Cambridge Proficiency Speaking Part Three on transport, travel and tourism

Set tasks for two students and ask follow-up questions, using the script here and the tasks on the next page. Then change roles and do the same.

CPE Speaking Part Three Examiner's script

"Now, in this part of the test you're each going to talk on your own for about two minutes. You need to listen while your partner is speaking because you'll be asked to comment afterwards.

So, *(name of Candidate A)* I'm going to give you a card with a question written on it and I'd like you to tell us what you think. There are also some ideas on the card for you to use if you like.

All right? Here is your card, and a copy for you *(name of Candidate B)*.

Remember, you have about two minutes to talk before we join in."

(After two minutes) "Thank you."

"(Name of Candidate B) wh…/ how/ do/ are/ is/ should…?" *(question about what Candidate A just said)*

(Name of Candidate A) "What do you think?"/ "Do you agree?"/ "How about you?"

(After about one minute) "Thank you" *(taking back the cards)*

"Now, *(name of Candidate B),* it's your turn to be given a question. Here is your card, and a copy for you *(name of Candidate A)*.

Remember *(name of Candidate B)*, you have about two minutes to tell us what you think, and there are some ideas on the card for you to use if you like. All right?"

(After two minutes) "Thank you."

"(Name of Candidate A) wh…/ how/ do/ are/ is/ should…?" *(question about what Candidate B just said)*

(Name of Candidate B) "What do you think?"/ "Do you agree?"/ "How about you?"

(After about one minute) "Thank you" *(taking back the cards)*

"Now, to finish the test, we are going to talk about 'transport, travel and tourism' in general."

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CPE Speaking Part Three prompt cards on transport, travel and tourism based on real C2 Proficiency Speaking exam tasks

What helps people to choose the best holiday?
- personal advice
- publications
- professional staff

How important is it for children to experience travelling abroad?
- knowledge
- character
- language

Is it better to for teenagers to spend their vacations with their families or not?
- relationships
- experiences
- maturity

What are the advantages and disadvantages of air travel?
- money
- time
- ecology

What can be gained by limiting tourism?
- local way of life
- exclusivity
- the environment

How easy is it for governments to make sure that foreign visitors have a good experience?
- information
- language
- culture

What part does tourism play in promoting international understanding?
- contact
- dialogue
- understanding differences

What are the most important qualities needed to be a good tour guide?
- knowledge
- communication skills
- character

What helps people to get the most out of their holidays?
- choices
- preparation
- mental attitude

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How important is it to plan your holidays?
- avoiding problems
- making the most of your time
- enjoying yourself

The first time you go somewhere, is it generally better to see as many places as you can or to explore a more limited area in more detail?
- making the most of the experience
- understanding the place
- preparing for future visits

Ask each other questions about transport, travel and tourism from the list below.

- Are people in your country…?
- At what age…?
- Do ... need to…?
- Do you think it is true that…?
- Do you think men and women…?
- How can people...?
- How do… benefit from…?
- How important do you think… is?
- In a global world, should…?
- In the past,… Is this a good thing do you think?
- In what ways do people need to…?
- Is it better to… or…?
- Is it easier to… or…?
- Is it more important for children to… or…?
- Is it more important for… to… or…?
- Is it natural for… to…?
- Is it sometimes good to...?
- Should (all) children be expected to…?
- Some people say that… What do you think?
- Sometimes… What do you think about that?
- Today,… Is this a good thing in your view?
- What can... learn from…?
- What do you think is the best… for…?
- What is the appeal of…?
- What is the best way to…?
- What makes some people...?
- What role does… play in…?
- What… has had the greatest impact on…?
- Why are so many people interested in…?
- Why can...?
- Why do some people prefer not to…?
- Would… be better if…?

When your teacher stops you, ask about any questions above which you couldn't understand, couldn't make questions out of, couldn't answer, etc.

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Ask each other questions about transport, travel and tourism from the list below.

