BBI 2420 ORAL INTERACTION SKILLS

ASSIGNMENT 1: PORTFOLIO

Instructions for students

For this course, you are required to spend at least an hour per week on this activity. You will do this work on your own. Please refer to the schedule (Students’ Guide) on page 2 to find out your weekly task.

Some of the tasks require you to search for information on selected websites. **If you are unable to access the website listed in the STUDENTS’ GUIDE, you are encouraged to look for other related websites.** Just write the website address in your Internet Activity Log.

When you have spent a minimum of one hour on the tasks, please write your answers to the questions in the Activity Log. Remember to write your answers manually rather than print with your computer. You will need to record the date you did your work.

Your Portfolio is to be submitted for evaluation, so please make sure you complete all the tasks and submit your worksheets on time.
## STUDENTS' GUIDE

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Worksheet on how to start, maintain and end a conversation.  
Complete Activity Log 1/9. |
| 1    | Worksheet on constructing question forms.  
Complete Activity Log 2/9. |
| 2    | Worksheet on conversation skills.  
| 2    | Log on to:  
[http://elc.polyu.edu.hk/elsc/material/Speaking/discussion_skills.htm](http://elc.polyu.edu.hk/elsc/material/Speaking/discussion_skills.htm)  
[http://www.wikihow.com/Lead-a-Discussion](http://www.wikihow.com/Lead-a-Discussion)  
Worksheet on discussion skills.  
| 3    | Worksheet on forms and functions  
| 3    | Worksheet on completing a survey questionnaire.  
| 4    | Log on to:  
[http://www.essex.ac.uk/myskills/skills/presentations/givingGoodPres.asp](http://www.essex.ac.uk/myskills/skills/presentations/givingGoodPres.asp)  
Worksheet on oral presentation skills.  
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[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/pron/sounds/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/pron/sounds/)  
[http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/](http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/)  
[http://international.ouc.bc.ca/pronunciation/](http://international.ouc.bc.ca/pronunciation/)  
Worksheet on pronunciation skills and dictionary use.  
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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FEbfUDzNol&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FEbfUDzNol&feature=related)  
Worksheet on non-verbal communication.  
Complete Activity Log 9/9. |
ACTIVITY LOG 1/9

Date:

1. Log on to:
   Read the article. Which part of this article did you find useful?
   Give ONE reason to support your answer.

2. What is the difference between starting, maintaining and ending a conversation?

3. State TWO examples of language expressions to start, maintain and end a conversation based on your daily life.
   Starting a conversation.
   Eg: Hi (name)!

   Maintaining a conversation.
   Eg: What do you do on Sundays?

   Ending a conversation.
   Eg: Have a nice day!
ACTIVITY LOG 2/9

Date:

Exercise 1

Knowing how to structure questions correctly is very useful in conversations and interviews. Review the relevant unit in your module before you attempt this exercise. Alternatively, you may refer to internet resources on question forms. Rearrange the given words to form questions.

Example:

0. [books where / do you/ usually get/ your ]
   Question: Where do you usually get your books?
   Answer: I usually get my books from the bookshop.

1. [read/ what /type of books / do you ]
   Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: I read all types of books.

2. [your / favourite author/ who is]
   Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: My favourite author is J. K. Rowling.

3. [when /read / do you /usually ]
   Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: I usually read before bed time.

4. [do you ever / the / refer to /dictionary ]
   Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: Yes, when I come across a word that I don’t know.

5. [do you read /how many/ books/ in a month ]
   Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: Two to three.

6. [you /like to read /do/ newspapers/]
   Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: Yes, I read online newspaper.
7. [why /magazines /do you /like /to read ]
   Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: I like to read about the latest IT gadgets.

8. [you /start /reading /when did]
   Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: When I was 4 years old, I think.

9. [your children /do /enjoy reading ]
   Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: Not really. They prefer to watch television.

10. [do you /encourage /your children /to read/ how]
   Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: By reading together with them.

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**Exercise 2**

*Write questions for the given responses.*

**Example:**

0. Question: *What course are you doing?*
   Response: I’m doing a course in Accounting.

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1. Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: This book costs RM28 only.

2. Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: I go to the cinema twice a month.

3. Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: I like movies on adventures.

4. Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: I read newspapers every morning before I go to work.

5. Question: _____________________________________________
   Answer: I like to read newspapers so that I know about current events.
ACTIVITY LOG 3/9

Date:

Exercise 1
In the conversation below, expressions 2, 5, 6 and 7 have grammatical errors. Write the correct version in the space given.

Situation: While shopping at a bookshop, Salina met an old friend named Aminah.

Salina : Hi Aminah, how are you? (1)
Aminah : Hi Salina, I very fine. (2) What about you?
Salina : I’m doing great. (3)
Aminah : Are you looking for a book? (4)
Salina : Yes, I looking for a book. (5)
Aminah : What book are you like to read? (6)
Salina : Actually I very like cookery books. (7)
Aminah : Really? I didn’t know you like cooking. (8)
Salina : Well, I don’t cook much. When I find a recipe that I like, I show it to my husband. (9) He’s a good cook.
Aminah : What a good idea!

a. Incorrect: Hi Salina, I very fine. (2)
   Correct: ______________________________________________________

b. Incorrect: Yes, I looking for a book. (5)
   Correct: ______________________________________________________

c. Incorrect: What book are you like to read? (6)
   Correct: ______________________________________________________

d. Incorrect: Actually I very like cookery books. (7)
   Correct: ______________________________________________________
ACTIVITY LOG 4/9

Date:

1. Log on to http://elc.polyu.edu.hk/elsc/material/Speaking/discussion_skills.htm
   What could you say when:
   a. you want to ask someone to share his/her opinion

   b. you want to share your opinion

   c. you want to interrupt someone who is speaking

   d. you want to ask for more information/clarification

   e. control people who talk too much

   f. end a discussion

2. Log on to http://www.wikihow.com/Lead-a-Discussion
   What new or interesting information did you find in this website?
   Did you find this activity useful? Why / Why not?
ACTIVITY LOG 5/9

Date:

Exercise 1

The dialogue below is a sample of a discussion among colleagues. Match the expressions in the dialogue with the correct language functions found in the table below. Then write the correct numbers in the brackets provided.

Mr. Brown: Good morning, everyone. Thanks for coming.
(Executive Director)  (1)

We're here today to discuss an urgent problem. The occupancy rate in our hotel has dropped drastically from 75% to 40% in the past 6 months. Mr. Smith, since you are in charge of room reservations, could you please enlighten us on this matter?

(2)

Mr. Smith: Sure. First, competition is extremely keen in the hotel industry. Moreover, our hotel does not offer discounts and other benefits to our customers.
(General Manager)  (3)

Ms. Lim: What exactly do you mean?
(4)

Mr. Smith: Other hotels are offering a 20% discount on group rates. They also provide free continental breakfast and have fruit and flower baskets delivered to their rooms. Don’t you think we should have something like this too?
(5)

Ms. Lim: Yes, I think so. Maybe we could even throw in a complimentary buffet dinner and discount coupons for our hotel guests to use at the shopping mall downstairs. I’m sure we’ll be able to attract more guests to our hotel.
(6)

Ms. Sania: May I add something here? I think that together with the special offers and discounts, we should also give our hotel a face lift. Nothing has been done in the past five years. Since I am in charge of housekeeping, I would like to point out that the rooms have to be refurbished. The carpets are frayed, the tiles in the bathrooms are stained and the furniture is old.
(7)

Mr. Cooke: I agree entirely with Ms. Sania. I feel that we must also improve our restaurants. In fact, the cooking facilities are outdated, and we need to replace these with more modern cooking equipment. Furthermore, we ought to increase the variety of local and continental food served. With good food, good service, hospitality and cleanliness, our occupancy rate will improve.

Mr. Brown: Are there any more complaints or suggestions? Ms. Zeti, do you have anything to add?
(8)

Ms. Zeti: Not really. I think that all the major problems have been discussed.

