Interuniversity Test of Academic English

ITACE for CLIL teachers: oral test

Preparation (15 minutes)

During your preparation time you can make brief **notes**, which you can bring to the actual test session. Do not write full sentences.

Evaluation Criteria

The following **criteria** will be considered when evaluating your oral test:

- ✓ Vocabulary
- ✓ Grammar
- ✓ Fluency
- ✓ Pronunciation
- ✓ Coherence and structure

Task Description

The oral component of the ITACE consists of **two tasks**:

Part 1: Lesson

Give a short class (5mins) on the following topic.

> *Pretend you are teaching one of your classes. Explain a key concept that pupils need to understand when studying your subject. Give a few examples to illustrate why this concept is so important.*

Part 2: Argumentation

Prepare to talk coherently about ONE of these two topics for about five minutes. Briefly explain the statement and give your own opinion. Try to come up with various arguments or specific examples to support your point of view.

Topic 1: Standardised tests

The Belgian educational system does not make use of national tests identical for all schools, such as the French Baccalauréat or the British GCSE examination. Standardised tests are often considered to be a fair and objective method to measure a student's ability. However, some say that they make the curriculum more limited and that teachers are more likely to drill pupils only on what will be tested. Moreover, too much focus on testing might make a country less likely to produce innovators and critical thinkers. Do you think standardised tests are beneficial to the educational system?

Topic 2: GM food

Genetically modified food is developed because of some perceived advantage either to producers or consumers, e.g. lower prices, longer shelf life or higher nutritional value. However, critics argue that the process of combining genes from different species goes against the natural selection process that occurs in traditional cultivation. As a result, no accurate predictions can be made about the long-term effects of GM food. Should GM food be banned?