CARD 1

TASK 1: MONOLOGUE

Preparation time: 10 minutes max.

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 4 minutes max.

Topic: WORK

Conflicts related to work. Should people stand up for their rights or keep quiet to avoid losing their jobs?





Describe the situation in your country concerning the right of workers to stand up against unfair working conditions.

Contrast the advantages and disadvantages of putting up with bad work conditions and protesting.

You must comment on ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- economic situation
- temporary and steady jobs
- unemployment benefits
- prospects for people in different age groups

CARD 1

TASK 2: INTERACTION WITH THE EXAMINER

Preparation time: 1 minute

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 5 minutes max.

Topic: TRAVEL

Problems which may arise when travelling

You must choose one of the following three photographs to illustrate an article which you have prepared for the school magazine on the topic TRAVEL PROBLEMS.





- Choose one of the three pictures and justify your choice.
- Discuss your choice with the examiner. He/she will have a different opinion.
- Negotiate until you reach an agreement.

CARD 2

TASK 1: MONOLOGUE

Preparation time: 10 minutes max.

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 4 minutes max.

Topic: SOCIALIZING

Church weddings or civil weddings?





Describe the situation in your country concerning church weddings and civil weddings.

Contrast the advantages and disadvantages of both ways of getting married.

You must comment on ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- Social acceptance
- Cost of the ceremony
- The ceremony itself
- Other ways of getting married

CARD 2

TASK 2: INTERACTION WITH THE EXAMINER

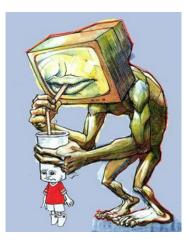
Preparation time: 1 minute

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 5 minutes max.

Topic: MASS MEDIA

Radio and television.

You must choose one of the following three photographs to illustrate a website about RADIO AND TELEVISION NOWADAYS.







- Suggest one of the three pictures and justify your choice.
- Discuss your choice with the examiner. He/she will have a different opinion.
- Negotiate until you reach an agreement.

CARD 3

TASK 1: MONOLOGUE

Preparation time: 10 minutes max.

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 4 minutes max.

Topic: ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

Renewable energy versus conventional energy.



Describe the situation in your country concerning the use of renewable energy (solar, hydroelectric, wind energy...) and traditional energy (petrol, gas, coal...).

Contrast the advantages and disadvantages of both kinds of energy.

You must comment on ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- Pollution (air pollution, acoustic pollution...)
- Impact on the environment and landscape
- Influence on the economy
- Solutions to the energy crisis (individual, institutional, political...)

CARD 3

TASK 2: INTERACTION WITH THE EXAMINER

Preparation time: 1 minute

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 5 minutes max.

Topic: LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

My favourite movies

You want to frame one of the following three film posters in order to give it as a present to a relative of yours who is very keen on films.







- Suggest one of the three pictures and justify your choice.
- Discuss your choice with the examiner. He/she will have a different opinion.
- Negotiate until you reach an agreement.

CARD 4

TASK 1: MONOLOGUE

Preparation time: 10 minutes max.

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 4 minutes max.

Topic: FOOD AND NUTRITION

Diet and nutrition.





Describe the situation in your country concerning nutrition and food.

Contrast the advantages and disadvantages of the kinds of food shown in the images.

You must comment on ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- Products
- Price
- Effects on health
- Relation to lifestyles

CARD 4

TASK 2: INTERACTION WITH THE EXAMINER

Preparation time: 1 minute

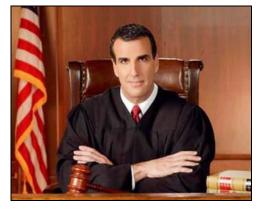
Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 5 minutes max.

Topic: PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professions with a great responsibility

You must choose one of the following three photos to illustrate a magazine article about the most difficult jobs.







- Suggest one of the three pictures and justify your choice.
- Discuss your choice with the examiner. He/she will have a different opinion.
- Negotiate until you reach an agreement.

CARD 5

TASK 1: MONOLOGUE

Preparation time: 10 minutes max.

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 4 minutes max.

Topic: LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Subtitled or dubbed films?



Describe the situation in your country concerning dubbed and subtitled films.

Contrast the advantages and disadvantages of both ways of watching a film and also mention your preference.

You must comment on ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- Economic cost and creation of jobs
- Connexion with language learning
- Artistic quality
- Ability to pay attention to different aspects of the film

CARD 5

TASK 2: INTERACTION WITH THE EXAMINER

Preparation time: 1 minute

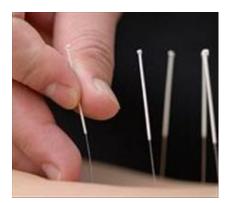
Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 5 minutes max.

Topic: HEALTH

Traditional and alternative medicine

You must choose one of the following three photographs to illustrate a website called MEDICINE NOWADAYS.







- Suggest one of the three pictures and justify your choice.
- Discuss your choice with the examiner. He/she will have a different opinion.
- Negotiate until you reach an agreement.

