

Candidate's Copy

SKH Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School

Secondary School Places Allocation Phase I

Examination on Proficiency of Spoken English

Individual Interview

Part 1: Reading Aloud

Time allowed: 1.5 minutes

English Language teaching in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is going to use English as the teaching language in her schools because it will make graduates more likely to be hired. However, in the beginning, there were no teachers who were able to teach in English. The country had to send the teachers to learn English first, so it will take some time before schools can adopt such teaching policy.

In fact, some middle-level science classes in about twenty-five per cent of the country's schools have started using English for teaching this year. This is possible because there are enough teachers who used English when they were taking their degree courses. However, for Arts teachers, the situation is difficult because they had been learning through their mother tongue.

The change of teaching language to mother tongue was adopted in the late 1950s. But, after half a century, the government finally realized such policy was foolish because many graduates could not get a proper job as a result of their poor English. Therefore, the government changed the education policy and English was re-introduced as the medium of teaching.

Part 2: Individual Response

Time allowed: 1.5 minutes

(Teacher will ask question in the interview, candidate cannot read the question in the printed copy).