USEFUL EXPRESSIONS FOR MUET SPEAKING SKILLS: PART 2

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The Malaysian University English Test (MUET) serves as an evaluative measure of English proficiency within Malaysia. This assessment is designed to gauge the English language competence of Malaysian students for pursuing higher education or employment opportunities.

The speaking component is divided into two sections, namely Part 1 and Part 2. In Part 2, candidates are required to sustain a conversation and discuss the best solution to the given question or situation.

The following useful expressions are intended to be used in speaking skills Part 2. They help to cultivate cohesiveness and coherence in presentations, speeches, or conversations. Functioning as linkers and connectors, these expressions facilitate the seamless transition from one sentence or idea to another.

1 Innitiating a conversation

To start a conversation (usually the first person only).
- "I would like to open the floor by addressing..."
- "Let's initiate our discussion with the topic of..."
- "May I suggest we begin by considering..."

2 Expressing strong support

To express firm concurrence on a point.
- I wholeheartedly endorse the idea that..."
- "I am in complete accord with the viewpoint that..."
- "I unequivocally support the idea that..."

3 Partially supporting idea

To indicate partial agreement
- "I agree to some extent, but I would like to qualify my agreement by saying..."
- "I share a similar perspective, although there are nuances that should be considered, such as..."

4 Proposing strong suggestion

To make firm suggestion on a point.
- "I strongly recommend that"
- "It is important that we seriously consider..."
- "I propose that we give thorough consideration to..."

5 Requesting for ideas

To ask for suggestion from the floor/ other candidates

- I would appreciate any input or suggestions on..."
- "Does anyone have any recommendations regarding..."
- "I am open to suggestions concerning..."

6 Justifying choices

To contrast and provide reasons for posints.

- "On the contrary, opting for the second choice would result in..."
- "It becomes apparent that the advantages of the second choice outweigh..."

7 Summarising key points

To sum up key points
- In summary, our key points include..."
- "To encapsulate our discussion, we have covered..."
- "To recap, the main highlights of our conversation are..."

8 Stating final decision

Making the final/best solution to the situation
- After careful consideration, we unanimously agree to..."
- "The consensus among the group is to proceed with..."
- "It is settled. We all concur on the decision to..."

9 **Concluding discussion**

To conclude and end the discussion.
- With that, I believe we have thoroughly covered the topic."
- "I suggest we bring this discussion to a close, as we have addressed all relevant aspects."
- "Thank you all for your valuable contributions. This concludes our discussion."

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