

## **EXAMPLE**

### **CIS CITIZENSHIP INTERVIEW/TEST**

This exercise shows how a **typical CIS interview/test** might be conducted. The purpose of this sample is to give citizenship applicants an idea of the **general steps** they will follow. **These are not the exact questions that will be asked.** Each applicant should Review the revised N-400, the *CIS 100 Questions* and for Chicago district, the *CIS 30 Dictation Sentences* before going to their appointed Interview /Test.

**Adjudicator's Introduction & Small talk:** *At the CIS testing facility, the adjudicator calls the applicant's name and leads him/her to an office. There the adjudicator often begins with general conversation, or **small talk**, to get some idea of the applicant's command of English. If the officer is unable to communicate with the applicant due to insufficient English, the interview will be terminated.*

Adjudicator: Hi. I am Officer Smith and I am going to go through your N-400 Citizenship Application with you to verify or check the information. I will also be asking you some U.S. history and civics questions. Do you understand what we will be going through today?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Do you have any questions before we begin?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you studied for the citizenship test?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: How did you study? What did you do?

Applicant:

#### **Truth Oath**

Adjudicator: O.K. Let's begin. Please stand and raise your right hand. Do you promise to tell the truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?

Applicant:

## **Verification of Identification**

Adjudicator: You can sit down. At this point I have to check your identity. I'd o  
like to see your passport and alien registration card.

Applicant:

### **N-400 Part 1.**

Adjudicator: What is your full name?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Spell your last name.

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever used any other names?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Do you want to change your name?

Applicant:

### **N-400 Part 2.**

Adjudicator: How long have you been a permanent resident?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: When did you first come to the U.S.?

Applicant:

### **N-400 Part 3.**

Adjudicator: What is your Social Security number?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Date of birth?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Where were you born?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Your marital status?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been divorced?

Adjudicator: You are asking for a waiver? (*Only if applicable.*)

**U.S. History/Civics Test:** *The applicant is asked 10 questions from the CIS 100 Questions. To pass this test, 6 or more of the 10 questions must be answered correctly. The adjudicator will ask the questions orally.*

Adjudicator: All right. Now I'm going to ask you some questions about U.S. history and government.

What is the most important right granted to U.S. citizens?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: What do the stars on our flag mean?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: How many states are there in the Union?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Who is the current governor of Illinois?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: What is the Constitution?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: What are the first 10 amendments to the Constitution called?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Which President is called the "Father of our country"?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Why do we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: How many voting members are in the House of Representatives?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: What is the legislative branch of our government?

Applicant:

**Dictation section of test:** *The applicant will be read one sentence from the CIS 30 Dictation Sentences and asked to write the sentence just as it is read. The adjudicator repeats the sentence at least 3 times, depending on the applicant and their circumstances – age, education, etc.*

Adjudicator: Now I'd like you to write the sentence that I say.

**A senator is elected for six years.**

A...senator...is...elected...for...six...years.

A senator... is elected...for six years.

**Reading section of test:** *The applicant will be asked to read one sentence from the list of the CIS 30 Dictation Sentences or 1-2 questions from 96.*

Adjudicator: Good. I'm going to show you a sentence now. Read it out loud.  
(Show the applicant a sentence from the *CIS 30 Sentences or 96 Questions*)

Applicant: (Applicant reads)

Adjudicator: O.K. You passed that part of the test. Now we will continue with the interview. I want to check the information on your N-400.

**N-400 Part 4.**

Adjudicator: How long have you lived at (applicant's current address)?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: What is your daytime phone number? And evening phone?

Applicant:

**N-400 Part 5.**

Adjudicator: How tall are you?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: What is your weight?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Eye color?

Applicant:

**N-400 Part 6.**

Adjudicator: Are these all the places you have lived in the last 5 years?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Is this list of employers complete?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: What do you do?

Applicant:

**N-400 Part 7.**

Adjudicator: How many days were you out of the U.S. in the last 5 years?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: How many trips of 24 hours have you taken out of the U.S. in the last 5 years?

Applicant:

**N-400 Part 8.**

Adjudicator: How many times have you been married?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: What is your spouse's full name?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: What is the immigration status of your wife/husband?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Where was your wife/husband born?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Did your wife / husband become a citizen? The date?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you been married before?

**N-400 Part 9.**

Adjudicator: How many children have you had?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: What are their names, birth places and current addresses?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Do you have any children not listed here?

