

TASK 1

TEST 1

EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS



From flash floods in Spain to severe droughts and blazing fires in Australia, climate change has increased the number and strength of some extreme weather events endangering people's lives and wreaking havoc on local ecosystems.

Talk about:

- Recent cases of extreme weather events and their consequences.
- How to cope with these events and mitigate their negative effects, especially on the most vulnerable.

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TEST 2

CIRCULAR ECONOMY



In contrast to the traditional linear economy which has a "take, make, dispose" model of production and ownership, the circular economy is based on the principles of usage of goods without owning them, reusing and sharing.

Talk about:

- The benefits of the circular economy for a more sustainable economic model.
- The future implications of this type of economy.

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TEST 3

NEW MOBILITY



The rise in the shared forms of transport has transformed the way people move around nowadays. Ride-hailing services, like Uber and Lyft, are now mainstream and micro-mobility in e-scooter and bike sharing are also growing trends.

Talk about:

- Reasons for the growth of shared forms of travel.
- If the sharing economy will affect ownership and the future of shared forms of mobility.

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TEST 4

CULTURAL GLOBALIZATION





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Cultural globalization, facilitated by new technologies and the rise in international travel, has led to an increasing integration between the different cultures in the world. The so-called western lifestyle is creating a more homogeneous world and many cultural identities are struggling to survive.

Talk about:

- The effects of cross-cultural exchanges and their implications for society.
 - How increasing uniformity is affecting cultural and linguistic diversity.



TASK 2

CANDIDATE A

TEST 1

HOUSING FIRST



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Share your ideas on the subject with your partner(s). Express and justify your opinions while referring to the following:

- This model of tackling homelessness compared to providing temporary accommodation in night shelters.
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- How overprotective parents can affect their child's development.
- How to effectively support a child's growth and independence.

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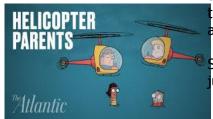


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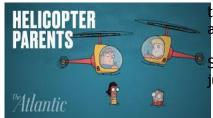


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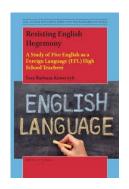


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THE HEGEMONY OF ENGLISH



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- The hegemony of English as a global language and its effect on linguistic diversity.
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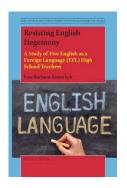


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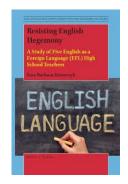


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TEST 4

CIVIC PARTICIPATION



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- Ways in which civic participation can bond communities and improve people's quality of life.
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