

### Task 3: Interaction

Preparation time: 2 minutes

Speaking Time: 4 minutes

#### TOPIC: CULTURE

##### Beliefs

You and Candidate A /B are attending a philosophical convention on the topic of faith in which you have heard the three statements in the box below.

- Talk to each other about how these statements represent different reasons why people have faith.
- Then decide together which of the statements best reflects why people need to have faith and believe in a religion.

- Faith is the pathway to finding solutions in life. Keep in mind that human beings were made to prosper, and not just survive. There's a pathway to all of your solutions, and that pathway is rooted in faith and the expectation of greater things to come in time.
- People don't want to believe that physical death is the end of all experiences, emotions, and thoughts, so they insist on believing that somehow their "mind" will continue to exist without any physical brain in an eternity of happiness, or even will be reincarnated in a new form.
- Religion may serve another key purpose — it allows people to live in large, cooperative societies. In fact, the use of religion as a social tool may largely explain its staying power and cross-cultural ubiquity. Early religions used rituals — such as restricting certain foods such as pork and wearing clothing to denote modesty — to publicly demonstrate these moral concerns. Those rituals then helped unite people and allowed them to live together cooperatively.

**Remember you must talk about all three statements.**

**You needn't come to an agreement, but you must support your opinions with arguments.**