

APPENDIX 1

Interview Protocol

As part of a study on the evaluation of *English For Today* of the higher secondary level, we are conducting this interview. Please feel assured that all measures of confidentiality will be maintained at all phases of this study. We would really appreciate it if you could respond to the following questions.

Best regards
On behalf of the authors

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Part 1: Warming Up

1. Could you please introduce yourself with reference to your academic background and professional affiliation?
2. How long have you been working in NCTB?

Part 2: Open ended responses

3. Tell us about the process how the editors and the authors of the *English For Today* have been recruited?
4. Do you have any suggestions regarding how this process can be improved?
5. Have you ever felt that the system has loop holes that allow incompetent, or inappropriate authors to get selected for English textbook writing?
6. How do you evaluate the *English For Today* textbook of the higher secondary level?
 - Does it meet the goals of the curriculum?
 - Does it represent the objectives of the curriculum?
7. Tell us if you think that some reading passages in EFT (such as, Traffic Capital of the World, unit 4, Lesson 2, p.47) are too advanced for the higher secondary level students.

Part 3: Wrapping up

8. Do you have any suggestions on how the *English For Today* textbook may be improved in the next editions?