



Tips for Excellent Oral Communication

Since the Ministry of Education has set the following as Exam Focus Areas, let's examine what they are:

AO1 read with **good pronunciation, clear articulation and appropriate intonation** in order to convey the **information, ideas and feelings** in a passage

AO2 produce a **well-paced, fluent** reading of a passage

AO3 **express** their **personal opinions, ideas and experiences** **clearly and effectively** in conversing with the examiner

AO4 speak fluently and with **grammatical accuracy**, using a range of **appropriate vocabulary and structures**

In subsequent lessons we shall then learn what the following really mean:

~GOOD Pronunciation

~CLEAR Articulation

~APPROPRIATE Intonation

~WELL-PACED, FLUENT Reading

~EFFECTIVE & CLEAR Expressions of Personal Opinions, Ideas and Experiences

~GRAMMATICAL Accuracy

~APPROPRIATE Vocabulary and Structures

Reading Aloud Stimulus-based Conversation

Open Ended: 1 passage 10 marks

Open Ended: 1 visual stimulus 20 marks

Weightage of Oral Communication: 15%

About 10 mins (5 mins preparation time; about 5 mins examination)

As we can see, it's in Oral Communication you could score a cool 80-90% of the marks as long as you practise the "tricks of the trade". Let's get cracking, shall we?