

Speaking Fitness Activities – Answer Sheet

Part 1 Q	Answer	Explanation
1	b	a) is too short, and even sounds a little rude c) is still too abrupt and too general
2	c	a) 'place' here means the house, not the suburb b) not sufficiently relevant as it introduces the 'landlord'
3	b	a) too repetitive c) too much hesitation
4	a	b) not polite enough c) asks for an explanation, which assessor can't give
5	b	a) and c) have grammatical problems and lack linking expressions – they are therefore unclear
6		<i>'I have loads of friends.....some from right back when I was at school, from various jobs I've had, and there are the friends I play sport with. I've always been a friendly sort of person so I find it easy to get on with people when I meet them. But, I suppose I'd say I only have one or two true friends – friends I completely trust, I mean.'</i>
7	a	b) and c) don't have the higher level vocabulary and idioms that a) has (to catch up with my old friends, bump into my new friends, hang out together).
8	c	
9	b	
10	a	b) and c) use only simpler links: 'and / but / because / so' ; a) uses a wider range: 'even though / however / because / as'
11	c	a) talks more about roads; b) talks about roads and cars (not traffic)
12	b	b) is too direct because it has imperatives, which often seem impolite ('Think about it') and also uses the short, direct forms which can sound abrupt and opinionated ('They can't. It's not possible'). a) and c) use less direct language which sounds more polite.
13	b	Unlike b), responses a) and c) don't show the wider range of strategies for managing hesitation and for retaining a sense of fluency.
14 *		1) I'm sorry, • I didn't catch that. • Could you repeat it, • please? 2) Yes • it's great. • There are plenty of parks, • with tennis courts • and many native plants • flowers • and trees. 3) As I said just before • I'm a bit shy • but I make friends quite easily • maybe because I'm a good listener • and I like asking questions • and showing interest in people.
15 *		a) It's NOR mal to have a lot of FAM ily around you. b) ... so the inc RE asing levels of TRA ffic are very NO ticeable. c) It's prob ably un LIK ely that CAR acc idents can be sTO pped comPLE Tely. d) ...I'm a good LI stener and I like asking QUE stions and show ing IN terest in peo ple.
16 *		REALLY LOVE EC BEAUT a) I _____ my family, esp _____ ially my grandmother; she's such a _____ iful woman. REALLY EAS SUPER b) I make friends _____ ily; in fact I get _____ excited when I meet new people. TERR TO c) I'm a _____ ible driver. I get _____ tally nervous in heavy traffic, and when I get out of the car I feel like TO WRECK! SO a tal _____ I'm annoyed with myself about it!

* Note: slight variations are possible.