Applicant:

**N-400 Part 10.**

Adjudicator: Have you ever claimed to be a U.S. citizen (*in writing or any other way*)?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever registered to vote in any Federal, state, or local election in the United States?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever voted in any Federal, state, or local election in the United States?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Since becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident, have you ever failed to file a required Federal, state, or local tax return?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Do you owe any Federal, state, or local taxes that are overdue?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Do you have any title of nobility in any foreign country?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been declared legally incompetent or been confined to a mental institution within the last 5 years?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been a member of, or associated with, any organization, fund, foundation, club or similar group in the U.S.?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been a member of or in any way associated with: the Communist Party? Any other totalitarian party? A terrorist organization?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever advocated the overthrow of any government by force or by violence?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever persecuted (*either directly or indirectly*) any person because of race, religion, national origin, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Between March 23, 1933, and May 8, 1945, did you work for or associate in any way with: the Nazi government of Germany? Any government in any area (1) occupied by, (2) allied with, or (3) established with the help of the Nazi government of Germany? Any German, Nazi, or S.S. military unit, paramilitary unit, self-defense unit, vigilante unit, citizen unit, police unit, government agency or office, extermination camp, concentration camp, prisoner of war camp, prison, labor camp, or transit camp?

Applicant:

### **Continuous Residence**

Adjudicator: Since becoming a Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States: have you ever called yourself a "nonresident" on a Federal, state, or local tax return?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever failed to file a Federal, state, or local tax return because you considered yourself to be a "nonresident"?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been a member of or associated with any organization, association, fund, foundation, party, club, society, or similar group in the United States or in any other place?

Applicant:

**Adjudicator: For the purposes of this application, you must answer "Yes" to the following questions, if applicable, even if your records were**

**sealed or otherwise cleared or if anyone, including a judge, law enforcement officer, or attorney, told you that you no longer have a record.**

### **Good Moral Character**

Adjudicator: Have you ever committed a crime or offense for which you were **NOT** arrested?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been arrested, cited, or detained by any law enforcement officer (including CIS and military officers) for any reason?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been charged with committing any crime or offense?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been convicted of a crime or offense? Yes/ No

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been placed in an alternative sentencing or a rehabilitative program (for example: diversion, deferred prosecution, withheld adjudication, deferred adjudication)?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever received a suspended sentence, been placed on probation, or been paroled?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been in jail or prison?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever:

- a. been a habitual drunkard?
- b. been a prostitute, or procured anyone for prostitution?
- c. sold or smuggled controlled substances, illegal drugs or narcotics?
- d. been married to more than one person at the same time?
- e. helped anyone enter or try to enter the United States illegally?
- f. gambled illegally or received income from illegal gambling?
- g. failed to support your dependents or to pay alimony?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever given false or misleading information to any U.S. government official while applying for any immigration benefit or to prevent deportation, exclusion, or removal?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever lied to any U.S. government official to gain entry or admission into the United States?

Applicant:

### **Removal, Exclusion, and Deportation Proceedings**

Adjudicator: Are removal, exclusion, rescission or deportation proceedings pending against you?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been removed, excluded, or deported from the United States?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever been ordered to be removed, excluded, or deported from the United States?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever applied for any kind of relief from removal, exclusion, or deportation?

Applicant:

### **Military Service**

Adjudicator: Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever left the United States to avoid being drafted into the U.S. Armed Forces?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever applied for any kind of exemption from military service in the U.S. Armed Forces?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Have you ever deserted from the U.S. Armed Forces?

Applicant:

### **Selective Service Registration**

Adjudicator: Are you a male who lived in the United States at any time between your 18th and 26th birthdays in any status except as a lawful nonimmigrant?

Applicant:

### **Oath Requirements**

Adjudicator: Do you support the Constitution and form of government of the United States?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Please read the Oath to yourself. Do you understand the Oath of Allegiance to the United States?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: Are you willing to take the full Oath of Allegiance to the United States?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: If the law requires it, are you willing to bear arms on behalf of the United States?



Applicant:

Adjudicator: If the law requires it, are you willing to perform noncombatant services in the U.S. Armed Forces?

Applicant:

Adjudicator: If the law requires it, are you willing to perform work of national importance under civilian direction?

Adjudicator: Congratulations, you have passed all parts of the citizenship test and interview. You will receive a notice of an Oath Ceremony where you will be issued a Certificate of Naturalization.