

TASK 1: ORAL PRODUCTION AND MEDIATION

CANDIDATE A

Preparation time: 4 minutes

TOPIC: CULTURE

Cultural Activities

You read the following text in a news article:

Participating in culture can benefit individuals in many different ways, some of which are deeply personal. They are a source of delight and wonder, and can provide emotionally and intellectually moving experiences, whether pleasurable or unsettling, that encourage celebration or contemplation. Culture is also a means of expressing creativity, forming an individual identity, and enhancing or preserving a community's sense of place.

Cultural experiences are opportunities for leisure, entertainment, learning, and sharing experiences with others. From museums to theatres to dance studios to public libraries, culture brings people together.

Adapted from <https://www.ontario.ca/document/environment>

During a conversation with Candidate B at a seminar about cultural activities 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

Task 1 . Mediation

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

Talk about the following points:

- Discuss how cultural activities enrich our lives, especially during times of hardship.
- Make predictions and speculate about what the situation may be like in the future.

Support your opinions with arguments.

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CANDIDATE B

Preparation time: 4 minutes

TOPIC: CULTURE CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

You read the following text in a news article:

All of us have traditions that we adhere to—events, celebrations and ways of doing things that we grew up with. When moving to another country sticking to these traditions can be challenging. At the same time as it's important to maintain the old, don't forget to embrace the new as well. Often, special occasions, holidays and specific events provide the perfect venue to introduce some of your culture-specific uniqueness to new friends while still embracing the new.

Being born and raised in a place not only helps you form an identity with that community but it also becomes an integrated part of who you are and when a new culture bumps against what is familiar, it can feel strange and sometimes disconcerting—otherwise known as cultural shock.

Adapted from <https://www.thespruce.com/maintain-your-culture>

During a conversation with Candidate A at a seminar about customs and traditions 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

Task 1 . Mediation

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

Talk about the following points:

- Discuss the challenges people face to maintain their customs and traditions when moving to another country.
- Make predictions and speculate about what the situation may be like in the future.

Support your opinions with arguments.