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Top 100 IELTS Speaking Questions (2026)

High-frequency Part 1, Part 2 cue prompts and Part 3 discussion questions for realistic exam practice.

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Tip: highlight 8-12 items this week, practise them in a timed mock, then unlock Pro for fuller banks and AI feedback.

Part 1 (~40 questions)

Short answers with one detail. Aim for 2-3 sentences, not a Part 2 speech.

#	Question	Tip
1	Where is your hometown?	Name it, then add one landmark or feeling
2	What do you like about your hometown?	Give one concrete reason, not three vague ones
3	Has your hometown changed much in recent years?	Contrast past and present with one example
4	Do you work or are you a student?	Answer directly, then say what you do
5	Why did you choose that job / subject?	Link to interest, skill or future plan
6	What do you dislike about your work or studies?	Keep it mild; one limitation is enough
7	Do you prefer mornings or evenings?	Say which, then describe a typical routine
8	What do you usually do at the weekend?	Name one main activity and who you do it with
9	Do you like cooking?	Yes/no + what you cook or why you avoid it
10	What kinds of food are popular in your country?	Name 1-2 dishes and when people eat them
11	Do you enjoy eating out?	Mention occasion, cost or atmosphere
12	How often do you use public transport?	Frequency + one advantage or annoyance
13	Do you like travelling by train?	Compare comfort, views or punctuality briefly
14	What do you usually do when you travel?	Sightseeing, food, photos: pick one focus
15	Do you prefer holidays at home or abroad?	State preference + one clear reason
16	Are you interested in fashion?	Be honest; style or comfort is fine
17	What colours do you like to wear?	Name colours and when you wear them
18	Do you enjoy shopping?	Online vs in-store makes a neat contrast
19	How often do you buy clothes?	Give a realistic frequency
20	Do you like watching films?	Genre + where you watch (cinema/home)
21	What kinds of music do you listen to?	Name a genre and when you listen
22	Have your music tastes changed over time?	Then vs now with one example
23	Do you play any sports?	If not, talk about exercise or watching sport
24	How do you usually keep fit?	One habit beats a fake gym lifestyle
25	Do you prefer indoor or outdoor activities?	Link to weather or personality
26	Are you good at remembering names?	Admit weakness if true; add a strategy
27	Do you often take photos?	Phone camera habits are perfect here
28	What do you use your phone for most?	Pick the top use, not a long list

29	Do you prefer texting or calling?	Situation-based answers sound natural
30	How often do you read books?	If rarely, mention articles or e-books
31	Did you enjoy studying English at school?	One memory makes it vivid
32	What subjects did you like at school?	Reason + whether it links to your life now
33	Do you like rainy days?	Atmosphere, plans, or mood are good angles
34	What is the weather like in your country?	Seasons or a typical day; avoid a forecast
35	Do you have a favourite season?	Say why with a sensory detail
36	Do you like spending time alone?	Balance with social time if relevant
37	How often do you meet your friends?	Frequency + usual activity
38	Do you live in a house or a flat?	Describe one feature of the place
39	What can you see from the windows of your home?	Visual detail scores easy fluency points
40	Do you enjoy spending time in parks?	When you go and what you do there

Part 2 cue prompts (~20)

Short cue-card stems for timed practice. Speak for up to two minutes; cover who/what/when/why.

