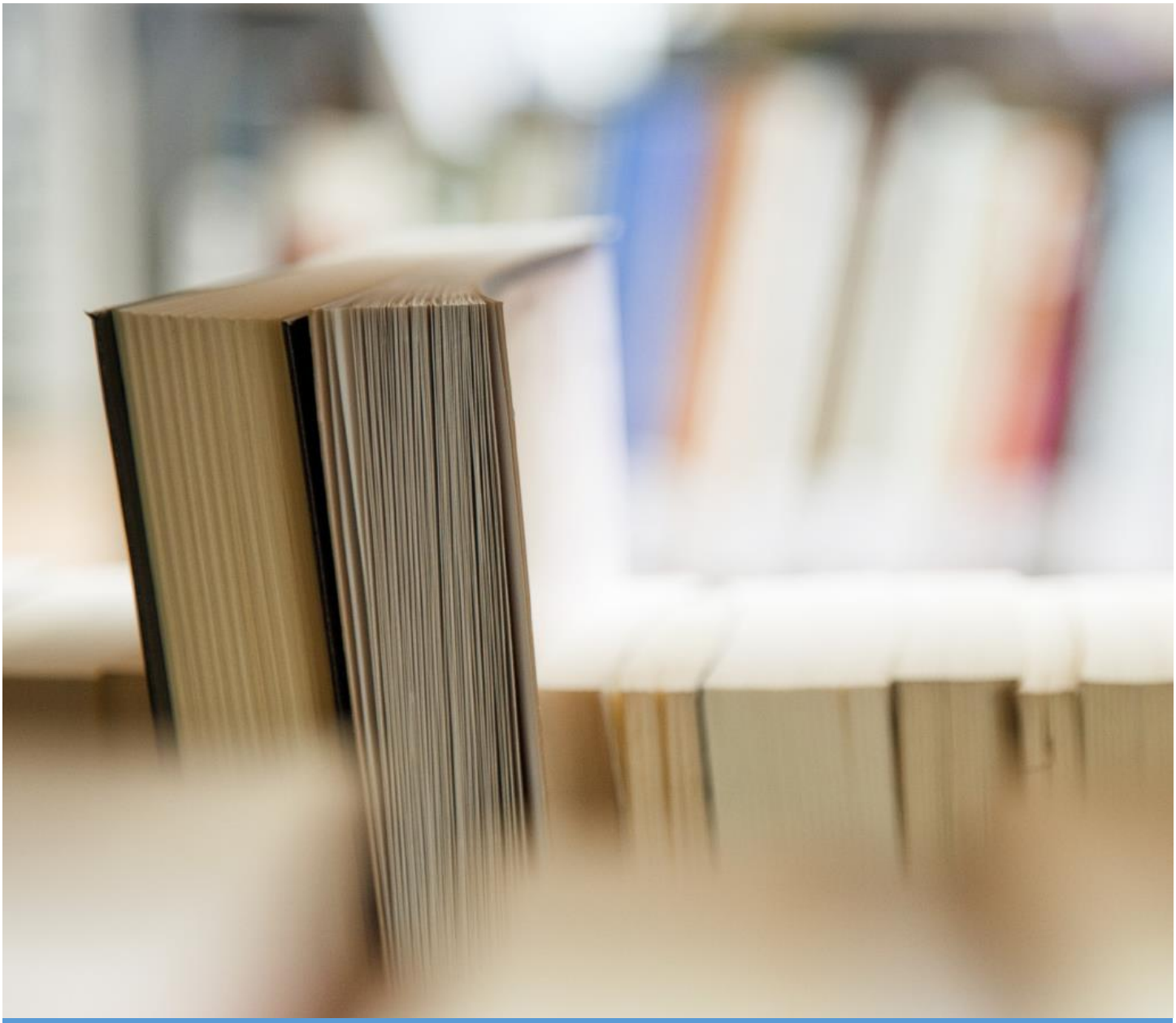


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WRITING TASK

Many countries aim to improve their standard of living through economic development. Sometimes this may bring loss of social values as a result. Do the advantages of higher standard of living outweigh its disadvantages?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?

Cue Card

Talk about an occasion when you received a good service from a person. Please say

– What was the service?
– When and where did you receive it?
– Why did you like it so much?

Discussion

– How did you feel after it?
– What is the difference between services from a big or small companies?
– What jobs require staff to get in touch with a lot of people?
– What qualities should the staff member have? Why?
– What should people do when they receive bad service?

WRITING TASK

Some people think that parents should not give their children expensive presents. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give your opinion and examples based on you own experience

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Do you like your job?
– Where do you live now?
– What kind of house or apartment would you like to live in, in the future?
– Do you like jewelry?
– Do you wear jewelry often?
– Why do people keep jewelry for a long time?

Cue Card

Describe a piece of clothing that you like. Please say:

– When and where did you buy it?
– What garment is this?
– Why do you like it so much?

Discussion

– What is the difference between men's and women's fashion?
– Why is that?
– What is your opinion about the green trend (the use of recycled materials) in the fashion industry?
– What is the impact of fast fashion trend on people?
– Should we judge people by their looks?
– Why or why not?

WRITING TASK

Scientists believe that in the near future cars will be driven by computers. What are the reasons behind it? Would it be a positive or negative development, in your opinion?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Do you like it so far?
– What are your plans for the future?
– Let's talk about birthday celebrations.
– Do you celebrate your birthdays?
– How do you do it?
– What was the most memorable birthday for you?
– Why is that?
– Do you like marriage celebrations or weddings?
– When was the last one you attended?
– Who did you go there with?

Cue Card

Describe a happy married couple that you know well. Please say

– Who are they?
– When and where did you meet them?
– What is the secret of their happiness, in your opinion?

Discussion

– Is parenting a hard task? Why?
– Should parents have long maternity/paternity leave or not?
– Why do you think so?

WRITING TASK

Some people think advance technology such as the Internet is a powerful source of information. Others, however, think that books are also a good source of information and entertainment. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give your opinion and examples.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Do you like it or not? Why?
– Where do you live now?
– What is your home town?
– Do you want to live in your hometown in the future?
– Do you like mirrors?
– Did you ever buy a mirror? Why?
– How often do you use the mirror?

Cue Card

Talk about any activity that you did that excited you. Please say

– What was it and when did you do it?
– Who was there with you?
– What did you feel after doing this?

Discussion

– What other activities do you like?
– Are you an adventurous person?
– Are you planning any adventures or activities in the near future?
– How will you accomplish that?

WRITING TASK

Films and computer games containing violence are popular. Some people say they have negative impacts on sooty and should be banned, while others say they are just harmless relaxation. Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Do you like your job?
– Will you change it in the future?
– What do you think about indoor games?
– What kind of indoor games you were playing as a child?
– Do you still enjoy these games?
– When you go out, what do you take with you?
– Are the things you take different in the morning and evening?

Cue Card

Describe a future plan that you have, not related to work or study. Please say

– What do you plan to do and when?
– How will you achieve it?
– Why do you want to do it?

Discussion

– Who else is involved in this plan?
– Is it important to have plans for the future?
– Is it important for children to have dreams or future plans? Why?
– What was your dream as a child?
– Why did you have that dream?

WRITING TASK

Some countries improve their economy to gain high standard of living, but some social values can be lost during this transition. Do you think the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages? Give your opinion and examples.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What is the importance of your study?
– What is the main challenge of your work?
– Let's talk about fruit.
– Do you like fruit?
– How often do you eat fruit?
– What fruits are your favourite? Why?
– Did you eat fruit in your childhood?
– What fruits were the best for you as a child? Why?
– Do you think older people eat less fruit? Why?

