think doing sports is a good way to relax?

Do you think vacation is a good time for you to relax?

Do you think students need more relaxing time?

15) Special costumes

Do you like to wear special costumes?

Did you try any special costumes when you were young?

When was your last time wearing special costumes?

Do you ever buy special costumes?

16) Museum

Do you often visit museums?

Did you visit museums when you were a child?

Are there many museums in your hometown?

When was the last time you visited a museum?

17) Getting lost

Have you ever got lost?

How can you find your way when you are lost?

Can you read a map when you get lost?

Have ever helped someone who got lost?

18) Concentration

Is it difficult for you to stay focused on something?

What do you do to help you concentrate?

What may distract you when you're trying to stay focused?

When do you need to be focused?

19) Shoes

Do you like buying shoes?

Have you ever bought shoes online?

How much money do you usually spend on shoes?

Which do you prefer, fashionable shoes or comfortable shoes?

20) Festivals

How do you celebrate festivals in your country?

What special food and activities do you have for these festivals?

How do you celebrate Spring Festivals?

What is your favorite festival of the year?

21) Wallet

Do you use a wallet?

Have you ever lost your wallet?

Have you ever bought someone a wallet as a gift?

Do most of your friends use wallets?

22) Sky and stars

Do you often look at the sky?

Can you see the moon and stars at night where you live?

Do you prefer the sky in the morning or the sky at night?

Is there a good place to look at the sky where you live?

23) Primary school

What did you like to do the most when you were in primary school?

How did you go to your primary school?

How do you like your primary school?

What did you do in your leisure time in your primary school?

24) Environmental protection

Would you like to work in a company related to environmental protection?

How can we protect the environment?

Do you think you've done enough to protect the environment?

Is there education about environmental protection at school in your country?

25) Holidays

Where did you go for your last holiday?

Do you like holidays? Why?

Which public holiday do you like best?

What do you do on holidays?

SPEAKING PART 2 & 3

1) Describe a creative person whose work you admire

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- How you knew him/her
- What creative things he/she has done
- And explain why you think he/she is creative

Part 3:

- Do you think you are a creative person?
- Is it good for children to learn arts?
- What kinds of jobs require people to be creative?
- Do you think leaders need to have creative ability?

2) Describe a habit your friend has and you want to develop

You should say:

- Who your friend is
- What habit he/she has
- When you noticed this habit
- And explain why you want to develop this habit

Part 3:

- What habits should children have?
- What should parents do to teach their children good habits?
- What influences do children with bad habits have on other children?
- Why do some habits change when people get older?

3) Describe a piece of equipment that is important in your home

You should say:

- What it is
- How often do you use it
- With whom you use it
- And explain why it is important

Part 3:

- What kinds of machines are there in people's homes?
- What are the differences between the young and the old in their attitudes towards machines?
- What kinds of professions require people to use machines?
- Will many people's work be done by robots in the future?

4) Describe a time you tried to do something but was not very successful

You should say:

- When it was
- What you tried
- Why it was not very successful
- And how you felt about it

Part 3:

- What things do children try to succeed in?
- How much pressure do Vietnamese parents put on their children to be successful?

Which do you think is more important for people to become successful, hard work or opportunities?

- Do you think people will be happy if they don't have any goals to achieve?

5) Describe an activity that you do after school/work

You should say:

- What it is
- When and where you do it
- Who you do it with
- And how you feel about it

Part 3:

- Why do some people enjoy extreme sports?
- Are men more likely to do extreme sports than women?
- What are the most popular outdoor activities in Vietnam?
- What do young people usually do in groups?

6) Describe a town or city where you would like to live in the future

You should say:

- Where it is
- How you knew it
- What it is famous for
- And why you would like to live there

Part 3:

- Why do more and more people live in the city?
- How does this affect the environment and nature?
- What are some factors that attract people to settle down in certain places?
- What are the differences between the young and the old in choosing where to live?

