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J-1 Research Scholar English Proficiency Oral Interview.
Questions, Sample Form Answers, and Rating.

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FUNCTION	SAMPLE QUESTIONS	SAMPLE ANSWERS	SCORE (1-4)	COMMENTS
1. Talking about things.	1. What is your area of research and what do you plan to work on while at UNM?	My area of study is crystal fabrication for microsystems. At UNM, I plan to conduct research that uses this method in health-related fields.		
2. Describing where something is.	2. Describe where you currently live and work. What is your city like? What is your housing situation? Where is your workplace located?	I currently live in Shanghai. My apartment is in the suburbs. I work at Shanghai Normal University in the Mechanical Engineering department where I do research.		
3. Describing favorite people and things.	3. Who do you respect the most in your field of research and why?	I respect Dr. Wilson Brown. He is famous in the field of crystal fabrication for his groundbreaking work on micro polymers.		
4. Describing routines.	4. What is your work routine like at home?	I get up at 7:30 and take the train to my office. I am usually in the lab by 9:30 am. In the afternoons, I transcribe my results. I return home at about 5:30.		
5. Talking about health.	5. What do you do to stay healthy?	I like to play tennis 3 days a week and eat a balanced diet.		

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6. Describing activities	6. What do you like to do in your free time?	I enjoy swimming and hiking in the countryside on the weekends.		
7. Talking about plans	7. If you are invited to come and do research here, when will you come and how long will you stay? Is there any flexibility in this plan?	I plan to arrive in August to begin my research. I have to give my university two months' notice to continue to be able to receive a leave of absence from my job.		
8. Talking about people / personalities	8. Tell us about yourself. How would you describe your personality? What about your work style?	I am hardworking and shy. I like to work in the mornings and do more reflection in the afternoon.		
9. Talking about experiences	9. Please describe your previous work experience or other experience in your field of study.	Besides my Phd studies at Shanghai Normal University, I have done an internship at Proctor and Gamble.		