Cue Card

Describe a recent important change in your life. Please say

– What was the change?
– What were the reasons for this change?
– How do you feel about it now?

Discussion

– Do you think changes are important in our lives? Why?
– Do you think we encourage children enough to get new experiences? Why?
– Who is supporting children to change something?
– Do you think people can adapt to changes easily? Why?
– What do you think about the global changes nowadays?
– Can changes be stressful?

WRITING TASK

Some people believe that university education is helpful, while others think that university is not the right place to acquire new skills. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your knowledge and experience.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What is your job?
– What are you doing there?
– Let's talk about mirrors.
– How often do you use a mirror?
– Is it important to have a mirror?
– Can you use a mirror for decoration in your home?

Cue Card

Talk about an unusual food you have ate abroad. Please say

– Where was it
– What was the food?
– Did you like or dislike that food? Why?
– Why did you decide to try it?

Discussion

– Do you prefer to buy foreign foods?
– Why do people buy foreign foods?
– Would you spend more on foreign foods?
– Why is that?

WRITING TASK

Some people think that government should provide education for free on all levels: primary, secondary and tertiary. Others believe that it is the responsibility of individuals to pay for their own tertiary education. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Where do you live?
– Is it an apartment or a house?
– What type of place would you like to live in, in the future?
– Who is your favourite pop star?
– What is the difference between live performances and recordings?

Cue Card

Describe a drama series that you like to watch. Please say

– Who are the characters?
– What is it about?
– Why do you like it so much?

Discussion

– What are popular topics on TV in your county? Why?
– What is the difference of TV shows in the past and now?
– Is there any positives in watching TV?
– Why did TV become so popular?

WRITING TASK

Some people think that children should be studying all the mandatory subjects until the age of ten, while others believe they should have an option to select favourite subjects to study. What is your opinion? Give reasons for your answer and include relevant examples from your experience.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What kind of accommodation do you live in?
– Do you have a mirror in your house?
– Do you use it a lot?
– What types of programs do you watch on TV?
– Did you watch TV when you were young?
– What is the difference between watching TV in the past and nowadays?

Cue Card

Talk about an occasion you have attended an event that you had a specific role in. Please say

– When and where did the event occur?
– What was your role there?
– What was the hard part in it?

Discussion

– Should people do hard things?
– Why don't most people take risks?
– Should governments prohibit people from taking risks?
– Why is that?

WRITING TASK

Teachers used to convey information, but now with wide resources of information. Some people think that there is no role for teachers to play in modern education, others disagree. Discuss both views and give your opinion?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What is your major?
– Why did you choose this field?
– What is the most important part of your study program?
– How do you celebrate your birthdays?
– What age is important in your country and celebrated the most?
– Did you enjoy your birthdays as a child? Why?
– Is your birthday important to you? Why?
– Let's talk about sunshine.
– How important is sunshine in your country?
– Do you normally get out and catch some sun or not?

Cue Card

Describe something you have not done so far but would like to do in the future. Please say

– What is it?
– When and where would you do it?
– Why would you like to do it?

Discussion

– Do you believe that you will do this?
– Is it important to set goals for younger generation in your country?
– What is the difference between men's and women's goals?
– Do you think a person can be successful without having any goals?
– Don't you think that younger generation must have some goals for the progress of their country?
– What steps should the government take to reduce poverty?
– Should the government focus more on poverty rather than literacy?

WRITING TASK

Some people believe that radio is the best way to get news while others think that TV is better for this purpose. Discuss both views, give your opinion and relevant examples.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Is it a hard job, in your opinion?
– Do you like it or not? Why?

Cue Card

Talk about a person who helped you at a new workplace. Please say

– Who is he/she?
– What did he/she do to help you?
– How did you feel about it later?

Discussion

– Is it good to help others?
– Do you like doing it?
– How do you feel after helping somebody?
– Would you help a stranger?

WRITING TASK

Everyone should stay in school until the age of eighteen. Evaluate the arguments both and against this before reaching an opinion?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What part of your country do you live in?
– Do you like this place?
– Why is it so interesting?
– What are the interesting places to see there?
– Do you like to do house chores?
– What type of chores do you usually do around the house?
– Do you think it is important to learn housework nowadays?
– What house chores do you really dislike?

Cue Card

Talk about an interesting book that you would like to read again. You should say

– What book is it?
– When did you read it?
– Why would you like to read it again?

Discussion

– Do you think children have good imagination?
– Why do you think it is?
– Is reading important to our lifestyle?
– Do you think people read less nowadays?
– What are the factors influencing our reading habits?

WRITING TASK

Many nations like to host international sporting events, but people are against it. Describe both views and give your own opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Do you think your job is hard?
– Why do you think so?
– Do you play any musical instruments?
– Why / Why not?
– Do you have one friend or lots of friends?
– Why is it so?

Cue Card

Describe your neighbour. Please say

– Who is he/she?
– Where did you meet?
– Do you meet often?

Discussion

– How is the neighbourhood in your home country?
– Is it difficult to get along with neighbours in city areas?
– What can be done if your neighbours are loud and noisy?

WRITING TASK

The development of technology has causes environmental problems. So, some people think people should choose a simpler way of life, while others think we should use technology to solve these problems. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Is it acceptable for visitors or advisors to make a speech for school children?
– Is it better to have a teacher make a speech or someone else, like parents?
– What do you think about robots?
– Is it good to have a robot at home?
– What do you think about travel by car which is controlled by a robot?

Cue Card

Talk about an interesting conversation you had, or a speech you heard. Please say
– Who the speaker was
– When you heard him/her or talked with him/her
– What the speech/conversation was about
– Why it was interesting to you

Discussion

– What abilities make a person a good public speaker?
– Is it good to use a video presentation or other visual aids during the speech?
– Let's talk about online shopping.
– Have you ever bought a pair of shoes online?
– Is it important to wear good shoes?
– Which do you prefer, good-looking shoes or comfortable ones?

WRITING TASK

The society would benefit from a ban on all forms of advertising because it serves no useful purpose, and can even be damaging. However, others argue that there are still some advantages of adverts. Discuss both views and give your opinion?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Let's talk about friends.
– Is it better to have one best friend of many friends?
– Why do you think so?
– Do you spend time with your friends?
– Are friends important in your life?
– Let's talk about family.
– How do you spend time with your family?
– How has your family influenced you?
– Let's talk about television.
– Do you watch a lot of TV?
– What programs do you like to watch?
– Do you like watching TV with your family or alone?
– Why is that?

Cue Card

Talk about a time when you had good experience in the countryside. Please say

– When and where did you go?
– Who was there with you?
– Why was it enjoyable?

Discussion

– Do young people enjoy living in the countryside? Why?
– Is countryside more developed now compared to the past?
– Can you give some examples of these developments?

WRITING TASK

Many people believe that criminals should be imprisoned; others, however, say they should do unpaid work that is beneficial for the community. Do you agree and disagree? Give your opinion and relevant examples

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– What do you like about your job?
– What do you think about advertisements?
– Do you buy products because of the ads?
– What do you think about billboard advertisements?

Cue Card

Describe a happily married couple that you know. Please say

– Who are they?
– How long have you known them?
– What makes this married couple happy?

Discussion

– What do they do together?
– How often do you see them?
– Let's talk about weddings.
– How do people celebrate weddings in your country?
– What is the average age to get married in your country?
– Why do people get married at a later age today?
– Why do people tend to have fewer children now than in the past?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays everyone likes to travel. Some people travel alone while others prefer to travel in a group. Discuss both approaches. Give your own opinion with relevant examples from your experience.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview
– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Where do you live now?
– How is the place and people where you live now?
– Would you like to move somewhere else in the future?
– Do you prefer indoor or outdoor games?
– Do you engage in indoor sports?
– What indoor games do you like?
– What effect can indoor games have on local community in your opinion?
– Have you ever been given a wrist watch as a gift?
– Why do you think some people wear expensive wrist watches?
– Do you wear a wrist watch at the moment?
– Did you wear a wrist watch as a child?
– Why/why not?

