



Citizenship Interview Test

Anchors, Form 974

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Note: Shaded numbers indicate items that appear on both forms of the test.

PART 1

1	PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME		
A	Alr...k.	0	Incomprehensible.
B	724-5635.	0	Incorrect.
C	California.	0	Incorrect.
D	Alvarez.	1	Not full name, incomplete.
E	Li-Ping.	1	Student's last name is Wan. Incomplete.
F	Alvarez, Maria.	2	Answers the question.
G	Maria Alvarez.	2	Answers the question.

2	WHAT DID YOU JUST PROMISE?		
A	I promise to study.	0	Incorrect.
B	Promised for the United States.	0	Incorrect.
C	True.	1	Requires inference.
D	Truth.	2	Answers the question.
E	The truth? To swear?	2	Answers the question.
F	Don't tell lies, tell truth.	2	Answers the question.

3	WHAT IS YOUR AGE?		
A	Fine.	0	Does not answer question.
B	July 6, 1975.	0	Incorrect.
C	I was born July 6, 1975.	1	Requires inference.
D	I have thirty-two years.	2	Answers the question.
E	Twenty-five years.	2	Clear.
F	Thirty-two.	2	Clear.

4	WHEN IS YOUR BIRTHDAY?		
A	July 4, 1776	0	Implausible.
B	5-11-72.	1	Unclear. Is this May 11 or November 5?
C	5-24-90.	2	Clear.
D	72-5-14.	2	Acceptable.
E	December 6, '78.	2	Clear.
F	March 25 th .	2	Clear.

5	HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING AT YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS?		
A	I live Main Street, number 24.	0	Does not answer question.
B	My address, <i>pero</i> , um, twenty-seven years.	1	Use of native language.
C	I have been here three years and six months.	2	Clear.

6	WHAT YEAR DID YOU LEGALLY ENTER THIS COUNTRY?		
A	Legally, because uh, my husband need a work that today we want to be a legal person. We are fixing the papers now.	0	Does not answer question.
B	I is enter with a passport, and uh, I don't have enter illig, illig.... I enter two years ago.	1	Unclear, requires inference.
C	I not enter legally. Illegally enter.	1	Partial answer; explains but does not give the year entered.
D	I entered illegally in 1970.	2	Gives year entered country. Explains he/she did not enter legally.

7	WHERE WAS YOUR PORT OF ENTRY?		
	<p><i>Score 0 for Tijuana or other border cities outside the United States.</i></p> <p><i>Score 1 for “entered illegally, slipped in.”</i></p> <p><i>For a score of 2, the examinee must mention an American city or airport. Any American city is acceptable.</i></p>		
A	I entered with passport.	0	Does not answer question.
B	Tijuana.	0	Not an American city.
C	My father’s house.	0	Incorrect.
D	Arizona.	0	Incorrect.
E	I don’t know.	2	Plausible.
F	Sant’ana, California. Los Angeles (pronounced with a Spanish accent).	2	Spanish pronunciation with a Spanish name. Acceptable.
G	L.A. Airport.	2	Clear.
H	Modesto.	2	Clear.

8	HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU BEEN MARRIED?		
A	13.	0	Implausible.
B	5 years.	0	Does not answer the question.
C	I married the fourteen, <i>pero me separé</i> for five year.	0	Does not answer the question.
D	I just live with my boyfriend.	0	Does not answer the question.
E	I just live with my husband. We not married. Just one time.	1	Unclear.
F	This is my second.	2	Answers the question.
G	Never.	2	Clear.
H	Just one time.	2	Clear.
I	No, not married.	2	Acceptable.

9	HOW MANY YEARS DID YOU STUDY IN SCHOOL IN YOUR COUNTRY?		
	<i>Score 2 for “Graduated from High School” is a clear number of years of education to an average American.</i>		
A	I study in the school.	0	Incorrect.
B	He study six years.	0	Incorrect. Pronoun should be “I”.
C	I study <i>secundaria</i> , uh, ten years.	1	Use of native language.
D	I graduate from high school.	2	Clear according to average American.
E	Twenty.	2	Plausible.
F	Uh, eight months.	2	Plausible.
G	I studied seventeen, but in this country I have one year more.	2	Clear.
H	I study there six years.	2	Complete.

