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grading criteria

BASIC CONSECUTIVE

length	about 3 minutes long
topic	- widely known - predictable - general approach - no specialized knowledge required
structure	- simple - linear - strong and clear links - clear intention - clear sequence of events - preferably argumentative - may present some descriptive elements easy to visualize "bone with very little meat"
language level	- native speaker - standard conference level - no specialized language / terminology used - no vocabulary difficulties - avoid use of idioms
speed/ density	- oral - natural repetitions and hesitations - comfortable pace - very little or no enumerations of figures or names - little factual information
use	consecutive without notes

BEGINNERS CONSECUTIVE

length	up to 4 minutes long
topic	- widely known - predictable - general approach - no specialized knowledge required
structure/content	- simple - linear - strong and clear links - clear intention - clear sequence of events - argumentative - may present some descriptive elements easy to visualize "bone with some meat"
language level	- native speaker - standard conference level - no specialized language / terminology used - no particular vocabulary difficulties - avoid use of idioms
speed/ density	- oral - natural repetitions and hesitations - comfortable pace - some figures and/or names - small enumerations - some factual information
use	transition to note taking; selective note taking

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INTERMEDIATE CONSECUTIVE

length	about 5 minutes long
topic	• variety of subjects • general approach • no specialized knowledge required
structure /content	• strong links • argumentative • not necessarily linear • may include some implicit features • possibly more than one view point
language level	• native speaker • rich including some challenges • may present certain vocabulary difficulties • may include idioms • no specialized language / terminology used
Speed /density	• oral • challenging at times • figures and names • factual information • enumerations
use	consecutive with notes

ADVANCED CONSECUTIVE

length	about 6 minutes long
topic	• variety of subjects • may be unexpected • may require some preparation
structure /content	• argumentative • may include descriptive elements • complex structure • may include implicit features • may contain irony or humour • may contain different view points • may contain changes of direction in reasoning
language level	• native speaker • may include some specialized language/terminology • may include idioms • challenging • requires a good command of vocabulary in A language
speed /density	• oral • relatively fast • considerable amount of factual information • may include complex names and figures • enumerations
use	Consecutive with notes

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VERY ADVANCED CONSECUTIVE

length	between 7 and 8 minutes long
topic	• variety of subjects • unexpected • requires preparation • may follow a more specialized approach
structure /content	• argumentative • may include descriptive elements • complex structure • may contain implicit features • may contain irony or humour • may contain different view points • may contain changes of direction in reasoning
language level	• native speaker • may include specialized language • may include idioms • challenging • requires a good command of vocabulary and in A language
speed /density	• oral • fast • considerable amount of factual information • complex figures/ names/dates • enumerations • may include quotations
use	Consecutive with notes

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BEGINNER SIMULTANEOUS

length	between 7 and 8 minutes long
topic	- widely known - predictable - general approach - no specialized knowledge required
structure /content	- easy to visualize - linear - strong links - clear intention - clear sequence of events - mainly argumentative - easy descriptive elements
language level	- native speaker - standard conference language - no particular vocabulary difficulties
speed /density	- oral - natural repetitions and hesitations - comfortable pace - not very fast - some factual information
use	simultaneous

INTERMEDIATE SIMULTANEOUS

length	between 8 and 9 minutes long
topic	- variety of subjects - predictable - general approach
structure /content	- mainly argumentative - descriptive elements that may or not be easy to visualize - may contain changes of direction in reasoning - may contain digressions - possibly more than one view point
language level	- native speaker - relatively challenging - requires a good command of vocabulary and automatisms in A language
speed /density	- oral - factual information - figures and names - enumerations
use	simultaneous

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ADVANCED SIMULTANEOUS

length	more or less 10 minutes or slightly more
topic	- variety of subjects - may require preparation - may follow a more specialized approach
structure /content	- mainly argumentative - considerable descriptive elements - complex structure - may contain changes of direction in reasoning - may contain different view points - may contain multiple actors - may be an adapted real speech
language level	- native speaker - rich and challenging - requires a particularly good command of vocabulary and automatisms in A language - may be a formal speech - may be partly or totally adapted from a written speech
speed /density	- dense - may contain complex figures and names - factual information - challenging pace - may contain long enumerations - may contain quotations - may contain read-out parts - requires particularly quick reactions
use	simultaneous

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VERY ADVANCED SIMULTANEOUS

length	15 minutes or more
topic	- variety of subjects - requires preparation - specialized approach
structure /content	- mainly argumentative - considerable descriptive elements - considerable implicit features - complex structure - may contain changes of direction in reasoning - may contain different view points - may contain multiple actors - may contain quotations - may be a real speech
language level	- native speaker - rich and challenging - requires a particularly good command of vocabulary and automatisms in A language - may be a formal speech - may be a written speech
speed /density	- fast - dense - may contain complex figures and names - may contain long enumerations - factual information - may be read out - may contain quotations - requires particularly quick reactions - may require fast elocution
use	simultaneous

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