Cue Card

Describe an interesting neighbour of yours. Please say

– Who is your neighbour?
– How did you meet him/her?
– How often do you see the neighbour?

Discussion

– What makes this neighbour an interesting person?
– How do you think neighbours can be brought together?
– Do you know neighbours by their names?
– How do you think business can impact on local community?
– Do you think your country is a community?
– What do you think about the national identity of your country?
– What do you think is the impact of technology on students?

WRITING TASK

In some countries many parents are interested in home schooling and the trend is gaining popularity. Do the advantages of this outweigh disadvantages?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Why do you think people choose such a subject in your country?
– Do you like reading books?
– What type of books do you read?
– Are you reading a book presently?
– Do you listen to music?
– Who is your favourite pop star?
– Do you like to listen to them live or on recordings?
– What is the difference in your opinion?

Cue Card

Describe a comedy TV series that you watch. Please say

– What TV series is it?
– Who are the main characters there?
– Describe an interesting event from the series.

Discussion

– Do you think TV has an influence on us?
– Is it a positive one? Why?
– Is there a difference between older and younger people's choice of TV programs?
– Why do you think TV series are famous around the world?
– What makes them more or less popular?

WRITING TASK

Team activities can teach more skills for life than those activities which are played alone. Explain the benefits of each and give your own view?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– What is the best thing about your work?
– Do you like reading magazines?
– Do you think young people like reading magazines?
– What do you prefer to read, magazines or comics?
– Do you like reading books?
– What kind of books do you prefer?

Cue Card

Describe an occasion when you have seen a lot of people happy and smiling. Please say

– When and where was it?
– Who was there with you?
– How did you feel about it?

Discussion

– Why do you think people smile?
– Why do you think people smile on photographs?
– Why do you think people of older generation don't smile on pictures?
– When shouldn't we show our emotions? Why?
– Do you think girls or boys smile more often?
– Why do you think it is so?

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WRITING TASK

Today's typical method of teaching involving direct communication between teachers and students will not exist by 2050. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give your own opinion and examples.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?

Cue Card

Describe a useful plant in your country. Please say

– What plant is it?
– Where does it grow?
– Why is it so useful?

Discussion

– How did you hear about this plant?
– Could it be used for other purposes as well?
– Do you know any other plants that are useful?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays we can watch TV shows of criminal trials. Do the advantages of making such information available to the general public outweigh the disadvantages?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Let's talk about politeness.
– Do you think it is important?
– Who should teach children to be polite?
– Do you think people are more polite nowadays?
– Why is that?
– Let's change the subject and talk about your house.
– Do you live in a house or an apartment?
– Do you like it there?
– Would you like to move somewhere else? Why?

Cue Card

Describe a recent important change in your life. Please say

– What is the change?
– When and where did it happen?
– How did you feel about it?

Discussion

– Are changes important in our lives?
– How did you help your children with this change?
– Do you think old people accept changes easily?
– What do you think about global changes nowadays?
– Can changes be stressful?
– Why is it so?

WRITING TASK

Some people think that cultural traditions may be destroyed when they are used as money-making attractions aimed at tourists. Others believe that is the only way to save these traditions. Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Is it necessary to study hard in your subject?
– Do you have a lot of friends or just a few friends?
– Are you still in touch with your school friends?
– How often do you meet with them?

Cue Card

Describe an occasion when you were not allowed to use a mobile phone.
Please say

– When and where was it?
– Why weren't you able to use it?
– How did you feel about it?

Discussion

– Do you think people use mobile phones more than other electronic devices?
– Why is that?
– Are there mobile phones that suit younger or older people better?
– Should students have mobile phones? Why?
– Are boys using their phones differently compared to girls? Why?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays more fathers remain at home taking care of children than in the past. Why is it happening? Is it a positive or negative development?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Tell me about the house where you live.
– Do you like the house where you live now?
– What would you like to change there if you had a chance?
– Do you prefer using buses or private transport for commuting?
– What can the government do to ensure safety of public transport?
– Would you prefer underground or surface transportation?

Cue Card

Talk about a time when you had to wait for something. Please say

– What were you waiting for and when?
– What did you do while waiting?
– What was the outcome?

Discussion

– Do you think older people manage time better than young people?
– Why is it so?
– Do you think time management is important?
– What usually happens when time isn't managed correctly?
– Do you think someone is wasting time when he/she is not doing something, just sitting there?
– Do you think computers or electronic devices help us to manage time?
– Can you give a few examples of such devices?
– Do people who are not familiar with computers waste more time?

WRITING TASK

Too much money has been spent on looking after and repairing old buildings. Therefore, we should knock down old buildings and build modern ones instead to what extent do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview
– What is your full name?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Describe your home, please.
– Where would you like to live in the future?
– Would it be a house or an apartment?
– Tell me something about your goals.
– Do you think young people today are goal oriented or not?
– What type of goals are popular among young people, in your opinion?
– How can parents help their children to set goals?
– Do you know any pop stars?
– Do you like pop stars?
– Have you ever seen a pop star in person?
– Have you ever attended a concert or live music program?
– Would you like to be a pop star?

Cue Card

Describe a work you would like to do, that you were unable to do in the past. Please say

– What type of work is it?
– How will you do it?
– Why is it important for you?

Discussion

– Let's talk about work to save the environment.
– Do you believe that individuals can help to save the environment?
– Do you think government developments are disturbing the environment?
– Why is it happening?
– Most government developments are only in the economic sector, what other sectors should be involved?
– What would you suggest to do to improve the environment?

WRITING TASK

Some people think that drivers should pay for building and maintaining roads, while others think that the government should pay the costs of infrastructure. What is your opinion? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your knowledge or experience.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– What is the most challenging thing at your work?
– Why is that?
– Let's talk about e-mails.
– Are e-mails popular in your country? Why?
– How often do you write and send e-mails?
– Do you think e-mail will be still popular in the future? Why?
– Let's talk about neighbors.
– Do you know your neighbors?
– Do you prefer younger or older people as neighbors?

Cue Card

Talk about your favorite piece of clothing. Please say

– What is it?
– Why do you like it?
– How often do you wear it?

Discussion

– Do you think people enjoy buying clothes?
– Why do some people go together with other people when shopping for clothes?
– Is online shopping useful in buying clothes?
– What's the effect of fashion industry on the current fashion?
– What's the effect of fashion on people's behavior regarding clothes?
– Do people care about recycling their clothing?

WRITING TASK

Many people think that public celebrations (like national holidays, festivals etc.) are a waste of money and that the government should spend those funds in a better way. Do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where do you live?
– Do you live in a house or an apartment?
– What is your ideal house/flat for the future?

Cue card

Talk about a website that was really helpful to you. Please say

– What the website's name is?
– How you found it
– Why it was so helpful

Follow up question: Do you recommend it to your friends?

Discussion

– Let's talk about people and the Internet.
– Do you think that people are too reliant on the Internet? Why?
– Let's talk about books and technology.
– Do you think that in the future there will be only e-books and no more paper books?

WRITING TASK

Many people believe that they should spend their money to enjoy life at present. Others, however, think that they should save it for the future. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview
– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Describe the place you live in now.
– Are there good amenities in the area?
– What are they?
– Do you watch TV?
– What type of TV programs do you like?
– How much time do you usually spend watching TV?
– What items do you take with you when leaving the house?
– Why is that?
– How do you make sure that nothing is forgotten?
– Do you have different items with you in the morning and evening?
– Why is it so?