7) Describe a piece of local news that people were interested in

You should say:

- What it was about
- Where you saw/heard it
- Who was involved
- And explain why people were interested in it

Part 3:

- Do people read newspapers where you live?
- Do people prefer local or international news
- Do you think it is important to have a national identity?
- How can people develop their national identity?

8) Describe a place you visited on vacation

You should say:

- Where it is
- When you went there What you did there
- And explain why you went there

Part 3:

- What are some popular attractions that people like to visit in your country?
- Do old people and young people choose different places to go on vacation? Why?
- What do young people and old people think about when making travel plans?
- How do people get to know a new place?

9) Describe a businessperson that you admire

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you knew this person
- What kinds of business this person does
- And explain why you admire this person

Part 3:

- What do you think is the suitable retirement age for men and women?
- What kinds of qualities do people need in order to run their own business?
- Is it easy to establish and run a new business in your country?
- What do you think are the key factors that contribute to the success of a business?

10) Describe a time you were friendly to someone you didn't like

You should say:

- When and where it happened
- Who he/she was
- Why you didn't like this person
- And explain why you were friendly to him/her on this occasion

Part 3:

- Why are people friendly with the person they don't like?
- What are the differences between being friendly and being polite?
- What are some qualities of a good friendship?
- Is it important for people to have a good friendship with their colleagues?

11) Describe a person who solved a problem in a smart way

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What the problem was
- How he/she solved it
- And explain why you think he/she did it in a smart way

Part 3:

- Do you think children are born smart or they learn to become smart?
- How do children become smarter at school?
- Why are some people well-rounded and others only good at one thing?
- Why does modern society need talents of all kinds?

12) Describe an exciting book that you enjoy reading

You should say:

- When you read it

- What kind of book it is
- What it is about
- And explain why you think it is exciting?

Part 3:

- What kinds of books do Vietnamese people like reading?
- Do boys and girls like the same kinds of books?
- Do you think it is important to read the book before watching the movie version of it?
- What are the differences between reading a book and watching the movie version of it?

13) Describe a cafe you like to visit

You should say:

- Where it is
- What kinds of food and drinks it serves
- What you do there
- And explain why you like to go there

Part 3:

- Do Vietnamese people like to drink coffee?
- Why do many people like to drink a cup of coffee before work?
- What kind of people would like to go to a cafe to work or study?
- Why do young people like studying in a cafe instead of at home?

14) Describe a time when you got up early

You should say:

- When it was
- What you did
- Why you got up early
- And how you felt about it

Part 3:

- Why do people get up early?

- Is it easier for older people to get up early than young people?
- Why do young people tend to stay up late more often than old people?
- What kinds of occasions need people to arrive early?

15) Describe a time when you waited for something special that would happen

You should say:

- What you waited for
- Where you waited
- Why it was special
- And explain how you felt while you were waiting

Part 3:

- On what occasions do people usually need to wait? Who behaves better when waiting, children or adults?
- Do you think people are less patient now than they were in the past?
- What are the positive and negative effects of being patient on society?

16) Describe a natural talent (sports, music, etc) you want to improve

You should say:

- What it is
- When you discovered it
- How you want to improve it
- And how you feel about it

Part 3:

- Do you think artists with talents should focus on their talents only?
- Is it possible for us to know whether young children will become musicians or painters when they grow up?
- Why do people like to watch talent shows?
- Do you think it is more interesting to watch famous people's or ordinary people's shows?

17) Describe a tall building in your city you like or dislike

You should say:

- Where it is
- What it is used for
- What it looks like
- And explain why you like or dislike it

Part 3:

- What are the disadvantages of living in tall buildings?
- Do you think there will be more tall buildings in the future?
- Why aren't there many tall buildings in the countryside?
- Why do some people like to live in tall buildings nowadays?

18) Describe an occasion when many people were smiling

You should say:

- When it happened
- Who you were with
- What happened
- And explain why many people were smiling

Part 3:

- Do you think people who like to smile are more friendly?
- Why do most people smile in photographs?
- Do women smile more than men? Why?
- Do people smile more when they are younger or older?

