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. Success/privacy

Q: What do you think is success?

Well, it's not an easy question to answer because there are different facets of success. In my opinion. Success is not so much about earning a lot of money or being admired by others. Rather, it is about how happy you are about how you live your life and what you've achieved. Therefore, success, in my opinion, is directly related to a sense of accomplishment and self-contentment. Obviously, it's not about either possessions or assets or fame.

Q: What qualities make someone famous?

People are famous for different reasons. If I have to name a few qualities that make people famous, I would say their appearance, their talent and their relationships with important people. If someone is extraordinarily beautiful or handsome, he or she would be famous. And if someone is extremely talented, for example, if he or she has a beautiful voice and sings incredibly well, he or she would become famous. Furthermore, relationships can make people famous. For instance, if someone is related to somebody famous by blood or is a close friend of a celebrity, they can be in the spotlight of the media and people will be interested in them too, which can bring them fame and fortune.

Q: What are the advantages of being famous? Are there any disadvantages?

I think there are lots of advantages of being famous. For example, being famous usually means being liked by people. So, if you are famous, wherever you go people will focus on you, people will respect you, and people will think of you as someone important.

However, there are disadvantages too, I believe. Some people would want to know everything about you, even your private life. Therefore, paparazzi will follow you and your privacy will not be protected at times. And you have to be aware that someone may be watching you to make a headline. It is very likely that you may feel uncomfortable even in personal events or occasions because you know that someone may be following you. This is the most serious and uncomfortable truth about being famous and being in the public eye.

Q: Do you think celebrities' privacy should be protected?

I strongly believe that celebrities' privacy should be protected. Celebrities have their personal lives and they are not obliged to share it with the public. They are humans like us and they have the same rights as we do. Invasion of privacy is a serious offence. They have the rights to live in freedom and to have their privacy protected. They should not be harassed simply because they are celebrities.