Cue Card

Describe a book that you read and decided to read it again. Please say

– What is it?
– When and where did you read it?
– Why would you like to read this book again?

Discussion

– What type of books children in your country like to read?
– What is the influence of books on society?
– Do you think reading habits people have today are different compared to the past?
– Why do you think it is so?
– What is the main difference between a book and a movie?
– What do you prefer, to read the book or watch the movie?

WRITING TASK

Some animal species are now completely extinct. Many people believe that we should prevent this from happening in the future. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Where do you live now?
– What type of house do you live in?
– What would you like in your future home?
– Do you like traveling by bus?

Cue Card

Talk about an interesting conversation that you had with a person that you don't know. Please say

– What was the conversation about?
– Who was that person?
– Why was it an interesting conversation?

Discussion

– Do you prefer face-to-face or phone conversations?
– Why is that?
– Is there a difference between male and female conversations?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays managers and team leaders in different organizations are much younger compared to the past. What are the reasons for it? Is it a positive or negative development?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Let's talk about your job.
– What is your job profile?
– Is it really hard to work nowadays?
– How do you spend time after work?
– Do you play any musical instrument?
– What do you think about the role of music today?
– Do you like to make lots of friends or do you have only one best friend?
– How do you spend time with your friends?
– Do you think you will make a lot of new friends in the future?

Cue Card

Talk about a neighbor that you like and admire. Please say

– Who is he/she?
– When did you first meet him/her?
– How does he/she inspire you?

Discussion

– Is interaction with other neighbors important to us?
– What is the role and importance of local community?
– What do you think about national identity?
– Do you really take pride in it?
– In what way?

WRITING TASK

Researches show that overeating is as harmful as smoking. Therefore, the advertisements of food products should be banned in the same way as the cigarettes advertising is banned in many countries. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Do you have house chores? What are they?
– What else do you do around the house?
– Did you help your parents with household chores as a child?
– Do you think it's essential for kids to do household chores?
– Why do you think so?
– Do you think money is the main component when selecting a field of work?
– What other factors are important when selecting a future job?

Cue Card

Talk about your plans for the future, other than work or study. Please say

– What do you plan to do?
– What will you do to make it happen?
– How will you feel, if your plan succeeds?

Discussion

– What is your general day to day plan?
– Why do some people hate planning ahead?
– What are the advantages and disadvantages of planning?

WRITING TASK

Many companies invest their money in sport games for advertisement purposes. Some people think it is good for the sport world, while others believe that it has some disadvantages. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Let's talk about television.
– How often do you watch TV?
– When do you usually watch it?
– What programs do you like to watch? Why?
– Do you like indoor games?
– What games do you prefer?
– Do you play computer games?

Cue Card

Talk about a polite person that you know. Please say

– Who is he/she?
– How did you two meet?
– Why is he/she so polite?

Discussion

– Do you consider yourself a polite person?
– Who is more polite, younger or older generation? Why?
– How do people show respect to others in your county?

WRITING TASK

Some people say that subjects like arts, music, drama and creative writing are more beneficial to children and therefore they need more of these subjects to be included in the timetable. Do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your name?
– Where are you from?
– Can I see your ID?
– Do you work or study?
– Describe the place where you live.
– Is it easy to get there?
– What kind of transportation do you use?
– What kind of shoes do you prefer: fashionable or comfortable?
– Is it good to have a lot of shoes?

Cue Card

Talk about an occasion on which you had to try a new activity for the first time.
Please say
– What kind of activity was it?
– Where did it happen?
– Why did it happen?
– Explain what you learnt from that experience.

Discussion

– Why do people try dangerous sports?
– Do people in your country try these sports?
– Should they think about their families?
– What can be done to replace dangerous sports with some other activities?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays young people are spending most of their leisure time using smartphones and tablets for entertaining. Is it a positive or a negative development? Give your own opinion and examples.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?

Cue Card

Describe a painting or a work of art that you saw and liked. Please say
– What is it?
– Where and when did you see it?
– Explain the impression it made on you.

Discussion

– Do you like arts in general?
– What kind of art do you like more?
– Why is that?
– Do you engage in art-related activities yourself? Why?

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WRITING TASK

The best way to understand other culture is to work in a multinational organization. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Describe your hometown, please.
– Do you like living there?
– Why is that?
– Let's talk about music.
– Do you like pop music?
– Why do you like it?
– What pop stars do you like?
– Have you seen any of them in person?

Cue Card

Talk about some happy news you received about a person you know well. Please say

– Who is he/she?
– What was the news?
– Why did you feel happy?

Discussion

– Let's talk about happy news in general.
– How do people celebrate happy news in your hometown or city?
– Do you share happy news with other people?
– Why do you think some people get jealous?
– What kind of events are celebrated in your country?
– Let's talk about news on TV and radio.
– Some say the media should report more happy news than bad news.
– Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays many parents believe that children's usage of tablets or computers would be good for their future academic career. What are the advantages and disadvantages of such belief? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your knowledge or experience.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Do you send emails?
– How will emails work in the future?
– What could emails be useful to you for?
– Where do you live now?
– Can you describe your home?
– Would you like to move to a different place? Why?
– What would be the main reason for you to change your house?
– What will you have in your own house?

Cue Card

Describe your experience of changing schools or moving home. Please say
– What was your experience?
– How did you feel about meeting new classmates or neighbors?
– Would you do it again in the future? Why?

Discussion

– Do you like arts in general?
– What kind of art do you like more?
– Why is that?
– Do you engage in art-related activities yourself? Why?

WRITING TASK

The advantage of English spreading as a global language will continue to outweigh the disadvantages. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What did you like about your high school?
– What didn't you like about it?
– Would you like to be a school teacher? Why or why not?
– Did you wear a watch when you were a child?
– Did anyone give you a watch as a gift?
– Who was it?
– Do you wear a watch now? Why?

Cue Card

Talk about a decision someone made on your behalf that you disagreed with. Please say

– When this happened
– What the decision was
– Who made it and why
– And explain why you disagreed with it.

Discussion

– What are the important decisions young people have to make these days?
– Do you think young people can and should make decisions themselves?
– What personality types can make better decisions? Why?
– What personality traits should a politician have to make good decisions?
– Why do you think so?

WRITING TASK

Is it better to be unemployed in jobs rather than to be employed in jobs even if they don't feel happy or enjoy. Do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What is your job?
– What do you do there?
– Do you need to work extra hours?
– How would you like to spend free time if you had it?

Cue Card

Tell me about a quiet place that you last visited. Please say
– What and where is it?
– When did you visit it?
– Who did you visit it with?

Discussion

– Did you like or dislike it? Why?
– Why do you think Golden Temple is a quiet place?
– What are other places people like to go to?
– Are there other places to visit except historical landmarks?
– Please give some examples.
– What are the main sources of noise in your city?
– How can infrastructure be linked?
– How can the government reduce noise pollution?

WRITING TASK

Some people believe that looking after our health is a duty to the society we live in rather than a personal need. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Where do you live now?
– Do you like it?
– Will you live there in the future?
– Let's talk about mirrors.
– Do you have a mirror at home?
– Do you watch yourself in the mirror? Why?
– Would you buy a piece of clothing without checking what it looks like in the mirror?
– Do you think it's nice to have mirrors in a house?

Cue Card

Describe an event that you had to wait for it. Please say
– What was the event?
– Why did you have to wait for it?
– What did you do while waiting?

Discussion

– Let's talk about patience.
– What do you think about patience?
– Do we have to wait more or less for things to happen nowadays?
– Does patience reflect on society?

