

Oral exam topics

1. Robotics/Automation
2. Ergonomics
3. Environmental issues
4. Energy
5. Virtual reality
6. Computers
7. Telecommunications
8. Space research
9. Quality or mass production
10. Car industry
11. Recycling
12. From wheels to space shuttles
13. Technological advances
14. New materials
15. Inventions and inventors

Speaking

Part 1

In the first part of the exam you will be asked questions about your personal and professional background. Your examiner will ask you questions similar to the ones below.

Prompts for the interlocutor

1. Tell us a few words about yourself with special emphasis on your academic and professional background..
2. Suppose a friend of yours would like to study at the Technical University. How would you recommend it to him/her?
3. What are your views on how university facilitates – if at all – student research?
4. In what ways has your command of English been an asset in your studies?
5. Can and does university prepare students for the world of work?
6. What professional qualities do you need to find a job that comes up to your expectations?

Part 2

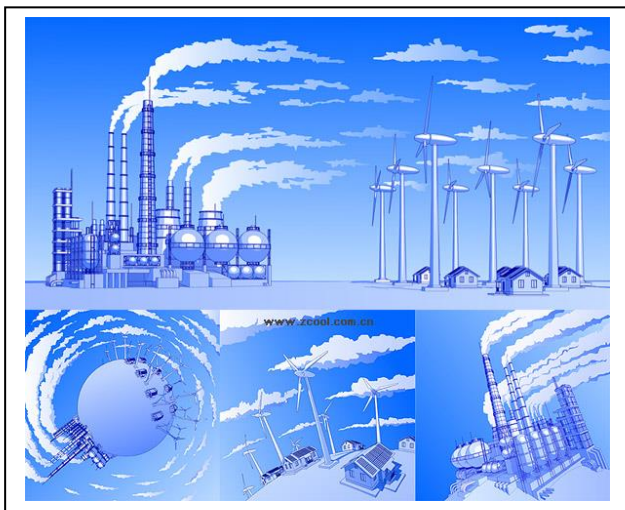
In the second part of the exam you are expected to talk about a topic generated by visual input. You do not need to describe the pictures in detail but use them as a starting point for what you say. Remember to link the topic to your specific field of engineering.

Environmental pollution and protection

Prompts for the interlocutor

1. Which pollutants are said to be the main culprits in the global environmental change?
2. What alternative energy sources will take the place of fossil fuels?
3. Why is it essential to integrate economic and environmental policies?
4. The question is no longer whether the human beings will alter the earth's climate, but by how much. What will the consequences of global warming be?
5. How does the depletion of the ozone layer endanger the habitability of the earth?
6. Do you know about any initiatives made in order to halt further degradation?
7. How could people's awareness of environmental problems be improved?
8. If you were to work out an action program what measures would you consider as top priorities?

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Part 3

In the third part of the exam you are going to have a discussion with the examiner, in which you will have to share your ideas and arguments on a statement referring to a controversial topic in the field of science and technology

Topic

Full automation leads to full unemployment.