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CELTA Pre-Interview Task

Candidate Name: _____ Date: _____

Interviewed by: _____ Course Date: _____

1. Language awareness (please make notes)

1a. What problems of meaning might the following word present to a learner of English?	change

1b. What pronunciation problems might a learner of English encounter with the following word?	awkward

1c. What problems might a learner of English encounter when wanting to write the following word?	caught

2. How would you explain why the following is not acceptable in English?

a) I can't remember what's it called.	
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3. What would you say to a student who asked you to explain the **difference in meaning** between the following pair of sentences? The first has been done as an example.

a) We used to go to fishing for minnows in the holidays.

b) We would go fishing for minnows in the holidays.

Both mean that 'we went fishing for minnows' at some time in the past and suggest that we don't do this activity now. The second one implies a sense of nostalgia, and can also only be used for repeated activities, not states - you can't say 'I would live in England', which talks about a state.

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| <p>a) You shouldn't have called him.
b) You needn't have called him.</p> | |
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4. Correction task - Look at these examples and correct the errors.

- They are learning English for getting interacted to their peers who have already learned it.
- Echoing students' utterances during whole class feedback seemed to be annoyed by them.

5. 'Choose **one of** the following topics and write between 250-400 words about it.
- Talk about a positive learning experience you've had, why is it memorable?
 - Talk about a negative learning experience you've had, why is it memorable?
 - Talk about a positive teaching experience you've had, why is it memorable?
 - Talk about a negative teaching experience you've had, why is it memorable?
 - How can a teacher influence a student's life?

**BEFORE STARTING YOUR ESSAY PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION CAREFULLY.**

- Please make sure you observe the word count. Essays under 250 words will be immediately returned to you.
- Answer the question set giving examples from your personal experience.
- Also note that any form of plagiarism (ie. copying someone else's work) will result in your disqualification from the application process.