10	WHEN YOU BECOME A CITIZEN, ARE YOU PLANNING TO KEEP YOUR CURRENT NAME OR CHANGE IT?		
A	No.	0	Does not answer question.
B	Three years. For my husband.	0	Does not answer question.
C	Keep.	2	Clear one word response.
D	Current name?	2	Tentative but clear.
E	Current name.	2	Answers the question.
F	No, change it.	2	Answers the question.

11	WHERE IS YOUR FAMILY LIVING?		
A	My family living in Vietnam. In Vietnam living my family. I am Pleiku, uh, my father, eh, my father is teacher, my mom, eh, be careful.	1	Unclear in parts.
B	They living with me. I live with my husband and my daughter.	2	Clear.
C	In China. In California. In New York.	2	Possible to have family in three different places.

12	WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU TRAVELED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES?		
A	For nine month.	0	Does not answer question.
B	One years in December, Philippines. How exactly? Is uh, for two weeks in Philippines.	0	Incomprehensible.
C	Uh, of my country or of here for my country? No, no outside.	1	Unclear.
D	Three years.	1	Unclear.
E	Three years ago.	2	Clear.
F	No, I didn't.	2	Clear.
G	April 15 th .	2	Clear.
H	Last month.	2	Clear.

13	HOW DID YOU GET HERE TODAY? HOW DO YOU USUALLY GET TO SCHOOL? (FOR REMOTE TESTING ONLY)		
	<i>Must relate to how the student was transported to school.</i>		
A	My teacher call me to take a test.	0	Does not answer the question.
B	My husband.	2	Clear.
C	By car.	2	Clear.
D	I usually school online 5:30 to 8:30.	2	Clear.

PART 2

14	HOW DID YOU LEARN ENGLISH?		
A	Little bit.	0	Incorrect.
B	Oh, the talk too much in the work with only little bit English.	0	Incomprehensible.
C	Teacher?	2	Answers the question.
D	School.	2	Answers the question.
E	I learned online.	2	Clear.

15	WHAT DO YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY?		
A	I love this country. It have good opportunities.	0	Does not answer the question.
B	Come over here <i>porque</i> me marry my husband living over here.	0	Does not answer the question.
C	Is hard in my country because is uh... not to work and is uh... poor. It's hard Somalia.	0	Does not answer the question.
D	I born in Korea, Pusan.	0	Does not answer the question.
E	Everything.	1	Too general. See guideline III 2.
F	Too many things.	1	Too general.
G	The food.	2	Clear.
H	My parents, the food, my house.	2	Clear.

16	WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN?		
A	In two or three years.	0	Does not answer the question.
B	What? Why? Papers? I want to work in the, in the future...future, eh, I want teacher in the school and I wants teacher in my country, I want teacher here.	1	Unclear.
C	It's free.	1	Requires inference.
D	I want to be a citizen because I want the best for my family. And, if I am no citizen, I can't get the best of this country.	2	Answers the question.
E	Because I love it here, I like the people, I like the country.	2	Clear.

17	WHAT IS YOUR SOURCE OF INCOME?		
A	I would like to get a good job.	0	Does not answer the question.
B	I don't had.	1	Unclear.
C	Oh, I don't have income. My husband has income. He loaned some dollars at the amount.	1	Last sentence unclear.
D	I work at a store.	2	Clear.

18	WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?		
A	I living with my husband and my daughter and my son three years.	0	Does not answer the question.
B	Early I am housekeeper, and I am learning all day here. I am in diploma high school. And, then I want to be a teacher.	1	Unclear in the beginning.
C	Working.	1	Unclear who is working.
D	I don't work, only my husband. Yeah, I don't have work.	2	Acceptable.
E	I'm a homemaker.	2	Clear.
F	I am a student.	2	Clear.