19) Describe a time when you saw two of your friends argued

You should say:

- What they argued about
- Why they argued with each other
- What happened at the end
- How you felt about it

Part 3:

- Do you think argument is important?
- What do family members usually have arguments about?

- Is it easier for you to have arguments with your family or with your friends?
- Do you think people should change the way they think when having arguments?

20) Describe a time you helped a friend

You should say:

- When it was
- How you helped him/her
- Why you helped him/her
- And how you felt about it

Part 3:

- How do people usually help each other?
- How is online help different from real-life help?
- Should schools be responsible for teaching students how to cooperate?
- What are the differences between help from friends and help from family?

21) Describe a leisure activity near/on the sea that you want to try

You should say:

- What it was
- What you need to prepare
- How easy or difficult it is
- And explain why you want to try it

Part 3:

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of vacations to the seaside?
- Why do people like spending time on the sea?
- Why do children like the sea better than adults?
- What types of job positions can be found on or near the sea?

22) Describe a time when you shared something with others

You should say:

- What you shared
- Who you shared it with
- Why you shared it

- And explain how you felt about sharing it

Part 3:

- Do Vietnamese people like to share things with others?
- What are the consequences if children don't like to share?
- Do you think students like to share accommodation with others on campus?
- How could parents and teachers teach young children to share?

23) Describe an article on health you read on magazine or the Internet

You should say:

- What it was
- Where you read it
- Why you read it
- And how you felt about it

Part 3:

- Do you think people are healthier now than in the past?
- How can you tell whether a website is reliable or not?
- What activities can schools organize for children to keep fit?
- What can governments do to improve people's health?

24) Describe an older person that you admire

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you know this person
- What kinds of things you like to do together
- And explain how you feel about this person

Part 3:

- What can young and old people learn from each other?
- Has old people's quality of life improved when compared to the past?
- Why is there a generation gap between the young and the old?
- What do old people usually do in their daily life?

25) Describe your favorite film/movie

You should say:

- When you watched it
- Where you watched it
- What it was about And explain why you like it

Part 3:

- What kind of movies do Vietnamese people like to watch?
- Are movie stars important to a movie?
- Are foreign movies popular in Vietnam?
- Is it important that a country has its own film industry?

26) Describe a quiet place you like to spend your time in

You should say:

- Where it is
- How you knew it and how often you go there
- What you do there
- And explain why you like the place

Part 3:

- Is it hard to find quiet places in cities?
- Why is it quieter in the countryside?
- Why do people go to quiet places?
- Compared with young people, do old people prefer to live in quiet places?

27) Describe a company where you live that employs a lot of people

You should say:

- What it does
- How many people it employs
- What kind of people work there
- How you feel about it

Part 3:

- Should big companies be punished more seriously if they break the law?

- Should big companies donate more to charities?
- What are the benefits of working for a big company?
- What are the differences between big companies and small companies?

28) Describe a time you saw something interesting on social media

You should say:

- When it was
- Where you saw it
- What you saw
- And explain why you think it was interesting

Part 3:

- Why do people like to use social media?
- What kinds of things are popular on social media?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of using social media?
- What do you think of making friends on social media?

29) Describe an art and craft activity (e.g .painting, woodwork, etc.) that you had

You should say:

- What you made
- How you made it
- What it looked like
- And how you felt about the activity

Part 3:

- What traditional handcrafts are popular in Vietnam?
- What do young people think of traditional handcrafts?
- Do people in your country send handcrafts as a gift?
- What are the benefits of making handcrafts?

30) Describe a time you bought something from a street (or outdoor) market

You should say:

- When it was

- Where the market was
- What you bought
- And how you felt about it

Part 3:

- What kinds of markets are there in Vietnam?
- Do you think small markets will disappear in the future?
- Have people's shopping habits changed in recent years?
- What are the differences between shopping in street markets and in big shopping malls?

