



CARD 10

CANDIDATE A

Preparation time: **2 minutes**

TOPIC: SECURITY

Online privacy

You read the following text in a news article:

"We agree to give these companies ownership of our lives and they are cashing in". Edward Armstrong, a freelance copywriter and consultant, has abandoned using the services of internet giants and is using smaller rivals, which promise greater privacy. "I'm uncomfortable with the power of the major service providers. We think everything is free, but the cost is our data and privacy". If Google knows everything you have ever searched for, it has a detailed catalogue of your interests, hopes and fears. Facebook knows who your friends are, what you like and what you talk about online.

Adapted from <https://www.bbc.com>

In a conversation with the other candidates after a talk about security that you have both attended, 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

You must include the following aspects

- Discuss the impact that of a lack of privacy online can have on society.
- 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: WORK

Automation

You read the following text in an online report:

Robots have been doing the repetitive drudge work in our factories for decades. But now they can flip burgers, lay bricks, even co-operate to open doors and escape. Giant 3D printers can make houses out of concrete in a fraction of the time humans can. "Artificial Intelligence is a big threat to low-skilled jobs, no question," says Bernard Louvat, general manager of digital customer engagement solutions at tech firm Nuance. "Chatbots are certainly eliminating jobs - we need fewer and fewer human agents each year. The ones that are left will be highly skilled super-agents looking after the most complicated cases."

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In a conversation with the other candidates after a talk about how technology has changed the way we work, 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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You must include the following aspects

- Discuss the impact of automation on employment.
- Make predictions and speculate about what the situation may be like in the future.

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CANDIDATE C

Preparation time: **2 minutes**

TOPIC: FAMILY
Working parents

You read the following text in a news article:

The 2020 Modern Families Index survey highlights the difficulties working parents face. "This research shows that for too many parents, work is still too 'big' for the hours supposedly allotted to it," said James Tugendhat, international managing director at Bright Horizons. "Too often fathers are working overlong hours, while mothers carry the double burden of paid work and childcare. Yet, increasingly, neither mothers nor fathers want this. It's time for employers and lawmakers to reconsider the 'normal' nine-to-five model and acknowledge that work doesn't really need to fit into a five-day-a-week package."

Adapted from www.theguardian.com

During a conversation with the other candidates at a seminar about modern family life 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 challenges families face from modern lifestyle.
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TASK 2: INTERACTION

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Speaking time: **6-7 minutes**

TOPIC: INNOVATIONS

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Remember you must talk about all three texts.

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