**IELTS Speaking Practice The 6 Step Speaking Approach**

1. Nowadays, people start using mobile phones at a younger age. What are the negatives of this trend?

2. Some people think instant messenger is just as good as face-to-face conversation. Do you agree? Why?

3. First year in university should be focused on learning a broad range of subjects, and not focused on learning just one small area of knowledge. Do you agree or disagree?

4. Some people believe that national celebrations and festivals are very important to preserve. What’s your opinion?

5. Competition in school among students is good for everybody and increases scores. What’s your view?

6. Individuals are responsible for the increase in global warming around the world. It is not the government’s responsibility. Do you agree or disagree?

7. It is the government’s responsibility to create jobs for the citizens that the government serves. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

8. Watching TV can be a positive influence on children’s lives. What’s your opinion?

9. Criminals in jail deserve love and care. They should be looked after by professionals and taught moral principles while in jail. Do you agree?

10. There’s no such thing as failure. When people fail, it is always just a learning opportunity. Do you agree with this?

11. How can teachers make classes more fun for students while maintaining high levels of learning?

12. What are some of the main reasons for the climate change we see today?

13. What are some of the actions that government can take to help the poor in your country?

14. What are the potential negative effects of watching too much TV for kids?

15. What are the benefits for families who live in the countryside?

16. What are the problems faced by high school graduates as they try to choose a career?

17. How does the media and advertising affect people’s habits in your country?

18. Can governments do anything to help the victims of natural disasters such as hurricanes and tsunamis?

19. What are the advantages of giving children a home education instead of a school education?

20. What are the advantages of living in a high-tech world?

21. Is addiction to technology a real problem today? Explain

22. How does travel abroad broaden the mind?

23. Can you predict what the government might do in the future to protect the environment from pollution?

24. What can you see happening 10 years from now in the Indonesian education system?

25. What kinds of changes will we see in people’s lives in the coming years?

26. Why is education important in people’s success in life nowadays?

27. Why is recreation important for family happiness?

28. Can you tell me about an important recreation area in your country?

29. What are the differences between old people and young people in your country nowadays in terms of values, beliefs, and principles?

30. Do you ever work in teams in school? What are the benefits and drawbacks of this?

**High Difficulty Critical Thinking Questions**

How have the social changes in society affected people in your country over the past 10 years?

What have been the main shifts in work habits in the banking industry since the world economic crisis of 2009?

How has people’s use of home PCs changed family lifestyles over the last 20 years?

Some people thought the world would end due to global warming. Do you agree or disagree with this view?

What kinds of changes can universities make in the coming years to improve student’s preparation for working life?

Some think that universities focus too much on theory and not enough on practical work. Do you agree or disagree?

Politicians are responsible for the major environmental problems of the present time. Do you agree or disagree?

Has the increase in factory building impacted upon the world economy recently?

Some now think that knowledge is the new capital. What is your view on this?

There is a view in the business world that marketing is the number one element in any business success. Do you agree with this view?

The use of technology is increasing around the world. In what ways has this increase helped people?

In what ways has the increase in technology use created problems?

The working person nowadays often has to change jobs frequently, and there’s no longer any such thing as a secure job for life. Do you agree with this?

What in your view are the benefits of having a master’s degree or PHD?

Some people believe all crimes should have fixed punishments. What is your view?

In what ways can schools invest in good will programs for their students?

Why are governments becoming more and more concerned with energy conservation and energy supply? How can they ensure that enough energy will be available for future generations?

Why do many people think that all students should take a year out to travel the world?

Why do most elderly people seem to be wiser? How can young people gain wisdom in their youth?

What would be the effect of having a united world education organization?

**5 Challenging Discussion Sets**

**Discussion 1 - Information**

1. Do you think the information on the Internet believable or not?
2. What is the most effective way of getting news?
3. How do reporters gather information?
4. What do you think of the importance of privacy?
5. How do journalists entertain their customers?
6. What role do media play in people’s life?
7. How do Indonesian people gather information?
8. What are the advantages and disadvantages of different media?
9. Do you think it necessary to control the news coverage?
10. What kind of news do you think should be controlled?

**Discussion 2 – Getting Life Skills**

1. What do you think of the traditional skills?
2. What skill do you think the university has provided for your job?
3. What skills can you learn in school?
4. What kind of skills have your parents learned?
5. What do you think of the role of family for children to learn skills?
6. What is the most popular skill that people want to learn?
7. What kind of school would you send your children to? Why?
8. What are the advantages and disadvantages of school education and family education?

**Discussion 3 – Making Friends**

1. What are the differences between adults and children in terms of making friends?
2. Can adults make friends with children?
3. What do you think are the most important factors when making friends?
4. What are the possible factors that cause the break-up of friendship?
5. Why is it difficult for adults to make friends?
6. What will the friendship become like when getting old?

**Discussion 4 – Your Country’s Traditions**

1. What is the concept of holiday in your country?
2. Why are holidays so important to modern people?
3. Do you think it is necessary to observe the traditional customs?
4. What changes in terms of spending festivals and holidays have taken place in the past decade?
5. What is the difference as regards celebration in different part of the country?

**Discussion 5 – The Environment**

1. What causes environmental problems?
2. What should the government do to protect the environment?
3. What should we do to protect the environment?
4. What other measures can you think of to protect the environment?
5. How should we educate children to protect environment?
6. What’s the difference between the old and the young as regards environmental protection?