WRITING TASK

Many students have to study subjects which they do not like. Some people think this is a complete waste of time. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– What do you like the most about your job?
– Do you like history?
– Do you watch TV programs about history?
– Who is the famous person from history are you interested in? Why?

Cue Card

Talk about a free item you were offered as a promotion in a shopping centre.
Please say

– Why were you offered it?
– What was the item?
– What did you do with it?

Discussion

– Is it a good idea for manufacturers to give people their products as free samples?
– Do you think spraying perfume in shopping malls to introduce them to people is a good way?
– Do people in your country like to get free goods?
– Do you have any religious or traditional custom involving free food or things being offered to others?

WRITING TASK

Many parents allow their children to play games on computers and other electronic devices because it helps to develop their technical skills. Do you think the advantages of this approach outweigh the disadvantages?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Can you describe your home town?
– What are some interesting things to see there?
– Is it a good place to live in?
– Will you continue to live there in the future?
– Let's talk about dreams.
– How often do you remember dreams after waking up?
– Do you like to listen to other people's dreams?
– Would you like to study about dreams in the future?

Cue Card

Talk about a time when you had to wait to hear some important news. Please say
– What was the news or event that made you wait? Why?
– When and where did you hear the news?
– Describe your feelings after hearing it.

Discussion

– Let's talk about things that make people wait.
– What are they?
– Can waiting be boring sometimes? Why?
– Some people don't like waiting, why do you think it is so?
– Adults can wait for longer than children. Why?
– How did people from different countries communicate in the past?
– Do you think being patient is good?
– Is there a change in people's patience today compared to the past?

WRITING TASK

It is generally discussed among the public that extreme sports such as sky diving and rock-climbing should be banned. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Do you live in an apartment or a house?
– What can you see through your window?
– Do you like chocolate?
– Did you like it as a child?
– Why is chocolate so popular?
– Have you ever been given chocolate as a gift?
– Did you use to read books as a teenager?
– Do you buy or borrow books?
– Why is that?
– Do you read books online?

Cue Card

Talk about a tall building you know. Please say

– What and where is it?
– What does it look like?
– Do you like or dislike it? Why?

Discussion

– Does climate affect house construction?
– Why do some people choose to build houses themselves?
– Do you think architects have challenges in creating houses today?
– Why do you think it is so?
– Do we need to construct houses near historical sites?
– Will aesthetic value of these historical places be reduced if construction is allowed?

WRITING TASK

Sending criminals to prison is not the best method of dealing with them. Education and job training are better ways to help them. Do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Do you like reading books?
– Do you prefer to buy or borrow books?
– Tell me about a celebrity in your country.
– Would you like to be a celebrity?

Cue Card

Describe an advertisement that you have seen recently and liked. Please say

– What type of ad was it?
– What was advertised?
– How did you feel about it? Why?

Discussion

– How effective are advertisements in your opinion?
– Should they be controlled by the government?
– What aspects should be controlled in particular?
– Why do you think so?
– Do you think spending more on an advertisement makes it better?

WRITING TASK

Some people believe that for an effective studying process at school students should be involved in decisions how to run the school. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Describe your hometown.
– Do you like children?
– How often do you watch television?
– Did you watch a lot of TV as a child? Why?
– Do you like buying shoes?
– What do you prefer to wear, comfortable or fashionable shoes?
– Have you ever bought shoes online?

Cue Card

Talk about a good time you spent with a young child. Please say
– Who the child is
– When you spent time with him/her
– What you did together
– And why you had a good time.

Discussion

– Do you think it is a good strategy for parents to always control their children?
– Why do you think so?
– Are children living differently now than in the past?
– Nowadays children use lots of electronic gadgets, what do you think about it?
– Does it affect children's development?
– In what way?
– Are there any positive effects of using gadgets?

WRITING TASK

Some people think that children's success in adult life depends on the way their parents brought up them. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Please describe your city.
– Do you like it? Why?
– What is your favorite TV program?
– Why is that?
– What do you do in your spare time?

Cue Card

Describe an interesting neighbour of yours. Please say
– Who is he/she?
– When and where did you meet him/her?
– What do you do together?

Discussion

– What is the importance of neighbours in our society?
– Do neighbours nowadays differ from the past? Why?
– Do you think smaller communities have better communication than big ones?
– Why do you think so?
– Do people of small community do a better job of developing their community?
– How are small and big businesses involved in developing small communities?

WRITING TASK

Some people think that children today are not as fit and healthy as in the past. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give you opinion, reasons and solutions.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– What is so special about this place?
– Did you like living in your hometown?
– What is your favorite place in your hometown?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?

Cue Card

Describe a café that you like and visit often. Please say

– Where and what is it?
– When do you usually go there?
– What do you usually order there?

Discussion

– What do you like and dislike about this cafe?
– Will you go there again?
– Do you visit it by yourself or with friends?
– Do you think people are meant to live in big cities surrounded by strangers?
– Why do you think so?

WRITING TASK

Consumers nowadays are faced with increased advertising from competitive companies. To what extent do you think consumers are influenced by these advertisements? What measures can be taken to tackle this issue?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you usually do at work?
– What kind of activities do you do at home?
– Are there any household tasks you do not like? Why?
– Did you study music when you were a child?
– Do you play any instruments now?
– Do you think it is easy to learn to play a new instrument?

Cue Card

Talk about a neighbour that you know well. Please say

– Who is he/she?
– How did you meet him/her?
– Do you like him/her? Why?

Discussion

– Do you know other neighbours in your neighbourhood?
– What kind of people do you think are important for the neighbourhood?
– Do you think local businesses are important to the community?
– Do you have an example of a community becoming better or worse?
– What do you think about the impact of technology on the community?

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WRITING TASK

Some people believe it is better for children to grow up in the city while others say it is better to grow up in the countryside. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?

Cue Card

Talk about an instance when you were prevented from using a mobile phone. Please say
– Where and when did it take place?
– Why did you need to use your phone?
– How did you feel then?

Discussion

– Why was the phone usage prohibited there?

WRITING TASK

Many criminals after serving their time behind bars usually commit crimes again. Why do you think it is so? Give causes and your solution to it.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?

Cue Card

Talk about a moment that made you laugh a lot and you cannot forget it. Please say
– What happened?
– When and where did it take place?
– Why was it so funny?

Discussion

– Let's talk about comedy.
– Who is funnier, women or men?
– Why do you think so?
– Can you name a few famous comedians in your country?
– What is better, reading a funny story or watching a comedy movie? Why?
– What do you personally prefer? Why?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays most developing countries receive financial aid from international organizations. However, many people believe that help in a form of advice and skills is more important and useful than money. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Do you like photography?
– What is more valuable, photo or video?
– Why do you think so?

Cue Card

Talk about a nice place for relaxation that you know and use. Please say
– Where and what is this place?
– Why do you go there?
– Who do you go there with?

Discussion

– What do you think about work for big corporations?
– Would you like to work for one? Why?
– What are the pleasant and unpleasant things about such workplaces?
– How should the manager and staff communicate in your opinion?
– Why do you think this is important?

WRITING TASK

Many employees may work at home with the modern technology. Some people claim that it can benefit only the workers, not the employers. Is it a positive or negative development?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview
– What is your full name?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Let's talk about your home.
– Do you live in a house or an apartment?
– What does it look like?
– What can you see from your windows?
– Do you like to stay in your hometown or city?
– Let's talk about colors.
– What is your favorite color?
– What color do your friends like?
– What color wouldn't you like to see on the walls of your home?

Cue Card

Describe a piece of equipment that has been in your home for years and you still use it. Please say

– What is it?
– How often do you use it?
– Do your family members use this equipment too?

