## **ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM**

## LANG - SPEAKING ASSESSMENT

"Community service should be a compulsory part of high school programs."

- **Step 1** You need to state your opinion clearly.
- Step 2 You need to support your opinion with reasons.
  - **Reason 1:** Tell one reason to support your opinion.
    - Examples / Facts / Details / Experience 1 Support for reason given above.
  - Reason 2: Give listeners a second reason
    - Examples / Facts / Details / Experience 2 Support for reason given above.

Step Step 3 - Briefly remind listeners why they should agree with your position.

| Step 1 | I strongly agree with this statement. Volunteer work can provide young people with the experiences they need for paying jobs and it can also help them see themselves as valuable contributors to society.   |  |
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| Step 2 | Reason 1   | When completing compulsory work activities with charitable organizations or community organizations, students gain skills that they can add to their resumes and use in future jobs. Working out in the real world quickly teaches young people the importance of time management, clear communication and teamwork.     |
|        | Examples<br>Facts<br>Details<br>1  | Employers like McDonald's restaurants, who provide many young people with<br>their first paying jobs, look for volunteer work on resumes as evidence of having<br>developed some relevant work skills. So, although students are not paid for their<br>time, they are building valuable abilities for future employment. |
|        | Reason 2   | Perhaps even more importantly, when students volunteer, they are more likely to realize that their actions have a positive impact on the world around them. If students are given the opportunity to help others, even in a small way, they will see that they can make a difference.                                    |
|        | Examples Facts Details 2   | In schools that have been running these programs, there has been an incredible boost in student morale and the community has benefitted from the talent and time that young people have contributed to the many programs that need support. If we teach them how to step up and help others, we create a better          |
| Step 3 | In conclusion, it is a great idea to have community service as part of a high school program because it will help the next generation prepare for employment and it will build a caring community that is willing and able to make our world a better place. It's my hope to see this in every school. |  |

## **Sample Speaking Exam Tasks:**

- "Personality is more important than beauty."
- "The most important thing about a job is the salary."
- "You can't have a happy family life and a successful career at the same time"
- "Smartphone applications lead to addiction"