Mr. Brown: Okay then. I’ll bring your suggestions to the attention of the
Board when it meets next week. **That's all for today.** I'll call for another meeting after I've heard from the Board. **Thanks for coming.**

Example

To thank (0)

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Exercise 2

*Read the conversation below. Match the expressions in the dialogue with the correct language function found in the given table. Then write the correct function in the space provided.*

Betty: Hi, Zoe!
Zoe: Hello!
Betty: Who is this beautiful lady?
Zoe: I’m sorry. Let me introduce you to my friend, Tara. Tara, this is my friend, Betty.
Tara: Pleased to have met you, Betty.
Betty: Nice to meet you, Tara.
Zoe: Where are you headed?
Betty: Actually, I plan to watch a movie in *Mid Valley* today.
Tara: Oh! What movie are you planning to watch?
Betty: Have you all heard of ‘*Toy Story 3*’?
Zoe: Of course I have, silly! I heard the animation is good but the storyline is so boring.
Betty: Do you all want to watch the movie with me?
Zoe: I’m afraid we can’t today, as we are having a group discussion shortly.
Tara: Perhaps, we can meet up another day?
Betty: That's a great idea!  
Zoe: Ok, we have to go now. Our group discussion is at 3pm. Bye, Betty!  
Betty: Bye, Zoe! It’s been nice meeting you, Tara. Bye!  
Tara: Yeah, it's a pleasure meeting you too. See you!  

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Read and understand the sample questionnaire. The survey questionnaire below is incomplete. Write the correct answers in the space given.

Instructions: Please answer all the questions/statements as truthfully as you can by either circling the correct answers or writing your response in the space given.

Title: A survey on the use of mobile phones among university students.

1. ______________ :  
   a. Male  
   b. Female

2. Age:
   a. Between 19 to 30 years old.  
   b. Between 30 to 40 years old.  
   c. 40 years old and above.

3. ______________ :  
   a. Upper class  
   b. Middle class  
   c. Lower class

4. ___________________________________________________________?  
   You can have more than one answer.  
   a. Nokia  
   b. Sony Ericsson  
   c. Samsung  
   d. I-Phone  
   e. Blackberry  
   f. Others: ________________(please specify)

5. ___________________________________________________________?  
   a. 1  
   b. 2  
   c. 3  
   d. 4  
   e. 5 or more.
6. Which range of hand phone your family members are currently paying per month?  
a. RM 30 and below per month  
b. Between RM30 and RM50 per month.  
c. Between RM50 and RM100 per month.  
d. Above RM100 per month.

7. How do you feel about hand phones?  
a. Yes, hand phones are very useful.  
b. No, hand phones are a nuisance.  
c. Sometimes, hand phones can be useful.

8. You can circle more than once.  
a. Bluetooth  
b. Internet facilities  
c. Music  
d. Games  
e. Camera  
f. Others: __________________ (please specify)

9. Who do you communicate with your hand phone?  
a. Family  
b. Friends  
c. Girlfriend/Boyfriend  
d. Others: __________________ (please specify)

10. How often do you replace your hand phone?  
a. Every 6 months or less.  
b. Between one and two years.  
c. Every two years or more.  
d. When the hand phone is spoilt.

11. How satisfied are you with your hand phone?  
a. Very satisfied  
b. Satisfied  
c. Neutral  
d. Dissatisfied  
e. Very dissatisfied
ACTIVITY LOG 7/9

Date:

1. How would you rate your oral presentation skills in English? (0 –very weak to 10-very good)

2. What are your strengths when doing an oral presentation? List at least 3.
   
   *Eg: good content or visual aids*

3. What are your weaknesses when doing an oral presentation? List at least 3.
   
   *Eg: very soft voice*

4. Log on to: [http://www.essex.ac.uk/myskills/skills/presentations/givingGoodPres.asp](http://www.essex.ac.uk/myskills/skills/presentations/givingGoodPres.asp) or other websites and find information that will help you to give a good oral presentation in class. Write 5 useful tips from the articles.
5. Go to [http://ecglink.com/library/ps/powerpoint.html](http://ecglink.com/library/ps/powerpoint.html) or other websites. Write some points you should remember to produce effective PowerPoint / multimedia materials for an oral presentation.

