Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) Individual Rater Worksheet B
(May Be Used With SLPI Two and Three Rater Team Procedures)

Candidate: _____   **Rating Date:** _____

Interviewer: _____   **Rater:** _____

1. <u>**Functional Range**</u> **(circle one): Above Intermediate <u>or</u> At Intermediate <u>or</u> Below Intermediate**

2. **Functional Descriptor (check one):**

   ____   Superior/Superior +: conversation shared and natural; in-depth elaboration
   ____   Advanced Plus
   ____   Advanced: generally fluent, shared, conversation; spontaneous elaboration
   ____   Intermediate Plus
   ____   Intermediate: generally 3-to-5 sentences; conversation fairly shared for social/work topics
   ____   Survival Plus
   ____   Survival: generally 1-to-3 sentence responses with many questions by interviewer required
   ____   Novice Plus
   ____   Novice: one sign, short phrases, single sentence, memorized like signing
   ____   No Functional Skills: (may be) some one sign, single phrase responses

Both function and form considered for ratings #3-to#6:

3. **Possible Final Ratings:** _____ / _____

4. **Independent Rating after 1st viewing:** _____

5. *Was a 2nd viewing needed?* If yes, 2nd viewing independent rating: _____

6. **Independent Final Rating following discussion:** _____

7. <u>**Linguistic Factors (Form):**</u> _____

A. Candidate's Vocabulary Knowledge

How broad?_____ Examples:

How many sign selection errors based on meaning? _____ Examples:

How many inappropriately initialized signs? _____ Examples:

How many fingerspelled words that have standard signs? _____ Examples:

B & C. Candidate's Production & Fluency

How clear is the candidate's production and fluency? _____

At what signing rate? _____

How many sign production errors? (a few, some, etc.)_____ Examples:

D. Candidate's Use of Grammatical Features

Candidate showed _____ use of _____ sign language grammatical features, including:

1) Indexing, space, body shifts, and eye gaze for comparison/contrast, to locate and refer to people, places, and objects present and not present, and role play

2) Sign verb movement directionality for location and pronoun incorporation:

3) Facial expression and sign movement modification for size, degree, manner, and temporal aspect/time:

4) Repetition of sign verb movement for repeated action:

5) Repetition of sign noun movement and vertical and horizontal sweep for plurals:

6) Number incorporation for people, age, and time (may include use of timeline):

7) Listing on non-dominant hand, FINISH, body shifts, and pauses for connecting ideas, separating ideas, and sequencing of events:

8) Sign word order for rhetorical (rh) question; topic-comment, conditional, and object-subject-verb; also, FINISH, MUST, CAN, and NOT at end of comments:

9) Classifiers following nouns for (a) description; (b) location and relationship of people, animals, things, and places; (c) actions of people, animals, and objects; and (d) how something is used or functions:

10) Non-manual signals for negation, affirmation, yes-no?, wh-?, and adjectives and adverbs (puffed cheeks, pursed lips/o-o, mm, pah, cs, th and clenched teeth):

11) Other *Positive* Grammar Use _____

Areas Needing Improvement _____

E. Candidate's Comprehension

Candidate showed _____ comprehension of sign language produced by interviewer at a

_____ rate, with _____ repetition(s) and rephrasing(s).