#	Cue card	Tip
41	Describe a person who has influenced you.	Open with who + relationship, then one story
42	Describe a teacher you remember well.	Include subject, teaching style and impact
43	Describe a friend you like to spend time with.	Shared activities beat personality lists
44	Describe a place in your hometown you enjoy.	Sensory details: sound, light, crowd level
45	Describe a city you have visited.	First impression + one standout experience
46	Describe a cafe or restaurant you like.	Food, atmosphere and who you go with
47	Describe a gift you received.	What it was, who gave it, why it mattered
48	Describe a useful app on your phone.	What problem it solves day to day
49	Describe a book you enjoyed reading.	Genre, what happened, why you liked it
50	Describe an important celebration in your country.	When it happens and what people do
51	Describe a wedding you attended.	Your role, atmosphere, one memorable moment
52	Describe a trip that did not go as planned.	Problem + how you handled it
53	Describe a skill you would like to learn.	Why now, how you would practise
54	Describe a sport you enjoy watching or playing.	Rules lightly; focus on feeling and routine
55	Describe a time you helped someone.	Situation, action, result
56	Describe an occasion when you waited for something.	What you waited for and how you felt
57	Describe a piece of news that interested you.	Source, content, why it stuck with you
58	Describe a time you used a map or navigation app.	Where you were going and whether it helped
59	Describe an object that is special to you.	Origin story matters more than price
60	Describe a goal you want to achieve.	Steps + why the goal matters

Part 3 (~40 questions)

Discuss ideas, not personal diaries. Give an opinion, a reason, and a short example.

#	Question	Tip
61	Why do many people move away from their hometowns?	Jobs, study, lifestyle: pick two
62	What makes a city a good place to live?	Transport, jobs, safety, green space

63	Should governments invest more in public transport?	Cost vs congestion and environment
64	How has technology changed the way people work?	Remote work, speed, always-on pressure
65	Do you think people rely too much on smartphones?	Useful tool vs attention cost
66	How might artificial intelligence affect jobs in the future?	Replace some tasks; create others
67	Is online learning as effective as classroom learning?	Depends on subject, discipline, feedback
68	What skills should schools teach more of today?	Critical thinking, digital literacy, soft skills
69	Why do some students feel stressed about exams?	Pressure, competition, future stakes
70	Should university education be free?	Access vs funding and quality trade-off
71	How can young people be encouraged to read more?	Role models, libraries, phone-free time
72	Why is news on social media sometimes unreliable?	Speed, no editing, incentives for clicks
73	Do advertisements influence people too much?	Children and lifestyle products are good angles
74	How has the internet changed shopping habits?	Convenience, returns, impact on high streets
75	Is it better to buy local products than imported ones?	Economy, carbon footprint, choice
76	Why are many people concerned about the environment?	Visible pollution, extreme weather, media
77	What can individuals do to reduce waste?	Reuse, repair, refuse single-use items
78	Should companies be punished for polluting?	Rules need enforcement to work
79	How can cities become greener?	Public transport, parks, building standards
80	Why do people enjoy watching sports?	Identity, drama, social bonding
81	Is winning more important than taking part?	Age and context change the answer
82	How can communities help elderly people?	Visits, accessible design, health services
83	Why do some people prefer living alone?	Independence, quiet, control of routine
84	Has family life changed compared with the past?	Size, roles, work patterns
85	What makes a good friend?	Trust and support over shared hobbies alone
86	Why is it important for children to play outdoors?	Health, risk skills, less screen time
87	Should parents limit children's screen time?	Balance protection with digital skills
88	How can people stay healthy in busy cities?	Walking, food choices, sleep, stress control
89	Why do food deliveries keep growing in popularity?	Time poverty and app convenience
90	Is traditional food disappearing in your country?	Global brands vs cultural identity
91	Why do people travel abroad for holidays?	Novelty, weather, status, language practice
92	What problems can tourism cause for local areas?	Crowds, prices, environmental wear
93	How can tourism be made more sustainable?	Limits, local businesses, off-season travel
94	Do you think people will travel to space as tourists?	Cost, safety, environmental critique

95	Why are some jobs more respected than others?	Pay, education, social impact, tradition
96	Is job satisfaction more important than a high salary?	Stage of life often decides
97	How can workplaces support employee wellbeing?	Hours, autonomy, mental health resources
98	Why do people volunteer in their communities?	Purpose, skills, social connection
99	What qualities make someone a good leader?	Listening and responsibility over charisma alone
100	How might daily life change over the next 20 years?	Speculate with one tech and one social trend

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