**Student’s Worksheet 1**

**Linguaskill Speaking Part 4 – sample task**

**This is an example task from Part 4 of the Linguaskill Speaking test.**

**Read the task. When you have finished reading, your teacher will ask you some questions**.

First you will read a statement. Then you will have 40 seconds to prepare what you are going to say. You will then have 90 seconds to talk about the statement.

You can take notes while you prepare. Please speak for all the time you have.

*Instead of bringing people together, social media is pushing people apart.*

 *You should:*

 *• consider arguments both* ***for*** *and* ***against*** *this statement*

 *• reach a conclusion, providing reasons to support your final argument.*

**Student’s Worksheet 2**

**Speaking Part 4 – sample response**

**Read the transcript of how one candidate answered the question on Worksheet 1.**

**Write in the missing words.**

It is often **1.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that social media is the best way for people to keep in touch with each other and share their opinions, and **2.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is certainly some truth in that. Without social media, we’d be unable to interact with so many people all over the world, **3.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instance, so it certainly does bring people together, like the statement says. **4.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, there is another side to social media which needs to be considered. While some people are completely in favour of it, **5.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can see how it may actually damage relationships. Rather than meeting up with someone, or calling them for a chat or to discuss an issue, people just send quick messages or post comments online, and these require very little effort or thought. **6.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is more, it’s difficult to say exactly what you mean in a short message. **7.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the comments people write can easily be misinterpreted, they may actually push people apart and create problems with relationships. All **8.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all, I can see both advantages and disadvantages with social media. **9.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the problems it can cause, it is here to stay, so to my **10.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the most important thing is to learn how to use it properly.