

English performance-based assessment of speaking and critical thinking ability Test

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Topics for the First Test

- What is more desirable - love marriage or arranged marriage?
- Corruption will never disappear from Thai society.
- Life is not easy when there is no money.
- Plastic surgery is the best way to beauty.
- Parents should not allow their kids to play computer games.

Topics for the Second Test

- Forgiveness is better than anger.
- Skipping classes is not always a bad thing.
- Actions speak louder than words.
- It is not good to have a boyfriend or girlfriend when you are studying.
- Which is the most valuable – love, friendship, and good health?

After they chose the topic they preferred, they had ten minutes to prepare with the team members. The scoring rubric was used to grade students' performance as follows:

Criteria	0 point	1 points	2 points	3 points
Fluency	Speak slowly with long pauses and/or a lot of incomplete thought	Speak with frequent pauses, a few incomplete thoughts	Speak with frequent pauses, no incomplete thought	Speak continuously with a few pauses or stumbling
Discussion Ability	The student does not participate in the discussion.	The student participates by answering discussion questions with limited details. The student agrees/ disagrees with something said, but offers no additional new Information regarding the topic.	The student participates in each discussion question. The student follows the directions for making sure everyone participates fairly.	The student fully participates in each discussion question and adds additional insight to prompt further discussion amongst the members of the group.
Reflection of Creative Thinking	There is no attempt at reflection, or only superficial comments apparent.	The student makes a few substantive reflective statements.	The student comments in a structured and insightful way.	
Logical Ideas	Few ideas are presented, and they are not logical.	Some logical ideas are presented.	Adequate logical ideas are presented.	