



## ENGLISH FOR BUSINESS

SPEAKING TEST

LEVEL 3

Code Number *Sample*

### The Topic: CHEAP AIR TRAVEL

You may base your conversation on the following points:

In many parts of the world air travel is becoming cheaper.

- increased competition
- consumer demand for cheap, basic air transport
- no-frills airlines offer basic travel arrangements
- on-line booking

What are your views on how budget air travel is advertised?

- hidden charges for luggage and credit cards
- destinations offered are often a long way from major cities

Arguments **for** cheaper air travel:

- when people travel they spend money and aid economic development
- foreign travel helps to broaden people's minds
- business travel is encouraged

Arguments **against** cheaper air travel.

- air travel is a major polluter of the atmosphere
- cheap air travel might encourage less desirable tourists
- extends consumption of non-renewable resources

What is your view about the future of cheap air travel?



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##### **Examiner**

You work for the Transport Ministry in your country. A 'low cost' airline has approached you regarding opening a new route to a former military airfield 100 kilometres from the capital. Listen to the proposal and ask appropriate questions of the Development Manager regarding the proposed benefits to the local economy, problems of pollution and increased road traffic.

- What might be the effect on the existing city airport and the major airlines flying from there?
- Will the local economy benefit from the type of visitors flying with this airline?
- How can flight times be controlled to minimise noise pollution?



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#### **Candidate**

You are the Development Manager of a 'low cost' airline which is considering opening a new route flying to a former military airfield around 100 kilometres from the capital city. You are meeting with a representative of the country's Transport Ministry to discuss your proposals. You consider that the benefits to the economy of this region far outweigh the downsides.

- A significant number of local jobs would be created both with the airline and at the airfield.
- You are flying modern jets which use less fuel and are much quieter in operation.
- Diverting some passengers to this airfield will reduce traffic congestion around the current airport and shorten journey times for travellers from the region.