**ARCHES Language School**

**Speaking Test**

**Level B1**

**Activity 1:** My Roots

**Content to be tested:** A2, M1, L1-L3

**Directions:** *Talk about your cultural roots,**your family background and your life in your country of origin before migrating to the US. Answer the following questions in the form of a monologue. Make sure to provide info for each of the questions.*

* Where were you born?
* What city did you grow up in?
* Which specific neighborhood did you live at?
* Mention someone who was significant to you during your childhood. Why was that person so meaningful to you?
* Which school did you go to?
* Was there any teacher -or school friend- important to you as a child? Why?
* Did you go to college in your country of origin?
* What did you study in college?
* Did you work in your country of origin? If so, where did you work?
* What was your job position and responsibilities there?
* In general, do you feel proud to have been born in (country)? Why? Tell us about it!

**Activity 2:** A Big Move

**Contents to be tested:** B1,M2, L1-L3

**Directions:** *Answer the following questions in the form of a teacher-student conversation. Make sure to use perfect tenses (Present Perfect and Past Perfect, as necessary) in your answers.*

* When did you come to the US?
* Had you studied English before coming to the US?
* How have you changed since you arrived in the US?
* Where have you lived (cities and states)?
* Have you moved a lot?
* Where have you worked in the SA so far?
* Had you worked for a construction company before (prior to GPC)?
* Which job have you enjoyed the most?
* Have you made new friends in the US?
* Who has helped you the most all this time? Is there anyone you feel grateful with?
* What have you learned (e.g.: drive a car, use the Internet) since you came?
* Have you travelled abroad or around the States as an American resident/citizen?
* If so, which places have you visited? Which one did you like better?
* Had you traveled abroad while you were living in Cuba?
* How have you felt, overall? Tell us about it!

**Activity 3:** Company Policies

**Contents to be tested**: B1,M1, L1-L3

**Directions:** In the form of a monologue, talk about your company policies and benefits. The following questions may serve as a basis for your presentation

* Does your company hire part-time employees?
* Do part-time employees receive the same benefits as full-time employees?
* What are the benefits and perks for people who work full time, in addition to salary?
* Do employees get any sick days in the year?
* Who get paid vacation in your company?
* What do people who work overtime get?
* How long does it take for an employee to be promoted in your company?
* How long does it take for an employee to get a raise in your company?
* Overall, do you think your company policies and benefits for employees are fair? Tell us about it!

**Activity 4:** A year from now…

**Content to be tested:** M3, L1 & L2

**Directions:** *Let’s make imaginary plans for the upcoming year. Answer the following questions in the form of a teacher-student conversation.*

* What are your plans a year from now?
* Are you going to live in the same house?
* Will you move to another city or state?
* Will you stay at the same company? Will you change job?
* Will you start a small business?
* Will you start a diet? A fitness program?
* Will you learn something new? If so, provide details.
* Will you travel? If so, where are you planning to go?
* What things will you change in your life?
* What things will remain the same?

**Activity 5:** Making Choices

**Content to be tested:** B1, M3, L1 & L2

**Directions:** *From the given pairs, which option do you prefer? Explain your answer by giving, at least, two reasons in each case. Make sure to use comparative forms in your presentation.*

a) small cars or big cars?

b) large cities or small towns?

c) a big modern apartment or a two-story house?

d) have your own business or work for a big company?

e) beach tourism or historic tourism when travelling?

f) watching a movie or reading a book?

g) online shopping or in-store shopping?

h) an Apple PC or a Windows PC?

i) paying cash or paying with credit cards?