19	WHAT IS YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS?		
	<i>Some USCIS offices require the response "I am a permanent resident." Must reflect a legal governmental status.</i>		
A	California.	0	Does not answer question.
B	No. No have papers.	1	Requires inference, unclear.
C	I am in progress, the legal resident.	1	Unclear.
D	I been a resident for 20 years.	1	Unclear (legal or illegal resident?)
E	Fiancé	2	Valid visa type.
F	I have green card.	2	Colloquial word. Clear.
G	I am a legal alien.	2	Clear.
H	I am a permanent resident.	2	Clear.

20	EXPLAIN HOW YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CITIZENSHIP.		
	<p><i>For a score of 2, must refer to legal citizenship status: at least 5 years permanent resident/green card, 3 years permanent resident married to a citizen.</i></p> <p><i>For a score of 1, must refer to green card or residency and to a period of time.</i></p>		
A	Is more better job. Is more better for me.	0	Does not answer the question.
B	I think I am honest person. I will try better job in this country if I am citizen and I mean something else.	0	Does not answer the question.
C	Maybe one year more my green card, and my son is here.	1	Requires inference.
D	I have five years resident.	1	Does not specify permanent or legal resident. Requires inference.
E	My husband is citizen.	1	Requires inference that the applicant is a permanent resident.
F	I have been a permanent resident for 5 years.	2	Clear.

PART 3

21	WHAT DOES “DEPORTED” MEAN?		
	<i>For a score of 2, the examinee must include the idea of being “sent back” or “sent out” of the country — not just caught, detained, or reported.</i>		
A	I think deported is, uh, somebody get me um, from me, to my country.	0	Incomprehensible.
B	<i>Migra</i> asked leave.	1	Use of native language.
C	Deported is when a people that live in United States is illegal, and the im, im, immigration can to um... report the people, uh from China for other countries.	1	Requires inference.
D	I have to leave.	1	Requires inference.
E	To being taken out of the country because some problems or something like that.	2	Acceptable explanation.
F	Send back to country.	2	Clear.
G	Take me out of the country.	2	Clear.
H	I come in the US illegally and then the government find out and then they send me back to my country.	2	Clear and complete.

22	WHAT IS AN “ALCOHOLIC”?		
	<i>Score 2 if the examinee describes acts of an alcoholic such as speeding, falling down, and similar responses. Score 2 if the examinee describes someone with an addiction to alcohol.</i>		
A	A person who drinks beverages.	0	Incorrect.
B	Es the uh, person who say, person drink...drink...that's when, when, when.	0	Incomprehensible.
C	A beverage like beer.	0	Incorrect.
D	A person who drinks.	1	Not complete.
E	Drunk.	1	Not complete.
F	When uh, people, drink different beverage and everyday. The people <i>alcohólico</i> is who is uh, people exciting or hurt...maybe. These people no live, no live good because they drink beverage, beverage of alcoholic, and when somebody mar, mar, be pregnant, the boys or the born, baby-born probably get many problems.	1	Use of native language. Awkward.
G	Alcoholic is a person who drinks alcohol every day, every three day. I don't like that person be alcoholic because my father was alcoholic.	1	Incomplete. Requires inference.
H	An alcoholic is a drunk.	2	As a native speaker.
I	An alcoholic is someone who drinks too much.	2	As a native speaker. “Too much indicates excessive.
J	For example he's drinking and then he's fighting, and gets in trouble with the police.	2	Examples of behavior. Clear.

23	WHAT IS A “MENTAL INSTITUTION” OR “MENTAL HOSPITAL”?		
	<i>Score 1 for “someone who is mentally ill.” Score 1 for “someone mentally ill, violent, or abuses drugs.” Score 2 if the examinee mentions “a place where” or similar phrase.</i>		
A	Nothing. No hospital. My health is good.	0	Does not answer the question.
B	The mental hospital is there are sick people for the <i>mente</i> , the brain or for different problems.	1	Use of native language.
C	It means sick in the head.	1	Not complete.
D	A place where they keep the people who are crazy.	2	Clear.

