Appendix 6 - ISE II Speaking and listening rating scale

Score	Communicative effectiveness Task fulfilment Appropriacy of contributions /turn-taking Repair strategies	Interactive listening Comprehension and relevant response Level of understanding Speech rate of examiner interventions Speed and accuracy of response	Language control Range Accuracy/precision Effects of inaccuracies	Delivery Intelligibility Lexical stress/intonation Fluency Effects on the listener
4	 Fulfils the task very well Initiates and responds with effective turn-taking Effectively maintains and develops the interaction Solves communication problems naturally, if any 	 Understands all interventions on a first hearing Interprets examiner's aims and viewpoints accurately by making links with earlier information Makes immediate and relevant responses 	 Uses a wide range of grammatical structures/lexis flexibly to deal with topics at this level Consistently shows a high level of grammatical accuracy and lexical precision Errors do not impede communication 	 Clearly intelligible Uses focal stress and intonation effectively Speaks promptly and fluently Requires no careful listening
3	 Fulfils the task appropriately Initiates and responds appropriately Maintains and develops the interaction appropriately (eg expanding and developing ideas, and showing understanding of what the examiner said) Deals with communication problems well 	 Understands most interventions on a first hearing Interprets examiner's aims and viewpoints accurately Makes prompt and relevant response 	 Uses an appropriate range of grammatical structures/lexis to deal with topics at this level Shows a relatively high level of grammatical accuracy and lexical precision Errors do not impede communication 	 Clearly intelligible despite some use of non-standard phonemes Uses focal stress and intonation appropriately Generally speaks promptly and fluently – occasionally affected by some hesitancy Requires almost no careful listening
2	 ▶ Fulfils the task acceptably with support ▶ Initiates and responds acceptably ▶ Maintains and develops the interaction, but contributions are not always appropriate and/or are somewhat dependent on the examiner ▶ Manages to solve communication problems, but requires more than one attempt and/or does not always do this naturally (eg 'What?') 	Usually understands interventions; occasionally needs clarification Shows occasional uncertainty about examiner's aims or viewpoints Makes relatively prompt responses	Uses an acceptable range of grammatical structures/lexis to manage topics at this level, but grammatical/lexical gaps still cause hesitation and circumlocution Shows an acceptable level of grammatical accuracy and lexical precision Most errors do not impede communication	Intelligible despite some use of non-standard phonemes Uses focal stress and intonation acceptably Speaks promptly and fluently enough to follow Requires some careful listening
1	 Does not fulfil the task even with support Does not initiate or respond adequately Does not maintain and develop the interaction sufficiently Contributions are inappropriate and/or overly dependent on the examiner Has some difficulty in resolving communication problems 	 Has difficulty in understanding interventions Frequently misinterprets examiner's aims and viewpoints Responds slowly due to difficulty in understanding input 	 Uses a limited range of grammatical structures/ lexis that is not always adequate to deal with topics at this level Does not show an adequate level of grammatical accuracy and lexical precision Some errors impede communication 	 Generally intelligible or sometimes unintelligible use of non-standard phonemes is sometimes or frequently evident Sometimes or often misuses focal stress and intonation Speaks slowly, sometimes or often halted by hesitancy Requires (some) careful listening
0	No performance to assess (candidate does not speak, or does not speak in English).			