

# TOEIC Speaking Test Question 11

## Express an Opinion

### **Question 11 Test Flow:**

#### **Introduction:**

1. In this question, you will be asked to state an opinion and give reasons for that opinion.
2. You will have 15 seconds to prepare and 60 seconds to give your opinion and support it with reasons and examples.
3. The focus of the question will vary, but it will always be an informal and familiar context.
4. Speak slowly and clearly, but say as much as you can in the time allowed.

#### **Test Tips**

1. Become familiar with common ways of stating your opinion.
2. Give a clear opinion.
3. Show what it is you are agreeing with, preferring or supporting.
4. Use sequence words to introduce and order your supporting reasons.
5. Focus clearly on the task.
6. Decide on your answer and plan your supporting points.
7. Choose an opinion and stay with it.
8. Think of reasons or examples for each supporting point.
9. Keep a steady pace and watch your timing.
10. Learn words and phrases to state and support an opinion.
11. Personalise your response.
12. Use phrases and hesitation devices to give you time to think.
13. Use language to show you have considered the other side of the argument, and to signal your transition back to your opinion.
14. Choose an answer you can say a lot about.

#### **Test Technique**

1. Choose the side you will defend.
2. Present your opinion (with a restatement of the question).
3. Introduce each supporting point and talk for around 15 seconds (adding reasons and examples) and remember to use hesitation devices to avoid long pauses.
4. If appropriate, add an opposing point before concluding with your opinion.
5. Be sure to include your reasons why this does not convince you to change your mind.