- Are people in your country generally interested in the history of places that they visit?
- Are people in your country worried about the negative effects of tourism?
- Are there times when it's better to stay at home during your vacations?
- At what age should teenagers be allowed to go abroad without their parents?
- Can you compare school holidays now to twenty years ago?
- Can you contrast package holidays with backpacking?
- Can you explain why more and more people are going abroad on holiday?
- Can you give some examples of the positive effects of tourism?
- Can you think of any bad effects of advertising abroad to bring more foreign tourists?
- Could you describe how people in your country usually spend their summer holidays?
- Do foreign visitors need to be told how to behave in the country that they are visiting?
- Do tour guides need to be qualified, or should anyone be allowed to do the job?
- Do you believe that a tax on foreign visitors is a good idea?
- Do you believe that people in your country are becoming more adventurous travellers?
- Do you feel that there are the right number of hotels in your local area?
- Do you think it is true that travel broadens the mind?
- Do you think men and women want different things from their holidays?
- Do you think more tourists is always a good thing?
- Do you think that locals should be allowed cheaper access to museums than visitors?
- Do you think that the government should limit tourist numbers?
- Do you think that the kinds of holiday that people take are changing?
- Do you think the experience for visitors to this town is getting better or worse?
- Do you think there is a danger that your country could be overwhelmed by tourists?
- Do you think your government is doing enough to encourage foreign visitors?
- How can countries gain from visits from foreign tourists?
- How can people make sure they don't offend local people abroad on holiday?
- How can places that are less popular with tourists boost their appeal?
- How do local people benefit from tourism?
- How does our taste in vacations change as we get older?
- How easy is it for people to travel in this country without knowing the local language?
- How have school trips changed over the last 50 years in your country?
- How important do you think tourism is for the economy of your country?
- How much do you think the government should get involved in persuading visitors from overseas to get off the beaten track?
- How popular are all-inclusive seaside resorts in your country?
- In a global world, should local governments be encouraged to put English translations on all public signs and notices?
- In a global world, should most school kids be taken on foreign trips?
- In many cultures it is considered rude to take photos of strangers. How do you feel about this?
- In the past, most people spent all their holidays in the same way. Is this a good thing?
- In today's world, holiday destinations can go from undiscovered to hugely popular in just a few years. What effects does this have?
- In what ways do employees taking vacations benefit society?
- In what ways do people need to plan their holidays?

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- Is it better for families to holiday together or to take a break from each other and travel with friends?
- Is it easier to travel on your own or in groups?
- Is it generally better to fly or to take a bullet train?
- Is it more important for children to get to know their own country or to visit new places?
- Is it natural for prices in markets to be higher for visitors from wealthier countries?
- Is it sometimes good to stop all new construction in historical areas?
- It is said that there is no place like home. What do you think about this?
- It's said that you learn little by visiting many countries in a short time. Do you agree?
- Nowadays many employees find it difficult to avoid work emails when they are on vacation. Why do you think this is?
- Should all children learn how to help foreign visitors?
- Some people rent a flat instead of staying in a hotel. Why do you think that is?
- Some people say family holidays are more stressful than work. What do you think?
- Some people say that it is better to boycott countries with repressive governments. What do you think?
- Some people say that there are more drawbacks than advantages to package tourism. What do you think?
- Some researchers say cruise ships bring more problems than benefits. Do you agree?
- To what extent are vacations necessary to our health and wellbeing?
- Today, many people try to go abroad every year. Is this a good thing, in your view?
- What abilities does a good tour guide need?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a host family?
- What are your predictions for visitor numbers in this city in the next few years?
- What can be done to get higher income visitors to come to this city?
- What can be done to stop tourists being ripped off, do you think?
- What can this country learn from other places about appealing to foreign visitors?
- What could be the consequences of fewer people taking package tours?
- What could be the effect of a carbon tax on journeys by plane?
- What do we learn about ourselves from going abroad?
- What do you think a typical hotel will be like in 50 years' time?
- What do you think about work in the hospitality industry in your country?
- What do you think is the best country for someone going abroad for the first time?
- What do you think makes a good school trip?
- What is the appeal of backpacking?
- What is the best way to really get to know a country in a short period of time?
- What is your attitude towards ecotourism?
- What kind of tourism has the greatest impact on the environment?
- What makes some people object to flats being sublet for touristic purposes?
- What sort of information should be provided by the government for foreign visitors?
- Why are so many people interested in looking at animals in the wild?
- Why do some people prefer to camp instead of staying in a hotel?

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