

CARD 1

CANDIDATE A

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

TOPIC: LONGEVITY

You read the following text in a news article:

Life expectancy in England went up in 2019 for both men and women, in a surprise rebound after years of stagnation, according to official government figures. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said life expectancy for women at birth increased to 83.6 years in 2019, up four months compared with 2018. For men the increase was three months, taking their life expectancy to 79.9 years.

Changes to longevity have huge implications for pensions. The slowing in life expectancy had prompted some calls for a review of the increase in the state pension age. Pensions and investments adviser Tom Selby says that the figures are quite volatile and, while it's positive news that longevity is increasing, we can't be sure they are not going to stop growing again.

Adapted from www.theguardian.com

During a conversation with Candidate B at a seminar about LONGEVITY that you are both attending, 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

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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

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Talk about the following points:

- Discuss how longevity has changed our society.
- Make predictions and speculate about what the situation may be like in the future.

Support your opinions with arguments.