31) Describe a puzzle (jigsaw, crossword, etc.) you have played

You should say:

- What it is like
- How easy or difficult it is
- How long it takes you to solve
- And how you feel about it

Part 3:

- Why do parents let their children play puzzles?
- What kinds of puzzles improve people's intelligence?
- Why are detective stories attractive to people?
- Which do you think is better? A detective movie or its original novel?

32) Describe a law on environmental protection your country should have

You should say:

- What it is
- How you first learned about it
- Who benefits from it
- And explain how you feel about this law

Part 3:

- Are there laws about education in Vietnam?
- What kinds of rules do schools in Vietnam have?

- What can teachers do to make students obey rules?
- What should parents do to educate children about laws?

33) Describe a plan in your life that is not related to work or study

You should say:

- What it is about
- Why you make it
- What you need to do first
- And explain how you would feel if it is successful

Part 3:

- Should parents make plans for children?
- When should children start to make plans for themselves?
- What things should be planned on a daily basis?
- Are plans always necessary?
- Can people succeed without plans?

34) Describe your favorite singer or actor

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- What his/her personality is like
- What kind of style his/her music/acting belongs to
- And explain why you like him/her

Part 3:

- What kind of music do people like at different ages?
- What is the difference between popular music now and popular music in the past in Vietnam?
- Do Vietnamese parents require their children to learn to play musical instruments?
- Why do some people like to listen to live music while others prefer CDs?

35) Describe a foreign person who you have heard or known that you think is interesting

You should say:

- Who the person is
- How you know him/her
- What kind of person he/she is
- And explain why you think he/she is interesting

Part 3:

- Do you think having foreign friends is a good way to know other countries?
- Do you think it is important to know the culture and language before going to another country?
- Why do many people like to work in international companies?
- What abilities do people need to have when working in an international company?

36) Describe a difficult decision that you once made

You should say:

- What the decision was
- When you made your decision
- How long it took to make the decision
- And explain why it was difficult to make

Part 3:

- What decisions do people usually make in their daily lives?
- Which is easier, making a decision by yourself or making a decision after group discussion?
- Why are many young people unwilling to follow their parents' advice?
- Why would middle-aged people tend to second-guess their own decisions?

37) Describe a bicycle/motorcycle/car trip you would like to go

You should say:

- Who you would like to go with

- Where you would like to go
- When you would like to go
- And explain why you would like to go by bicycle/motorbike/car

Part 3:

- Which form of vehicle is the most popular in your country?
- Do you think air pollution comes mostly from mobile vehicles?
- Do you think people need to change the way of transportation drastically to protect the environment?
- What are the differences between transportation systems in urban areas and the ones in rural areas?

38) Describe a famous athlete you know

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- How you knew him/her
- What he/she has achieved
- And explain why he/she is famous

Part 3:

- What kinds of exercises do Vietnamese people like?
- What characteristics do you think an athlete should have?
- Why are there so few top athletes?
- What's the best way to become a top athlete?

39) Describe an occasion when you were not allowed to use your mobile phone

You should say:

- When it was
- Where it was
- Why you were not allowed to use your mobile phone
- And how you felt about it

Part 3:

- How do young and old people use mobile phones differently?

- What positive and negative impact do mobile phones have on friendship?
- Is it a waste of time to take pictures with mobile phones?
- Do you think it is necessary to have laws on the use of mobile phones?

40) Describe a good service you received

You should say:

- What the service was
- When you received it
- Who you were with
- And how you felt about it

Part 3:

- Is it important for companies to have a good relationship with their customers?
- What kind of services do people expect to receive from a big company?
- What kinds of jobs involve coping with the public?
- Why should companies react quickly when customers have difficulties?

41) Describe a goal you set that you tried your best to achieve

You should say:

- what it was;
- why you set this goal;
- whether it was difficult to achieve this goal;
- and explain how you felt about achieving this goal.