24	WHAT DOES “ARRESTED” MEAN?		
	<p><i>Score 1 for any variation of “caught, detained, stopped by police, committed an offense, served with papers, or brought before a court.”</i></p> <p><i>Score 2 if the examinee mentions that arrested means being put in jail or prison, or at least taken to the police station after committing a crime (because sometimes people are released after being arrested).</i></p>		
A	Arrested? It’s a person uh... <i>detenidos</i> . It’s a person uh...do illegal things.	0	The explanation does not answer the question.
B	Arrested mean es uh...when the police stop some, some people, somebody. When these people break the <i>ley</i> ...laws or drink, drink beverages or for different things the police can arrest this person all.	1	Unclear. Use of native language.
C	Arrested? Go to jail, nothing.	1	Unclear at the end.
D	A lot of people is taken away from the house or in the street and put inside the jail.	2	Clear.

25	WHAT DOES IT MEAN, “TO HELP SOMEONE ENTER ILLEGALLY”?		
	<p><i>Score 1 if examinee defines a person who enters illegally.</i></p> <p><i>Score 2 if the examinee also includes the idea of helping or being helped or gives a clear example.</i></p>		
A	When people enter for a <i>coyote</i> for an <i>ilegal</i> in break the <i>ley</i> the laws for immigration and these people no enter with permission.	1	Unclear and use of native language.
B	When I help another one, uh, came to this country, and no correct form.	2	Complete.
C	To bring some friends or relatives without a permit to enter the U.S.	2	Clear.

26	WHAT DOES IT MEAN, “TO OWE TAXES”?		
	<i>Score 1 for defining taxes.</i> <i>Score 2 if the examinee includes the idea that someone forgot or neglected to pay taxes.</i> <i>Score 2 for someone who owes the government money.</i>		
A	Somebody don't did a year. Don't did her report about the how many receipt for the money or each amount, or how many po..., have the, the money for the year.	1	Unclear.
B	Taxes are when I work, I pay the government.	1	Not complete.
C	When we works, we have to pay taxes to the country, and federal and state and local taxes. My husband do.	1	Not complete.
D	It means I owe the government money.	2	Clear.
E	Like if you make your taxes and you supposed to pay certain amount of money and you don't pay.	2	Clear.

27	WHAT IS A “TERRORIST”?		
	<i>Score 1 for any variation on “bad person, wants to hurt others, hurts others for no reason, wants to destroy a country, or kills people.”</i> <i>Score 1 for examples of specific terrorists, events or dates named.</i> <i>Score 2 if the examinee includes any variation on “a person who uses violence or criminal acts for political, religious, social, racial, or environmental, etc. reasons.”</i>		
A	Is the person, eh, the person bad. Eh, the person, no one living good, no person want the person, want bad for other, other persons.	1	Requires inference.
B	Okay, the terrorist now. People who destroy our, for example, for the September 11, the people, this uh, Osama Biladen [sic], or the people in Colombia. These people is a, a terrorist.	1	Provides examples, no clear definition.
C	Oh, it's too bad. I see that September 11. It's crazy people.	1	Not complete.
D	Someone who is violent because angry about religion or political problem.	2	Complete and clear.

28	WHAT IS AN “OATH OF ALLEGIANCE”?		
	<i>Score 2 if the examinee includes ideas related to both promise and loyalty.</i>		
A	I love this country. I love this country. I don't know if that's hoath.	0	Does not answer question.
B	Out of allegiance? I don't know.	0	Does not answer question.
C	A promise.	1	Not complete, requires inference.
D	Loyalty to country.	1	Not complete, requires inference.
E	Promise loyalty.	2	Complete.
F	A promise of loyalty to the United States.	2	Clear.