IELTS Speaking Part 3

This is an Introduction to Part 3 of the IELTS Speaking Exam

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What is Part 3?

▶ Part 3 of the IELTS Speaking Exam builds on Part 2. This means you will talk about the same topic as you did for Part 2, however, it will become a conversation between you and the examiner.

▶ For Part 3, it is imperative (necessary) that you pay attention to the examiner and listen to his/her questions.

▶ So, for example, if Part 2 asks you to describe a book, the conversation for Part 3 might be about literature. This conversation will be more **abstract and critical**.

Abstract and Critical Conversation

▶ An abstract idea or thinking about a topic critically means you need to examine your ideas and express them fully.

▶ Abstract thinking requires you to answer questions such as, "*What if?*"

▶ Critical Thinking requires you to answer questions about "*How?*" and "*Why?*"

▶ Abstract thinking and critical thinking both require you to look at the whole picture.

▶ We will talk more about this in Part 3 of the course.

Part 3 Example Topics

▶ Since Part 3 is related to Part 2 the topics will be very similar to any topics you can expect for Part 2. However, the topic will be expanded upon.

Part 2 Topic	Part 3 Topic
A book you read.	Literature
A park you visited.	Parks and Society
An important item to you.	Materialism (focus on material things)
An older role model.	Generational Differences
A time you gave a speech.	Public Speaking

Part 3 Example

▶ **So, let's talk more about games. Do you think video games or other electronic games are an important part of society?**

Some people agree that video games are beneficial to society, while others disagree and tend to think they can be harmful to society. I think its based solely on the games content. For example, some video games may contain graphic content not suitable for younger children. Some games may explore some violence, which is not good for younger children because they don't possess the critical thinking skills needed to understand the content from the games.

Part 3 Example

But on the other hand, for adults, or for older people it may be a way they can manage their stress. Most people work everyday, and they need some way to manage their stress. Video games can serve that purpose for them. Personally, I would say, as an adult, video games are good, but as a student we need to be careful we manage our time well.

Part 3 Example

▶ **So, can video games have a negative side?**

Definitely! I don't think there is anything that you can be certain is only good. There are always positives and negatives to everything. It really just depends on how you use it. You have to have some self-control and self-restraint. Most things, like video games can be wonderful, but may also have some negative parts to it.

Part 3 Example

For example, video games can become addictive to certain individuals. Those people need to be careful that they manage their time and how often they indulge in video games. Pokémon Go was a very popular fad that lasted for some time. It caused a few accidents, and a lot of people seemed to be addicted to the game.

Part 3 Example

▶ **What do you think of the future of video games?**

Future of video games...I know there are virtual reality video games, but I have never been able to play them. I haven't really had time to know any more details about virtual reality games, or other video games for that matter because recently, I have always been concentrating on my studies.

Part 3 Example

It would be cool to know how to play these types of games because they look really innovative. They setup a real scenario where you really feel immersed in the game. They also have virtual reality goggles that you can wear. It looks like a lot of fun!

Part 3 Challenges

▶ Part 3 of the IELTS Exam is more challenging because you need to use higher-level thinking and abstract language. We will talk more about this in Part 3 of the course.

▶ You need to be able to talk about different topics in depth and use abstract language to do so.

Preparing for Part 3

▶ Practice! This one is a given, but it is most important!

▶ Read about different topics and challenge the ideas in the reading. For example, you can read an article about robots, and think about the question, "*What would happen if robots took over everyone's job?*" Then think about the language you need to answer this question.

▶ There will be several activities and different tips and strategies to help you practice for Part 3 of the exam.