CARD 6

TASK 1: MONOLOGUE

Preparation time: 10 minutes max.

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 4 minutes max.

Topic: SHOPPING

Online shopping or buying in shops?





Describe the situation in your country concerning both kinds of shopping.

Contrast the advantages and disadvantages of these two different kinds of shopping.

You must comment on ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- Changes in shopping habits
- Dangers of online shopping
- Your personal preference
- The future of shopping in your country

CARD 6

TASK 2: INTERACTION WITH THE EXAMINER

Preparation time: 1 minute

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 5 minutes max.

Topic: FOOD

Diet, food and nutrition

You must choose one of the following three photographs to illustrate an article to send to a magazine on the topic A HEALTHY DIET: IS IT POSSIBLE AT OUR PRESENT PACE OF LIFE?





- Suggest one of the three pictures and justify your choice.
- Discuss your choice with the examiner. He/she will have a different opinion.
- Negotiate until you reach an agreement.

CARD 7

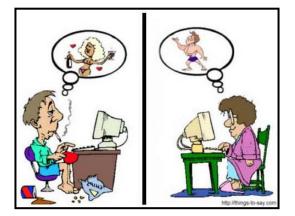
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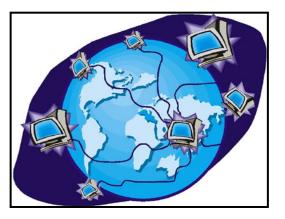
Preparation time: 10 minutes max.

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 4 minutes max.

Topic: INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA

The Internet.





Prepare a short talk on the topic THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERNET IN OUR SOCIETY. Describe the situation in your country concerning this topic.

Contrast the advantages and disadvantages of the Internet.

You must comment on ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- Internet and work
- Internet and leisure
- Possible dangers
- Influence on everyday life

CARD 7

TASK 2: INTERACTION WITH THE EXAMINER

Preparation time: 1 minute

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 5 minutes max.

Topic: EDUCATION

Extra-curricular activities

At the High School in your neighbourhood they want to advertise EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. Choose one of the following three photographs for the advertisement in order to attract as many students as possible.





- Suggest one of the three pictures and justify your choice.
- Discuss your choice with the examiner. He/she will have a different opinion.
- Negotiate until you reach an agreement.

CARD 8

TASK 1: MONOLOGUE

Preparation time: 10 minutes max.

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 4 minutes max.

Topic: EDUCATION

Traditional and modern schools: two different approaches to education.



LINING UP FOR THEIR "GRUEL"!



Describe how education and teaching methods have changed in your country.

Contrast the advantages and disadvantages of both kinds of teaching methods.

You must comment on ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- Subjects
- Teacher student relationship
- Organization of the class and of teaching in general
- Discipline and other school problems

CARD 8

TASK 2: INTERACTION WITH THE EXAMINER

Preparation time: 1 minute

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 5 minutes max.

Topic: WORK

Looking for a job

You must choose one of the following three photographs to illustrate a leaflet for the British Youth Institute aimed at helping young people to find a job in the most effective way.







- Suggest one of the three pictures and justify your choice.
- Discuss your choice with the examiner. He/she will have a different opinion.
- Negotiate until you reach an agreement.

CARD 9

TASK 1: MONOLOGUE

Preparation time: 10 minutes max.

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 4 minutes max.

Topic: HOUSING

Big country house versus small city flat.





Describe which of the two options best suits your personal preference.

Contrast the advantages and disadvantages of both options.

You must comment on ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- Different kinds of housing
- Economic factors
- Facilities and services
- Lifestyle and relation with the environment

CARD 9

TASK 2: INTERACTION WITH THE EXAMINER

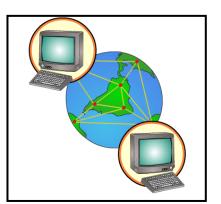
Preparation time: 1 minute

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 5 minutes max.

Topic: INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

The Internet

You must choose one of the following three photographs to illustrate an article on the topic THE INTERNET IN OUR SOCIETY in order to send it to a magazine.







- Suggest one of the three pictures and justify your choice.
- Discuss your choice with the examiner. He/she will have a different opinion.
- Negotiate until you reach an agreement.

CARD 10

TASK 1: MONOLOGUE

Preparation time: 10 minutes max.

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 4 minutes max.

Topic: TRAVEL

Why do people travel? Buying a package tour or travelling on your own.





Describe how people prefer to travel in your country.

Contrast the advantages and disadvantages of organized trips as opposed to "adventure" travel.

You must comment on ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- Rest and relaxation
- Discovering the world
- Socializing
- Ecology

CARD 10

TASK 2: INTERACTION WITH THE EXAMINER

Preparation time: 1 minute

Speaking time: 3 minutes min. – 5 minutes max.

Topic: CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

Lack of respect for public places

You must choose one of the following three photographs to illustrate an article which you want to send to a magazine on the topic LACK OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.





- Suggest one of the three pictures and justify your choice.
- Discuss your choice with the examiner. He/she will have a different opinion.
- Negotiate until you reach an agreement.