



**CARD 11**

**CANDIDATE A**

Preparation time: **2 minutes**

**TOPIC: HOUSING**

**Inadequate housing**

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States must do more, they must do better and they must do it now. People in cities can't wait.

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

During a conversation with Candidate B at a seminar about housing that you are both attending, you decide to inform them about the article you have read.

**Speaking time for task 1: 2 minutes max.**

**TASK 1: MEDIATION**

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

Talk about the following points:

- Explain in your own words what you have just read.
- Identify the main idea of the article.



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**CANDIDATE B**

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**TOPIC: LAW**  
**Young offenders**

You read the following text in a news article:

Under New York law, children as young as 13 are automatically tried as adults if charged with second-degree murder and certain felony sex crimes. So are 14- and 15-year-olds charged with other violent offenses, including rape, robbery, assault and arson.

Nothing unusual here, where nearly all states have laws allowing minors under 18 to be tried as adults in certain circumstances.

There is evidence that trying children as adults may make society more dangerous. Legislators should overturn the 1978 law, and rethink what justice can look like for young people. Charging adolescents as adults makes the state crueler, not safer.

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**EXAMINER'S CARD 11. TASKS 1 & 2. ORAL PRODUCTION AND MEDIATION**

- You are going to read a short text on the topic indicated in the heading of your card. Each one of you has got a different topic.
- You will have to talk individually for a maximum of 2 minutes about this topic, dealing with all the aspects indicated in the points in your card.
- You will have 2 minutes to prepare your talk.
- You can take notes or write an outline on the piece of paper I have given you, and you can use it to help you when you are talking.
- After the 2 minutes of preparation, **candidate A will start**. When candidate A has finished, it will be candidate B's turn.
- Now you have two minutes to prepare.

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