

TIPS

Your performance in the Speaking Paper is judged according to the following criteria:

- **grammar** – your ability to use a wide range of grammatical structures appropriately and accurately.
- **vocabulary** – your ability to use a wide and appropriate range of vocabulary accurately in order to convey your precise meaning and to express attitudes, opinions and abstract ideas.
- **discourse management** – your ability to say things which form coherent speeches and make relevant and logical contributions to conversations. What you say should link together well, both with other things you say, and with what the other candidate and the examiner say.
- **pronunciation** – your ability not only to pronounce what you say so that it can easily be understood (although you do not have to try to sound exactly like a native speaker) but also to link words and phrases together smoothly. You should speak in such a way that appropriate words and phrases are emphasized, and the appropriate intonation is used to convey clearly the meaning of what you are saying.
- **interactive communication** – your ability to demonstrate conversation skills, such as knowing when you should speak and when it is someone else's turn to speak and keeping a conversation going by not hesitating too much. Coming up with something to say that enables the discussion to develop when it appears to be coming to an end before the subject has been fully covered is also important, as is making points of your own or responding to those made by others, so that you play a full part in the conversation.
- **global achievement scale** – your general performance in the Paper as a whole.