



**CARD 9 (2 CANDIDATES)**

**CANDIDATE A**

**Preparation time: 2 minutes**

**TOPIC: SHOPPING AND CONSUMERISM**

**Second-hand markets**

You read the following text in a news article:

The market for bargains is booming, fueled by the economy, ethical buying and ease of purchase online. But research shows age and gender both impact on what consumers want from their bargain basements. A third of consumers are buying more second-hand items than they were 12 months ago and more women are happy to rummage through vintage or used items than men. They are more likely to buy different types of second-hand items, in particular books, adult clothing, accessories, jewelry and shoes.

*Adapted from <https://www.marketingweek.com>*

During a conversation with Candidate B at a talk about second-hand markets that you are both attending, you decide to inform them about the article you have read and explain your opinion about it.

**Speaking time: 2-3 minutes**

**TASK 1: PRODUCTION**

**...../12,5 points**

Talk about the following points:

- Discuss the impact of second-hand markets on the sellers' economy.
- Make predictions and speculate about what the situation may be like in the future.

Support your opinions with arguments.



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**CANDIDATE B**

**Preparation time: 2 minutes**

**TOPIC: HEALTH**  
**Cosmetic surgery**

You read the following text in a news article:

According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), almost 18 million people underwent surgical and minimally invasive cosmetic procedures in the United States in 2018. This total means that there were almost a quarter of a million more procedures in 2018 than in 2017. The authors of an earlier study in the United Kingdom analysed 204 questionnaires to identify the factors that make people go through cosmetic surgery. The findings showed that women who rated their self-esteem, life satisfaction, and attractiveness as low, had few religious beliefs, and had high media exposure were more likely to undergo cosmetic surgery.

*Adapted from medical newstoday.com*

During a conversation with Candidate A at a talk about health that you are both attending, you decide to inform them about the article you have read and explain your opinion about it.

**Speaking time: 2-3 minutes**

**TASK 1: PRODUCTION**

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Talk about the following points:

- Discuss the effects of cosmetic surgery on society.
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TASK 2: INTERACTION

CANDIDATE A

Preparation time: **2 minutes**

Speaking time: **4-5 minutes**

TOPIC: ENVIRONMENT

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- Talk to each other about how these statements represent different ways of protecting the environment.
- Then decide together which of the statements best reflects the actions people should take to help protect the environment.

- Make ecological awareness part of our social fabric and culture. The more you learn about the complex relationships between living things and their environment, the better. Talk to your family and friends about the things you know and learn.
- Instead of driving a car, walk or ride a bicycle to the grocery store or anywhere else. The traditional gasoline car is the worst polluter; new electric cars are affordable for many and completely free of toxic emissions.
- A third of the world's population does not have access to clean water. Only 1% of Earth's water is safe and available for humans to use. Minimize your use of toxic chemicals as they tend to end up in the groundwater.

Remember you must talk about all three texts.

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