

CARD 2

CANDIDATE A

Preparation time: **2 minutes**

TOPIC: HOUSING

Trends in housing

You read the following text:

Soaring house prices and stagnating wages have led to a bloated house market. So millennials are now renting at record rates, yet the appetite to make a house a home remains equally high; they are still looking for stylish, personalised rental homes. Millennials are steadily finding more temporary solutions to the challenge of making a rental home worthy. “We are seeing a trend of individuals, specifically millennials and Gen Z, looking for new life experiences rather than the desire to stay put in one place,” says a marketing manager for Fashion Furniture. “With that mindset, the idea of renting furniture when you need it and returning it to the company when you’re ready to move on to your new adventure is incredibly appealing.”

Adapted from www. bbc.com

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Speaking time: 2-3 minutes max.

TASK 1: PRODUCTION

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Talk about the following points:

- Discuss how you stand on this particular issue.
- Hypothesize about the situation in the future.

Support your opinions with arguments.

CANDIDATE BPreparation time: **2 minutes****TOPIC: PSYCHOLOGY****Consequences of social media**

You read the following text:

New research does a deep-dive on the pervasive anxiety associated with FOMO. This feeling has always been there. However, we now have a formal nomenclature to describe the "fear of missing out." The explosion of social media has launched our youngsters headfirst into the FOMO syndrome due to the ability (or curse) we have to easily see what our peers are doing all the time. This fear would be associated with a host of negative outcomes related to stress and negative emotionality. Further, people who experience it would be more likely to miss out on sleep and feel more fatigue.

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TASK 2: INTERACTION

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Speaking time: **4-5 minutes max.**

TOPIC: ECO-FRIENDLY CITIES

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- Discuss the implications of the proposals.
- Debate which of the three proposals to implement for your city.

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- **Congestion charges** enhance mobility and connectivity within the city. This tax can be spent on other forms of greener public transport. It benefits society by reducing fuel consumption and CO2 emissions and holds the key to improved air quality.
- **Solar panels for carparks.** The area above a car park is an otherwise unexploited urban site that can be used to generate renewable energy. And it can also become a significant source of both direct and indirect job creation.

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