

ISE I

Sample Independent listening task 2 – Garry Kasparov

Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a short talk about a famous person. You will hear the talk twice. The first time, just listen. Then I'll ask you to tell me in a few words what the speaker is talking about. Are you ready?

The task will play once.

Now tell me in a few words what the talk is about.

Give the candidate some blank notepaper.

Now listen to the talk again. Write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me six pieces of information about Garry Kasparov. Are you ready?

The task will play once.

Now tell me six pieces of information about Garry Kasparov.

When the candidate has finished, select four follow-up questions from the list below. Choose four questions which correspond to facts not already reported by the candidate.

Audio script

Some people say that the best chess player ever was a man called Garry Kasparov. He was born in 1963 and started playing chess when he was only 5 years old. By 1984 he was the number one chess player in the world. Garry Kasparov was the youngest person ever to be the best chess player and what's more amazing is that he stayed number one in the world for 19 years! Perhaps what Garry Kasparov is most well-known for is playing chess against a computer. The computer was called Deep Blue. The designers of Deep Blue thought that no person could defeat the computer at chess. In fact, Kasparov won 4 games against Deep Blue and the computer only won 2 games. In 2005 he decided to stop playing chess in competitions, although he still plays for fun and teaches other people to play like him.

Questions and answers

If the candidate asks, the examiner may repeat the questions once.

What the talk is about: A chess player – Garry Kasparov (any broadly similar formulation is acceptable).

	Fact from recording	Follow-up question
1	People say he was best chess player ever	What do people say about Garry Kasparov?
2	Born 1963	When was Garry Kasparov born?
3	Started playing chess at five years old	How old was Garry Kasparov when he started playing chess?
4	1984/became youngest person to be best in world	When did Garry Kasparov become the best player in the world?/What happened in 1984?
5	Stayed number one for 19 years	How long was Garry Kasparov the number one chess player for?
6	Played chess against a computer	What is Garry Kasparov most famous for?
7	Computer called Deep Blue	What was the computer called?
8	Designers of computer thought no one could beat it	What did the designers think about the computer?
9	Kasparov won four games against Deep Blue	How many games did Garry Kasparov win against the computer?
10	Deep Blue won two games	How many games did the computer win?
11	Stopped playing chess in competitions in 2005	When did Garry Kasparov stop playing chess in competitions?
12	Still teaches and plays for fun	What does Garry Kasparov do now?