

CARD 1

CANDIDATE A

Preparation time for both tasks: **4 minutes**

TOPIC: CITY LIFE A CHANCE TO REMAKE CITIES

You read the following text in a news article:

Since New York residents were ordered to shelter in place to corral the spread of the novel coronavirus. Traffic has evaporated and car crashes have dropped by over 50%. So have injuries to drivers and pedestrians. The air is cleaner, the honking but a memory. In that shift, urbanists see a chance to save city dwellers not just from the sweep of a pandemic, but from the auto-centric culture that has dominated urban life for decades. They want to prioritize the movement of people over cars. Some proposals include closing the streets to vehicles so people have more room, or increasing the cycling infrastructure. [...] Even after the imminent threat to human health has been beaten back, those lessons could help keep our cities liveable.

Adapted from wired.com

During a conversation with Candidate B you remember an article about how cities might be changed in the wake of the lockdown, you decide to inform them about the article you have read and explain your opinion about it.

Speaking time for task 1: 2 minutes max.

TASK 1: MEDIATION ,5 points/12
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Talk about the following points:

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

Speaking time for task 2: 2 minutes max.

TASK 2: PRODUCTION ,5 points/12
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Talk about the following points:

- Discuss how you stand on this particular issue.
- Make predictions and speculate about what the situation may be like in the future.

Support your opinions with arguments.