IELTS Speaking Sample 10
IELTS Speaking Mock Test # 45

Part One: Interview

Q. What is your full name?
A. My name is Vineeth Venugopal and I am from India, Kerala to be exact, gods own country!

Q. What do you want me to call you?
A. Now if you find it difficult, you can call me Vinu. That's my pet name; even just 'Vin' will be fine. That's going to be easy I reckon!

Q. Do you work or study?
A. I have done my graduation from India and I work as a medical professional in the United Kingdom for the time being.

Q. What part of the day are you busy?
A. I am busy during day hours with my patients and other appointments in hospital and clinics. As Saudi Arabia has the custom to split duties of doctors where you get an off during the mid day hours, so apart from that time I am quite busy during day assessing, treating patients and all those short of stuffs.

Q. What part of the day do you like the most?
A. I tend to get a short snap, not a sound sleep, though at noon hours when it is too hot outside, I think I enjoy it most, coming from the busy work place getting inside your blanket in a chilled room after a good meal is something precious for me. Yes definitely this is my favourite time during day hours!! I like the serenity at night time and when I am off duty, I read books or watch movies. This is also a very special time for me.

Q. How many languages can you speak?
A. I can speak Malayalam which is my mother tongue, Tamil, Hindi and Urdu very fluently. Those all are local languages in India. I speak English most of the time as I work in a plural environment where people from different languages and countries come and gather. I also know very basic of Arabian language that local people here speak all the time. I am not sure how good I am in speaking English; well I can tell you after the IELTS test results ... I guess.

Q. What are the languages that you love to or will love to learn? Why?
A. I love to learn new languages - being in Saudi Arabia I am under a constant effort to conquer Arabic language. Given an opportunity I would love to learn new languages like French for example, with which I suppose would be wobbling around in a few years from now, as I aspire to immigrate to Canada where it is a predominant language apart from English. Learning a new language always comes with an extra bonus to communicate as I read somewhere I cannot recollect though. - Better you communicate, the better you can negotiate, better you are going to succeed.
Part Two: Cue Card

Topic:
Talk about a job that you would like to try

You should say:

• what the job is
• what skills are necessary to do this job
• is it a good job in your country?

and explain why you would like to work in this job.

[ You will have to talk about the topic for 1 to 2 minutes. You have one minute to think about what you are going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish. ]

Click here for the answer of this Cue Card Topic

Part Three: Follow-up questions & Discussion

Follow-up questions
Q. Is it easy to work in that job?
A. A definite ‘NO’; this job has never been easy nor will be as there are no definite protocols to help you all the time during your job. It is basically your conscience and presence of mind, your gut feelings, daring attitude that are gonna help you come out of it. Not many people would dare to get engaged in such jobs. It requires utmost passion and mentality to embrace the unknown and challenges. All you can expect from this job is the unexpected!!

Q. Are many people working nowadays in that field?
A. Not much, but yes one could easily find many amateur explorers, in YouTube and all. I never heard of any schools or institution for studying such skills or people given training for an explorer job. Many are into this as part timers or they see it as a leisure or hobby but as a mainstream profession on exploring, no seldom would you find it, at least in my country.

Discussion

Q. What is the most common way to get a job now?
A. You must have a university degree with good result and also relevant job experience to apply for a nice job in my country. It is very common among young generations to apply online through the job portals where
employers have submitted their recruitment details. For government job one has to apply for an exam and after passing it s/he can get enrolled in such government job. There is a huge competition in this exam though.

For the competent job seekers, common way to get a job would be to go online searching it, and then apply for it. If you are selected in the interview, the job is yours. Sometimes the influence and reputed contact person might become helpful while nowadays social media like LinkedIn and Facebook has also become platforms for new job seekers.

Q. What do you do to find a job in your country?
A. It depends on the place you stay and the type of organizations you are applying to. In village areas newspaper advertisements, local government employment exchanges and bulleting are the way of knowing about a job circular and people there rely on these media to apply for a job. In urban areas as mentioned before it’s basically newspaper, internet, social media etc. are the way to knowing about and applying for jobs. The interview of any job is the main criteria for ensuring a job. Most of the private companies decide the deserving candidates for the jobs during the interview. If you can ensure a nice impression during the interview, you are assured to get a job if other criteria are fulfilled.

Q. Is it easy to find a job in your country? Why?
A. India being one of the thickly populated countries does not offer a very flexibility to get a job. It’s definitely not easy to find a job unless you have really impressive academic and job qualification. Or may be some times enough contacts! Yes finding a job is not that easy in India as the competition is pretty high. It is not unlikely that for a single job opening more than thousand of candidates compete! This is the reality of our job sector.

Q. How do schools support students to help them select the job they like?
A. Some schools provide vocational training in the subject of interest to students, nevertheless other schools they just train students with the formal education. So on an average, most of the schools in my country prepare students academically, and jobs are not the main concern of their studies. But yes, there are few schools, specially modern school who pay much attention on future job aspects of the students by ensuring necessary amendment on the syllabus, providing necessary training and welcoming prospective employers to visit them often.

Q. What are the improvements that schools must have to identify talents of students?
A. I would recommend that schools should take more surprise tests outside the academic lessons to find out who are doing better. The school authority should also have a rich lab, play ground, library with numerous books and other facilities to let the students choose in which activities they are good at. The teaching method should be more innovative and the students should be allowed to present their opinions on how teachers should teach better. Apart from that, the schools authority must allocate a big budget to foster the talents the students might have. For instance, the school should find out which students have certain talents in singing, painting etc. Then they should be provided with special classes and training to bring out the best among those students.
Finally a creative and talented teacher can help a lot identify talents of students. So the school should encourage more creative and innovative teachers to join their team.