6. What are the 5 things to **avoid** when preparing PowerPoint slides for an oral presentation?
Exercise 1
Select ONE of the following websites and read any article or activity of your choice.

(b) http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/pron/sounds/
(c) http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/
(d) http://international.ouc.bc.ca/ pronunciation/

1. Which website did you choose? Circle your answer
   (a)  (b)  (c)  (d)

2. What did you learn about English pronunciation from the website that you chose? Give one specific example.
Exercise 2

Use your dictionary and check whether the following words have been correctly transcribed using the IPA. If the phonetic transcription is correct, put a √ in the space given. If it is incorrect, put an X in the space given.

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1. bad /bed/ [   ]
2. shin /ʃɪn/ [   ]
3. faculty /'fɑːktɪə/ [   ]
4. measure /mezə(r)/ [   ]
5. chain /ʃeɪn/ [   ]
6. jam /dʒæm/ [   ]
7. sheet /ʃeɪt/ [   ]
8. thing /θɪŋ/ [   ]
9. mosque /mɒskju/ [   ]
10. ago /egəu/ [   ]
11. easy /ɪzɪ/ [   ]
12. thick /θɪk/ [   ]
13. sheep /ʃɪp/ [   ]
14. heat /hɪt/ [   ]
15. university /ˌunɪˈvɜːsəti/ [   ]
16. graduate /'ɡrædʒuət/ [   ]
17. view /vjuː:/ [   ]
18. hit /hiːt/ [   ]
19. reach /rɪtʃ/ [   ]
20. fast /fɑːst/ [   ]

Note: Please make sure the dictionary that you use for this activity uses the IPA chart for pronunciation. Eg: Longman or Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary.
ACTIVITY LOG 9/9

Date:

The activity below is based on the YouTube videos by expertvillage. The name of the presenter is Tracy Goodwin. She is also known as ‘The Red Sweater Lady’. Watch the videos and fill in the blanks with the correct answers. All answers can be found from the videos.

1. TOPIC: NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION TOOLS : NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION : SPACE

   Log on to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhhALfB_1Aw&feature=related

   a. Space is officially called _______________________.
   b. We actually have 3 sets of proxemics and they are ____________________________, ________________________________ and ________________________________.
   c. ______________________ have the largest area of proxemics around them compared to any other culture.

2. TOPIC: HOW TO EVALUATE SPEECHES: EVALUATING SPEECHES: POSTURE & GESTURES.

   Log on to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cS3BDGNDu_8&feature=channel

   a. We are looking for _____________________ and ______________________.
   b. Presenters should be standing ______________ _________.
   c. You want a ___________________ amount of gesturing.
   d. Too many gestures are ____________________________.

3. TOPIC: NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION TOOLS : WHAT IS NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION?

   Log on to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5brSO79Rfyl&feature=related

   a. Non-verbal messages include our ______________________
     ______________________, ______________________, ______________________, touch and space.
   b. Space is about the ________________________________.
   c. Non-verbal communication can improve
     i. __________________________________________________________________________
     ii. __________________________________________________________________________
4. **TOPIC: NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION TOOLS : NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION : FACIAL EXPRESSIONS**

Log on to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1H2kZWjqTA&feature=related

a. Facial expressions just happen in reaction to ____________________________
   ____________________________

b. Facial expressions can communicate _________________ such as
   __________________, ______________________, ______________________
   and etc.

c. Sometimes you are aware of your facial expression but sometimes it is an
   __________________________ reaction.

5. **TOPIC: NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION TOOLS : NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION : EYE CONTACT**

Log on to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FEbfUDzNoI&feature=related

a. Eye contact is so important in ________________________________.

b. Eye contact does a number of things. One it secures
   ________________________________.

c. It also signals the nature of the ________________________________.

d. If I am very comfortable with you, I have no problem making __________________ with you.