Discussion

– Why do you like using this equipment?
– How long have you had it in your family for?
– Did you buy it?
– Do other people use such equipment?
– What other machines can you see in the office?
– Are people changing their things frequently?
– Which kind of machines do people use in a factory?
– What are the consequences of using machines for work?
– Who is using machinery the most, younger or older workers?
– Do you think older people feel comfortable using machinery?

WRITING TASK

The detailed description about crime will affect the people and cause many social problems. Some people say that the media should be strictly controlled. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What are you doing now?
– Who was your favorite teacher?
– Why did you like him/her the most?
– Would you like to become a teacher in the future?
– Why is that?

Cue Card

Talk about a gift that you gave to someone and the occasion. Please say

– What was the gift and the occasion?
– Why did you choose this gift?
– Where did you buy it?
– How did the person feel after receiving it?

Discussion

– Why do people give gifts in our society?
– Why do some people like to give hand-made gifts instead of purchasing them in a store?
– What kind of educational gifts can be given to children?
– What is the significance of these gifts?

WRITING TASK

Some people think that you need more money to be happy, while others prefer to have more free time than money. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– How do you see your future career?
– Why is that?
– Do you like writing?
– Would you consider becoming a writer?

Cue Card

Talk about a place you use for relaxation. Please say
– What and where is this place?
– How often do you go there?
– How did you find this place?

Discussion

– How do people in your country like to relax?
– How were people relaxing in the past?
– Is it different today?
– Why do you think so?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays advertisements of toys and fast food mostly focus on children. Some think that eventually it affects both children and their family. Do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Do you like to go to places near water (lakes, rivers or the sea)?
– What do you like to do there?
– Do you take your family to those places?

Cue Card

Talk about a recent experience that you had with a wild animal. Please say:
– What animal it was
– When it was
– What Happened?
– And explain how you felt after the experience.

Discussion

– Is the contact with wild animals necessary?
– Do you think there are benefits from contact with wild animals only for children, or for adults as well?
– Why do you think so?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays most big cities have high congestion and road traffic issues. What are the real causes for this? Suggest a solution that will help to relieve it.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Describe a place you live in now.
– Let's talk about mirrors.
– How often do you use a mirror?
– Did you ever buy a mirror?
– Are mirrors good for decoration?
– Why do you think so?
– Is secondary education necessary?
– What do you like or dislike about it?

Cue Card

Describe a well-paid job that you would like to do. Please say

– What job is it?
– Why do you want to do it?
– What would you do to get it?

Discussion

– Do you know someone doing such a job?
– What jobs are important in your opinion?
– Is it necessary to motivate employees to do their job?
– What is a good motivation in your opinion?

WRITING TASK

Some people believe that professional workers such as doctors and teachers should be paid more than sports and entertainment personalities. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give your opinion and relevant examples.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you think is special about your home?
– What indoor games do you play?
– Which indoor game are you learning to play?
– When you leave the house what do you take along with you?
– What do you often forget when you go out?

Cue Card

Describe an interesting house or apartment you visited. Please say

– Where this place is
– What it is like
– Why you consider it interesting
– And whether you would like to live in it

Discussion

– How many types of houses are there?
– What are the differences between a new house and an old house?
– How are people wasting energy at home?
– How can solar heaters help to save energy?

WRITING TASK

Governments spend a lot of money on wildlife protection instead of starting new projects. Is this a positive or a negative trend? Give your opinion and examples from your experience.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Do you work or study?
– Where are you from?
– Did you like your hometown when you used to live in it?
– What was your favorite place in your hometown?
– What special celebrations do you have in your hometown?
– What do you do with pictures you take?
– Do you have a lot of pictures of you as a child?
– Do you like to take pictures when you travel?

Cue Card

Talk about your favorite movie. Please say
– What is the movie?
– What is it about?
– When did you see it for the first time?
– Why is this your favorite movie?

Discussion

– What kind of movies do you have in your country?
– What is the difference between movies that older and younger people like to watch?
– Do you think that movie industry in your country can compete with Hollywood?
– Do you think a lot of money is spent on making movies?
– Why do people like the old, black and white movies?
– Do you go to the cinema often?
– Do you think the next movie stars will be computer generated?

WRITING TASK

Many people believe that more money should be allocated to teaching science than any other subject in order for a country to progress. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give your opinion and examples.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Describe your hometown.
– Let's talk about handwriting.
– How often do you write by hand?
– Do you prefer handwriting or typing on a computer?
– Let's talk about teaching.
– Do you enjoy teaching?
– Have you ever taught somebody?

Cue Card

Describe a foreign country where you would like to work for a period of time. Please say

– What country would it be?
– What would you like to do there?
– Why do you want to go to this place?

Discussion

– What is so special about this country?
– Why do people choose going abroad to study or work?
– What are the advantages of working or studying abroad?
– Will it benefit you back in your country?

WRITING TASK

Some people think that children should learn to paint or draw at school. Others believe it is just a waste of time. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Do you live in a house or an apartment?
– What does it look like?
– What can you see from your window?
– What is your favourite colour?
– Did you like this colour as a child?
– What are popular colours among your friends?
– Why is that?

Cue Card

Talk about your favourite movie. Please say

– What is this movie?
– Where and when did you watch it?
– What is the movie about?

Discussion

– Explain why you like the movie.
– What films are popular in your country?
– What films are popular with teenagers and the elderly?
– Why do some people love watching black and white movies?
– Are there any black and white movies screening in your country?
– People spend too much money on making movies, do you think they really need to spend that much to make a good movie?
– Most of the movies have computer-generated graphics, why do you think it is so?
– In the future, do you think computer generated movies will be still popular?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays schoolchildren and students are taught to be competitive towards their classmates and aren't encouraged to help the weaker students. Do the disadvantages of this outweigh the advantages? Give your own opinion and support it with relevant examples.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– What do you do for a living?
– What do you think shoes tell about someone's personality?
– Do you like to wear formal or casual shoes?
– Do you purchase shoes online?
– Do you think people have too many pairs of shoes?
– Do you like to spend money on shoes?

Cue Card

Describe customer service you received in any shop or a hotel. Please say

– What was the place?
– What was the name of person serving you?
– How did you feel about it?

Discussion

– How can customers service affect a person's life?
– What are the main differences of customer service provided by retail and brands' shops?
– Have you felt angry because of bad customer service? Why?
– Why do people feel bad about customer service?

WRITING TASK

An American film actor once said, "Tomorrow is important and precious". Some people think individuals and society should pay more attention to the future than to the present. Do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What work do you do?
– Why did you choose this kind of work?
– Where do you see yourself in the next 10 years?
– Would you like to become a celebrity, if you had a chance?
– Why is that?

Cue Card

Talk about time you were very busy in your life. Please say
– What did you do?
– Where and when was it?
– Did you enjoy that part of your life?

Discussion

– Do you like visitors? Why?
– What do you do when visitors come to your place?
– What do you prefer, to visit people or to invite them to your place?
– Do you think children nowadays are overburdened? Why?
– What can be done about it, in your opinion?
– Do you think children learn more in school or during playtime?
– What would be your suggestion about it?
– Do you think workers should be rewarded for working overtime? Why?
– How should it be done?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays children spend more time playing computer games than doing sports. Why is it happening? Does it have a positive or negative effect on their development?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Do you like relatives coming to your home?
– What do you usually do with your relatives?
– Do you prefer visiting relatives yourself, or for them to come to your place?

Cue Card

Talk about a car, bike or bicycle trip you would like to make in the future. Please say
– Where and when would you like to go?
– Who would you go there with?
– What would you do there?

Discussion

– What is your reason for choosing such a trip?
– What mode of transport do you use to get to work?
– What mode of transport do countryside people prefer?
– Do you think we have enough footpaths for pedestrians?
– What should our governments do to curb pollution?

