IELTS Speaking Part 1 - Countryside

Band 9 IELTS Speaking Questions and Model Answers to the topic of country or countryside

Part 1 Questions and Answers about the IELTS Countryside

Q1. How much time do you usually spend in the countryside?
A1: To be truthful, I don’t spend that much time in the countryside. I live in the city and all the things that I need to do usually keep me there. However, every once in a while, perhaps one or two times a month, I try to make it out there. It’s nice to get away from the noise and breathe some fresh air. Being there really gives me a sense of appreciation for the beauty that nature offers.

Q2. What do you like to do when you are in the countryside?
A2: I guess that my top three things that I enjoy doing out in the bush are hiking in woods, camping, and going for scenic drives. It’s such a relief to be out there and have a change of atmosphere. Instead of hearing the unpleasant noises of cars honking, and people shouting, I can sit back and hear the peace of the surroundings, such as the birds chirping and the wind whistling. It’s food for my soul.

Q3. Did you ever live in the countryside?
A3: No. Not for any long stretches of time at least. Unless you want to count short-term camping trips. Every summer, I like to explore a different national park and I bring my tent along with me. It’s not like living in a rural farming community, but it’s still quite an experience that helps me calm down and get a different perspective on life.

Q4. Do you believe that you will one day live in the countryside?
A4: Hmm. That’s a toughie. Well, I shouldn’t ignore the fact that it’s a healthier way of living and the people are friendlier. But right now with my career plan, it’s hard to imagine ever doing it. However, I’ve heard that people begin to slow down and mellow with age. I won’t say it’s impossible as I might be in different frame of mind then. So there is a slight chance that it may happen.

Part 1 Advanced vocabulary and natural expressions for this topic

1. **bush** = countryside: Every once in awhile I like to go to the bush to get away from city life.

2. **sense of appreciation** = a feeling of admiration:
   It’s hard not to get a sense of appreciation for all of the beauty that nature offers.

3. **scenic drive** = drive through a beautiful place:
   On weekends I like to take scenic drives in the countryside.

4. **change of atmosphere** = move to a different setting:
   Sometimes I just need a change of atmosphere as city life can be tiring.

5. **frame of mind** = way of thinking:
   Maybe my frame of mind will be much different when I’m older.