

Feedback Guidance for Practice Exam – GESE Grade 8

Teachers, you can use this table to help give your students feedback after their one-to-one practice exam with you in lesson 1 and 2 in week two. You could copy this and give each student a record of their practice performance, or simply use it to guide your feedback and to check what the whole class needs to work on before the exam day. There may not be time to practise all the phases below.

Exam requirements	✓	Suggestions for improvements
Topic phase		
Show understanding by responding appropriately		
Communicate facts, ideas, opinions and explain viewpoints about a chosen topic linked across a series of extended turns		
Maintain coherence and cohesion throughout the phase by organising discourse		
Engage the examiner in discussion of the topic		
Be prepared to ask and answer questions about the content of and examiner's views on the topic		
Handle interruptions by using recovery strategies		
Respond to the examiner's contributions and requests for further information, clarifications and explanations		
Interactive phase		
Take control over the interaction		
Maintain the discourse by asking for information and commenting on the responses obtained		
Help the discussion along by encouraging comment and opinion from the examiner		
Take, give up and offer turns when appropriate to do so		
Take the opportunity to use the language functions of the Grade, as appropriate to the individual task		

Exam requirements Conversation phase	✓	Suggestions for improvements
Show understanding of the examiner by responding appropriately		
Share responsibility for the maintenance of the interaction with the examiner		
Follow up on comments from the examiner in order to develop the conversation		
In case of a breakdown in communication, take steps to repair it		
General		
Was able to have an <i>informal discussion</i> and was <i>not</i> memorising or reciting		
Did the practice exam feel similar to a real conversation?		
Did the student ask for clarification if they didn't understand?		
Was the exam enjoyable?		