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. Communicating online/keeping in contact

Q: Would you compare writing a letter and writing an email?

Writing a letter is different from writing an email in many aspects. Writing a letter requires more time and efforts as you have to write what you want to say manually. On the other hand, you can write an email by typing on your computer keyboard, so in most cases, it is easier and quicker. Also, if you write a letter, you have to send it by post and it needs time and a small fee. In contrast, you don't have to pay anything for sending an email and it is sent almost instantly to the recipient. Therefore, there are significant differences between writing a letter and writing an email.

Q: What are some common ways of communication nowadays?
There are so many ways of communication nowadays. For example, we communicate with others by making a phone call, texting a message, or writing an email. We can also communicate with others by leaving a message to their Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages online.

Q: Do you think using the Internet is an isolated activity?
Well, this is not an easy question to answer as I think this issue is quite debateable. To be honest I believe using the Internet is a social activity, not an isolated activity. Think about what we do on the Internet. We send emails, we upload pictures, post messages, and exchange ideas on blogs or other online bulletin boards. All these are forms of communication and they help us to interact with other people and establish a relationship. Therefore, using the Internet cannot be seen as a solitary activity. Rather, the Internet has become a social platform where people get to know each other and share opinions.

Q: To what extent do you think the internet affect people's social behaviour?
The Internet has changed social behaviour in several ways. Thus, it is obvious that the internet greatly affects netizens' social behaviour. For example, when we didn't have the Internet, we had to meet people in person to discuss something and make a decision. Now, we have the Internet, so, we can exchange ideas and communicate efficiently online without meeting them. Also, with the help of the Internet we send messages electronically, which means you don't have to send things by mail. We can easily get along with other people without arranging a time and a place to meet them face-to-face. Thus, it is fair to say that the Internet has affected and changed our social behaviour significantly.