WRITING TASK

Most people believe that the best way to spend holidays is by going abroad, staying at a hotel and enjoying the local attractions. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give your own opinion and include relevant examples.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Do you like sunny weather?
– Why is it so?
– How do people usually convey information to each other?
– Is it easier to inform somebody now, compared to the past?
– Why do you think so?

Cue Card

Talk about an instance when you were surprised to receive some interesting news or information. Please
– Where and when was it?
– What was it about?
– Who did inform you about it?

Discussion

– How did you get the news?
– What did you feel then?
– Did you tell somebody about it?
– How did you feel about it later?

WRITING TASK

Rich countries should not employ skilled labor from poor countries, as poor countries need the workers more. Do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Why are you taking this exam?
– What would you like to do after graduating from university?
– Do you remember your favourite teacher from school?
– Would you like to be a teacher in the future?
– What colours do you like?
– Did you like the same colours as a child?

Cue Card

Talk about a garden that you would like to visit. Please say
– What garden and where is it?
– Why would you like to visit it?
– Who do you prefer to go there with?

Discussion

– Do your friends go there frequently?
– What can people do in their garden at home?
– Do you have a garden in your house?
– What would you like to do in your garden?
– Is it beneficial for children to play in a garden?
– Is it necessary to have gardens or parks in our cities?

WRITING TASK

In many countries few people have extremely high incomes compared to the rest of the population. Some believe that this is good, while others say that the government should not allow this to happen. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview
– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Do you live in a house or a flat?
– Can you describe it, please?
– What can you see from your windows?
– Do you invite friends over to your place?
– Do you also go to your friends' houses?
– What do you and your friends usually do together?
– Do you like when friends are visiting you at home?
– Do you prefer to meet with your friends at home or elsewhere?
– Do you like celebrities?
– Is there any celebrity that you like the most?
– Do you go to the cinema to watch movies? Why?

Cue Card

Describe a film that you have watched recently and liked. Please say
– What film was it?
– Where and when did you see it?
– Why was this film memorable to you?

Discussion
– Do you think it is right that producers spend extreme amounts of money on making their films?
– Do you think it is right that celebrities earn high incomes?
– Some countries like America, Australia and India have their own film industry, do you think this is good? Why?
– Some say in the future there will be no real people in the cast, all graphics will be generated by computers. What is your view on this?
– Do you think that films should be based on real stories?
– Do you believe that films based on true life stories are accurate?
– Should they really be accurate? Why?

WRITING TASK

Money for postgraduate research is limited. Some people think that financial support from governments should be only provided for scientific research rather than research for less useful subjects. Do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What part of the country are you from?
– Do you think your town is a good place to live?
– Why do you think so?
– Let's talk about dreams.
– Do you remember your dreams when you wake up?
– Do you like to hear about other people's dreams?
– Let's talk about children.
– In what cases parents are proud of their children?
– Do you think even little babies can make their parents proud?
– Do you think school studies benefit young children?
– Is school time important? Why?

Cue Card

Describe a situation when you were proud of your family member. Please say

– Who is he/she?
– What did he/she do?
– How did you feel about it? Why?

Discussion

– Did you tell anyone else about this event?
– When are adults proud of their work?
– Do you think any person in any job can be proud of their work?
– In your county do most people feel proud of their work?
– Why is this feeling so important?

WRITING TASK

Television has changed the quality of life for the ordinary person. Do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Tell me about your hometown.
– Do you want to live in your hometown in the future?
– Do you do household chores?
– What household chores do you like or dislike?
– Did you do household chores as a child?
– Do you think it is important to teach children to do household chores?
– Why do you think so?
– Would you consider teaching as a profession you might choose?
– What high school memories do you like the most?
– What are the things you dislike about those days?
– Are you still in contact with your high school friends?

Cue Card

Talk about a holiday destination that you would like to visit. Please say
– What and where is it?
– With whom would you go there?
– What is so special about this place?

Discussion

– Where do you plan to go on a holiday?
– Who will you spend it with?
– How do you choose a place for a holiday?
– Can you recommend a place in your country for a holiday?
– What are the advantages and disadvantages of having tourists in a country?

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WRITING TASK

Children usually want to play the same games and watch the same TV programs as their friends. Should parents allow it or not? Give your opinion and examples from your own experience.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Do you read newspapers and magazines?
– What was the first magazine or newspaper that you ever read?
– Do you think reading foreign newspapers and magazines is a good idea?
– Why do you think so?
– Do you enjoy sunny days?
– Why do you think sunny days are good?
– Do you go somewhere for holidays?
– What place have you visited recently?
– Was the weather good there?
– How often do you go for a holiday?
– Do you plan ahead for it?

Cue Card

Talk about a degree you would like to do or a course you would like to take. Please say
– What is it?
– When and where would you like to study?
– Why would you like to do it?

Discussion

– How easy is it to do?
– Do you think people need good teachers?
– How would you describe teaching?
– Do you think Math and Sports teachers should have similar qualities?

WRITING TASK

Some people believe that modern designs for schools and offices with more open spaces are necessary. What are the advantages and disadvantages of such spaces? Give your opinion

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– What are your future plans?
– What is your favorite color?
– Was it the same when you were a child?
– What color wouldn't you choose to decorate your home?
– Do you like sports?
– Do you do physical exercises?
– What exercises do you do to stay fit?

Cue Card

Describe a sport centre in your hometown. Please say

– Where is it situated?
– What facilities does it have?
– How important is it for your city?

Discussion

– Do you think there should be more sport centres in your city?
– Why do people watch sport competitions?
– Can you mention some sports that men or women engage in?
– What are the pros and cons of hosting the Olympic Games?
– Why do you think so?

WRITING TASK

Wild animals have no place in the 21st century, and the protection is a waste of resources. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Can you describe your home?
– What part of Hong Kong do you live in?
– Do you have dreams when you sleep?
– What dreams do you usually have?
– Do you like to listen to other people talking about their dreams?
– Why is it so?

Cue Card

Talk about a place where you go for a swim. Please say
– Why do you like to go there?
– What does the place look like?
– Who do you go there with?

Discussion

– Why are some sports more popular than others?
– What do you think about sports facilities in your city?
– Can government policies affect sports facilities? How?
– What can the government do to improve sport facilities?
– Do you think the demand for leisure and cultural facilities varies for different age groups?
– Why do you think it is?
– Do you like buying shoes?
– Do prefer them fashionable or comfortable?

WRITING TASK

Some people argue that individuals can do nothing to improve the environment. Therefore, only governments and large companies can make a difference. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Why do you like your job?
– Does your job involve reading?
– Do you like to read?
– Do you prefer print books or e-books?
– Do you like spending time by the sea?
– Is it important to you?

Cue Card

Talk about a small business that you would like to start in the future. Please say

– What kind of business it would be
– Where it would be located
– When you would start the business
– Why you would start this kind of business

Discussion

– Would you prefer working for a company or being your own boss?
– Do you think academic education is more important than experience in the field?
– What skills are required to start a small business?
– What are the risks of running your own business?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays most people choose to throw away broken things instead of repairing them, and replace them with new ones. Why is this happening? What problems may it lead to?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Describe your hometown, please.
– Do you like watches?
– Do you wear one?
– What type of watches do you like?

Cue Card

Talk about your future plans that aren't related to studies or work. Please say

– What do you have planned?
– When are you going to do it?
– Why did you make these plans?

Discussion

– What do you think about planning?
– What is more important at the workplace, team or salary?
– Why do you think so?

