Activity 1. Read the questions below and prepare your own answer. Remember to give a direct answer to the question first, then extend your answer by adding extra information in a couple of sentences.

Activity 2. Read the answers below carefully and highlight expressions, vocabulary or idioms that you wish to remember. Make sure you practice them in your speaking, so that you can make use of them in your speaking test.

Part 3. Photography/memories

Q: Why do you think people take photographs?

I think people take photographs to capture the moment. People typically take photos when they have a moment that is worth remembering for a long time. For example, we take photos in ceremonies, anniversaries and birthdays. They are special days in our lives.

Q: What are the qualities of a good photo?
There are a few factors that make a good photo. Firstly, it should be natural, and nothing should seem contrived. Secondly, the photo should be clear without any blurry object in it. Last but not least, a good photo should have just the right amount of light in it. It shouldn't be too bright or too dark, I think.

Q: How do memories of the past affect people to plan the future and make choices?

In my opinion, memories of the past play an important role in people's lives as people make a decision based on what they experienced. Some memories are powerful and they linger for a long time. These memories affect people's choices and their future may change depending on these choices. Memories of the past matter and they help us plan the future.

Q: What kinds of memories do people share with others?

People share all sorts of memories with others, both happy and sad. People share happy memories with others like special occasions or birthdays, for example, either by telling them directly or by posting photos and leaving messages on Facebook or Instagram.
In my opinion, people tend to share happy memories more than sad memories with others. I think sorrowful, unfortunate, heartbreaking memories are shared only with a small number of close friends or family members through face to face interactions.