IELTS Speaking Sample 52
IELTS Speaking Mock Test 3

PART 1 - Introduction

[The examiner asks the candidate about him/her, his/her home, work or studies and other familiar topics in the introduction part. Some of the common questions of part one are as following:]

Q. Are your friends mostly your age or different ages? Why?
A. Most of my friends are my own age. But yes, I have few friends who are senior to me and I can remember having 2-3 friends who are younger than I am. Basically most of my friends are from my college and that’s why naturally they are contemporary to me age. I have few friends from my locality and they became my friends mostly because we played together and shared common interest. Somehow in my locality young people prefer playmates of their ages. This is one of the main reasons they belong to my age group.

Q. Do you usually see your friends during the week or at weekends? Why?
A. That depends and I see my college friends 7 days a week as we have classes together. I see them at weekend as well since we plan our holidays together very often. The friends who are already doing jobs mostly meet me on their weekends.

Q. The last time you saw your friends, what did you do together?
A. Recently I went to watch a movie in a nearby cine complex with my friends. The Cineplex was showing a recent Hollywood movie and we planned to watch it together. On that day we also had our lunch together in a fast food chain shop and we also talked about the recent European Football league final game. Apart from that, we planned to attend a seminar that is likely to be arranged by our college and we agreed to do so on that day.

Q. In what ways are your friends important to you?
A. My friends are very significant to me in many ways. Firstly they share many common interests that I have and that’s why I enjoy a lot talking to them and spending time with them. I never feel bored or get out of topics while I am with them and having a conversation or simply chitchatting. They are indeed very good friends of mine as they have often raised their helping hands in my crisis time. My friends often plan activities that I find very exciting. They share their class notes and study materials with me and that’s very helpful for my studies. In fact friends are the persons with whom we can share everything and my friends listen to my thoughts very attentively. I play with them, study with them, share my thoughts and opinion and that’s why they have a very special place in my life.

PART 2 - Cue Card

Topic:
Describe an interesting historic place.
You should say:

-- what it is
-- where it is located
-- what you can see there now
and explain why this place is interesting.
[ You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you’re 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 3 - Follow up Questions
Discussion topics:

Looking after historic places......

Q. How do people in your country feel about protecting historic buildings?
A. Most of the people in my country would advocate protecting any significant historic building. The historic buildings in my country are the icons of our heritage and we feel very proud to have them. It is not unlikely for people to protest against any planning or activities that might negatively affect our tradition and historic significance including those building.
I can recall an event from my college days when our teacher asked us to leave the classroom and take part in a rally that would march towards the local administrative complex to protest a decision taken by the local authority to diminish an old building to establish a hospital there. This old building was more than 1000 years old and it was once a part of the early ‘independence movement’ in our country against the invaders of foreign power. The protest took a great shape and people stayed there until the local authority assured that they will talk to the higher authority about it. The protest continued to grow and eventually after few months it won its victory when an alternative landscape was chosen to build the hospital. In fact these types of events in my country are not rare and that shows our feelings about the historic buildings.

Q. Do you think an area can benefit from having an interesting historic place locally? In what way?
A. An interesting historic place encourages national and international tourists to travel to this area and this in term of tourism and economic development is very important. Local people get many benefits from a renowned tourist spot including employment opportunity, better exposure of their culture and custom to the world and finally they get many development works in their area since the government invests to promote the area.

Apart from that, having a historic place is an area is a matter of pride and people of such area can easily describe their home town or locality to the people of other parts of the country.
Q. What do you think will happen to historic places or buildings in the future? Why?
A. I think the prominent and popular historic places and buildings which are famous among national and international tourists would survive and the government would try to preserve such places both because of its historic and economic significances. Besides, many other historic places which are the part of the national pride would also continue to exist as they are known throughout the country and government would take care of such places.

However, there are many historic buildings and places that are less famous and have very few visitors to visit them. Such buildings and places would face catastrophic destiny in a distant future. As the population of our country is increasing, the necessity would appear to diminish such buildings and to establish new multi-complex building. I guess such less important historic buildings and places would cease to exist after a century when the generation of that time would give less priority to their past heritage than their present necessity.

The teaching of history at school.....
Q. How were you taught history when you were at school?
A. I mostly learned about our national any many international historical events from our academic books, journals and TV programs. Teachers used to teach us the history books we had in our syllabus. They first emphasized on the history that were part of our class lessons and some of the teachers were really good as they explained the history in details. This covered mostly the national history. Sometimes the school arranged trips to national historical places as part of our lessons and the local tour guides told us a lot about the historical significance of such places.

We also learned from the story our teachers told us about numerous historical events especially about our freedom fight and Second World War. Sometimes the teachers inspired us to read history books and gave us assignment on a particular historical event and we had to complete our assignment as part of our academic exams. This was an excellent way to learn more about the history.

Q. Are there other ways people can learn about history, apart from at school? How?
A. Definitely there are many other ways people can learn about history and that varies from reading books till travelling to historically important places.

First books offer us an excellent opportunity to learn about the world history. If someone is interested in learning the History, he has countless options to read famous and resourceful historical books. Apart from that, many television channels, like History Channel, National Geography Channel, Discovery Channel etc. offer excellent documentaries on history that can be very helpful for learning about world history. Libraries and museums could be other two important resources for people to learn about history. When people travel to different places, they can also learn about the historical significant of such places.
Reading history journals can be another good way of learning about the history. In fact, there are many different ways of learning about history than to be taught history in the classroom by teachers and an inquisitive person has many options to learn about that.

Q. Do you think history will still be a school subject in the future? Why?

A. I most certainly believe that history would always be a part of school syllabus in the near and far future. The fundamental of history and its importance are learned from the school and that has a lasting impact on students. The inquisitiveness about history is formed among students when the teachers explain some great historic events in the classroom. The significance of history can never be denied as it teaches us our past, our ancestors and the world our grandparents used to live. Those lessons create our impression and concept about the world we live in.

We can't build a great future without knowing our past and the school plays an important role in forming our curiosity in History. That's why I believe that history will always be a major subject in school in the future.