WRITING TASK

Many people think that every individual is responsible for their own healthy lifestyle, others believe that governments should take care of it. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Can you describe your work?
– Do you enjoy your work?
– What part of your work do you like the most?
– Do you like dreams?
– Do you remember some of your dreams?
– Do you think dreams have meanings?
– Can they be interpreted?
– Do you have a lot of friends?
– Would you prefer to have one good friend or many friends?
– What do you usually do with your friends?
– Do you think you will make a lot of new friends in the future?

Cue Card

Describe an incident from history that has influenced you. Please say
– Where and when did it happen?
– How did you hear about this incident?
– How did this influence you?

Discussion

– Do you like history?
– How do people know of history?
– Do you think only major historical figures are remembered and others are ignored?
– Why do you think so?
– What can one learn from history?
– Do you think studying history in school is important? Why?

WRITING TASK

Some people think that animals should be kept in men made cells. What are the disadvantages of keeping animal in zoos?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview
– What is your full name?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Where do you live now?
– Is it a house or an apartment?
– Can you describe your place?
– What can you see from the window?
– Do you like to invite people to your home?
– What do you prefer, inviting people over or visiting their homes?
– What is common in your country, meeting with people outside or at home?
– What colour do you like the most?
– Did it change compared to the past?
– What colour do you like to use for your home decoration?

Cue Card

Describe a job you would like to do in a foreign country for a short period of time. Please say

– What job would it be?
– Where would you prefer to work?
– Why would you like to do it?

Discussion

– Who would you like to go there with?
– Do you really want to do that work in the future?
– Is it an advantage for students to work in a different country?
– Why do you think so?
– What job do students usually do for a short time in other countries?
– Why do you think some students don't work in other countries?
– Is it an advantage for people to work for an international company?
– Why do you think so?
– What skills are valued the most by international companies?
– What is more important for business, academic or practical skills in your opinion?

WRITING TASK

In many countries eighteen is considered the right age to start driving a car. However, some people say that the legal driving age should be twenty five. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– Do you like mirrors? Why?
– Did you buy any mirrors?
– Do you think a mirror is useful for decoration?
– When you shop for clothes, is the mirror important? Why?

Cue Card

Describe a speech that you heard recently. Please say

– What was it about?
– Who gave that speech?
– Did you like it? Why?

Discussion

– What do you think about public speaking?
– Is it important for a person to be able to speak publicly?
– Have you ever been to any conferences?
– Do you think they are important? Why?

WRITING TASK

People can live and work anywhere they want to choose because of improved communication technology and transport. Do the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Do you love your work?
– What are your plans for the future?
– Can you tell me something exciting about your town?
– Do you like celebrations?
– What do you usually celebrate in your town?

Cue Card

Talk about a science subject that you studied and liked. Please say

– What is it?
– Why did you choose it?
– How can you use it in life?

Discussion

– Why are you interested in this field of science?
– What do you think about the next technological advancements in the future?
– Can you give some examples?
– Do you think scientific discoveries can have some positive and negative effects at the same time?
– What inventions might be developed in the future, in your opinion?
– Do we have self-driving cars already?
– Why do we need them?
– Please give some examples.

WRITING TASK

The main aim of advertising campaign is to increase sales of a certain product, but people don't really need it. To what extent you agree or disagree? Give your own opinion and relevant examples

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your name?
– Tell me about your home country.
– Which part of your country do you like the most? Why?
– Do you like gossiping? Why?
– Let's talk about animals.
– Do you have pets?
– How do you take care of them?
– Do you love them? Why?

Cue Card

Talk about a moment when you had to make a decision to go against your manager at work. Please say
– What your decision was about
– Why you had to make the decision
– How you felt after that

Discussion

– Do you think our politicians should be more careful when they make decisions?
– How do their decisions affect people in general?
– Do you think about the consequences when you make decisions?

WRITING TASK

Food can be produced much more cheaply today because of improved fertilizers and better machinery. However, some of the methods used to do this may be dangerous to human health and may have negative effects on local communities. What are the advantages and disadvantages?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Why did you choose this job?
– What will you do in the future?
– What color do you like? Why?
– What color is popular among your friends? Why?
– What color won't you decorate the walls of your room with? Why?
– Do you like chocolate?
– Did you also like chocolate as a child?
– Do you think most people like chocolate? Why?

Cue Card

Describe a piece of equipment that is essential for you in everyday use. Please say
– What is it?
– Why is it important to you?
– How often do you use it during the day?

Discussion

– Who else in your family uses this equipment?
– What other equipment do you have at home?
– What is the future of machines or robots, in your opinion?
– Describe the advantages of industrial robotic and automation systems.
– Do you think having robots in our houses would be beneficial?
– Do you think robots will take our jobs in the future?

WRITING TASK

New parents should attend parenting classes to learn how to bring up their children well. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement? Give your opinion, supported by examples from your own experience.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Why did you choose this subject?

Cue Card

Describe a website that you like and use a lot. Please say
– What is the website?
– How did you find it?
– Why do you like it?

Discussion

– Do you like internet shopping?
– What are the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping?
– Do you think online shopping will increase or decrease in the future?
– Why do you think so?

WRITING TASK

As global trade increases between different countries, many daily necessities are produced in other countries. Such goods are usually transported a long distance. Do the benefits of this trend outweigh its drawbacks?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What kind of job do you do?
– Does it require hard work?
– Let's talk about dreams.
– Do you have dreams while you sleep?
– What kind of dreams?
– Let's talk about shoes.
– Do you like shoes?
– What kind of shoes do you prefer?
– Why is that?
– Where do you usually buy them?

Cue Card

Describe a job that you would like to do in the future. Please say
– What job is it?
– What are the basic requirements for such a job?
– Is it a high paying job?

Discussion

– Do you think you will get that job? Why?
– Are people in your country paid well in all jobs?
– Do people choose their jobs according to salaries?
– Do employees need motivation at work? Why?
– Would motivating employees benefit the company eventually?
– What are the highest paid jobs in your country?
– Why do you think it is so?

WRITING TASK

Nowadays many young people are often spending their free time in shopping centers. This has a negative effect on the youths and the society. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give your opinion and relevant examples.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do?
– Where do you live now?
– Describe your home.
– What can you see through your windows?
– Do you like it?
– What would you change in your home? Why?

Cue Card

Describe an unusual thing that you did recently. Please say
– What is it?
– Why was it special for you?
– Would you do it again?

Discussion

– Do you think children have a good childhood nowadays?
– How important is free time for children? Why?
– How important is the interaction between parents and children during free time?
– Why do you think so?

WRITING TASK

International sporting events could contribute greatly to peace and stability in the world. Do you agree or disagree? Give your opinion and relevant examples.

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What do you do for a living?
– Why did you choose to do it?
– Do you like your job?

Cue Card

Talk about a garden that you have visited recently. Please say

– Where is it located?
– Do you like it? Why?
– What is so special about this garden?

Discussion

– Do you think having public gardens in urban areas is a good idea?
– Is it necessary to have public gardens in commercial areas?
– What do you think about views of different age groups on public gardens?
– Do you think it is important to teach children about plants and eco systems in general?
– Why do you think so?

WRITING TASK

The subjects and lesson contents are decided by the authorities such as the government. Some people argue that teachers should make the choice. What are the pros and cons of each method, give some solutions?

SPEAKING TASK

Interview

– What is your full name?
– Can I see your ID?
– Where are you from?
– Do you work or study?
– What subject are you studying?
– Where do you live now?
– Can you describe a transportation system in your area?
– Do you use it a lot?
– How do you prefer to travel?

Cue Card

Talk about the highest paying job that you would like to do. Please say
– What is it?
– Where and when did you hear about it?
– Why would you like to do it?

Discussion

– What are the benefits of such a job?
– Why do you think this job is necessary?
– Do the advantages of this job outweigh its disadvantages?

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