

MICHIGAN ECCE SPEAKING TEST

PART II

EXAMINEE INFORMATION

Situation

I am your friend and I have a problem. Find out what my problem is and offer me some good advice.

First

You should look at the pictures below and ask:

- Who is this person?
- What is the problem?
- What are the possible solutions?
- What is the disadvantage to each solution?



Then

When you have all the information you need, you should offer some advice to help solve the problem. You can choose one of the solutions or create your own solution to the problem. Remember to use information you learn from asking questions to explain your final choice.

Finally

After you have shared your decision, you will be asked more questions about the topic.

EXAMPLE

Questions and answers

Q: Could you please tell me who the person in the first picture is.

A: My friend, Rita.

Q: And what is her problem?

A: Rita is getting married. Her parents want to have a large traditional wedding with many people, and she wants to have a small, informal wedding. Because I know her so well, she wants me to help her decide what to do.

Q: Something else I would like to know is what the possible solutions are.

A: Tell Rita to let her parents have the wedding their way since they are paying for it.

OR

Tell Rita to have the wedding her way. It is her wedding and she should have what she wants.

Q: What is the disadvantage to each solution?

A: Rita may be upset with her parents for a long time if her parents have the wedding their way.

If she has it her way, she might hurt her parents' feelings, and they might be uncomfortable at such a casual wedding. Moreover the couple may have to pay for the wedding themselves.

EXPRESSING YOUR OPINION

Now that you have all the information you need you may offer your opinion

I think Rita should try to persuade her parents that she has the right to decide what kind of wedding she will have. If they insist, I think she should let her parents have it their way. **Although** it is her wedding, I don't think that she has a good reason to hurt her parents' feelings. **Furthermore** since they're paying for it, I think they should be given the chance to have it the way they want.

I don't think it is a good choice for Rita to ignore her parents' feelings and have the wedding her way. They will be uncomfortable at such a casual wedding. **Besides**, the couple will have to pay for the wedding themselves.

ELABORATION QUESTIONS

1. If you were to plan your own wedding ceremony, what would you like to include? Why?
2. What characteristics would you look for in someone you might want to marry?
3. Do you think that having an arranged marriage is a good idea for some people? Who? Why is it a good thing? If no, why not?