PREPARING FOR THE OPI-C TEST

In order to help you prepare for the OPI-C test, we would like to share some information that we think you will find helpful, especially as the test you took for your Capstone application was the telephonic OPI test. The primary difference between the telephonic OPI and the OPI-C (the "C" stands for "computerized") is that, instead of speaking to a real tester, you will be recording your answers based on prompts given by the computer. This means:

1. You can choose which topics you will be asked. To do this, you will fill out a survey before the test and indicate your hobbies and other topics you want to discuss. Choose the topics carefully and make sure you have enough vocabulary words (and knowledge of the subject) to discuss them thoroughly.

2. There will not be any follow-up questions specific to the answers you give. You will need to take a more active role in showcasing your language skills instead of having a tester "probe" your level with more questions based on your responses. Therefore, for any abstract topics, you should try your best to show your ability to support arguments, refute arguments, make hypotheses, discuss pros and cons, etc., using more than one paragraph of speech. Make sure you have a topic sentence and a conclusion.

3. The pattern of questions given to you will be similar to a telephonic OPI. You will be asked to:
   - Describe (usually the physical appearance of an item, a place, or a person)
   - Narrate (relate an experience or tell a story)
   - Compare
   - Give Directions (Travel or how to do something)

   Then you will be prompted to answer superior-level questions, based on the topics you chose. Remember, when talking about such topics, you should **not** use personal experience. Instead, try to discuss these topics abstractly by demonstrating your superior-level skills such as supporting arguments, refuting arguments, making hypotheses, and discussing the pros and cons.

Some general tips:
- The more you speak the better. Make sure your voice is loud and clear.
- Remember, this is a test of your language skills, not your detailed knowledge of a subject. Think about what you can say and how to say it correctly, instead of facts and figures.
- You will have a time limit in which to give your answer. Try to use all the time given, and make sure to have a conclusion when the timer is about to run out.
- Be very careful of your grammar; if you made the same basic error multiple times, such as 我吃饭在饭店, it will drastically affect your rating.
- Using advanced patterns and idioms are a big plus, but make sure to use them correctly. If you used an idiom but are not entirely sure you used it correctly, you can elaborate on what it means. For example, 和某些人讨论这一话题等于是**对牛弹琴**，也就是说，和他们讨论这一话题他们也无法理解，只是浪费时间而已。

為了幫助你準備電腦化口語能力評估測驗(Oral Proficiency Interview-computer, 簡稱OPIc), 我們想分享一些我們認為對你有用的資訊。當你在申請海外留學項目(Capstone)時所進行的是使用電話應考的口語能力評估測驗(Oral Proficiency Interview, 簡稱OPI)。口語能力評估測驗和電腦化口語能力評估測驗之間的主要區別在於, 你不是跟真人的考官對話, 而是回答電腦給出的問題, 並將回答內容錄音。這意味著：

1. 你可以決定想要討論的主題。你將在考試前填寫一份調查表, 並指出你的興趣愛好和其他想討論的主題。請仔細選擇主題, 並確保你有足夠的詞彙（以及對該主題的知識）來應答。

2. 你回答完之後將不會有任何後續問題。你將需要抱著更積極的態度來展示你的語言技能, 而不是等着考官根據你的回答用更多的問題"探究"你的語言水平。因此, 對於任何抽象主題, 你都應該使用不止一段話來表現出你具備支持論點、反駁論點、做出假設、討論優缺點等的能力, 並確保你的回答都有主題句和結論。

3. 你將被問的問題模式類似於使用電話應考的口語能力評估測驗。你將被要求回答以下類型的問題：
   - 描述（通常是物品, 地點或人的外表）
   - 敘述（講述經歷或講故事）
   - 比較
   - 指路或給出指示

   然後, 電腦將根據你選擇的主題給出符合優級中文水平的問題。請記住, 在談論此類主題時, 你不應使用個人經驗。相反的, 應該通過展示你的高級中文水平來**抽像**地討論這些主題, 例如支持論點, 反駁論點, 做出假設以及討論利弊。

一般性提示：
- 你說得越多越好。確保你的聲音響亮清晰。
- 請記住, 這是對你的語言能力的測驗, 而不是你對某個學科知識的了解。考慮一下你可以說些什麼以及如何正確地說出來, 而不是回憶事實和數字。
- 回答時將有時間限制。嘗試使用所有時間, 並確保在計時結束前給出結論。
- 要特別注意自己的語法；如果你多次重複相同的基本錯誤（例如我吃飯在飯店）, 就會嚴重影響你的分數。
- 使用高級詞彙和成語是好事, 但請確保你能正確使用。如果你使用了成語, 但不能完全確定自己使用得是否正確, 則可以詳細說明其含義。例如, "和某些人討論這一話題等於是對牛彈琴, 也就是說, 和他們討論這一話題他們也無法理解, 只是浪費時間而已"。