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Start: Greet the candidate and start with task 1.

Task 1: Candidate's presentation (6 minutes)

Ask the candidate to give their prepared presentation, informing them that you will be making notes during it.

- Ask the candidate to give you any notes that they may have prepared.
- Tell the candidate to start their presentation. Start timing the presentation. Do not interrupt.

Teacher's role for task 1	Candidate language for task 1	Criteria assessed in task 1
Take candidate's notes	Use complex forms e.g. conditionals,	2.1 – Pronunciation
Invite candidate to start	past perfect, future perfect etc.	2.2 – Language
Time the presentation	Give pros and cons	3.1 – Present information
Make notes on aspects of the	Describe, compare, persuade,	(logical sequence, pros, cons,
presentation ready for task 2 e.g.	elaborate, explain cause/effect/	examples)
main themes, example questions	purpose	
to ask etc.	Sequence	(See Specifications p9 for full
Stop the presentation after	Use appropriate register/formality	Assessment Criteria)
6mins	(See Specifications pp10-13 for	
	Amplification)	
	End task 1 and move on to task 2	

Task 2: Teacher and candidate's discussion (4 minutes)

Tell the candidate that you want to discuss some of the issues raised in the presentation.

- Use the notes you have made to take a different point of view on the issues raised in the presentation, which encourages the candidate to persuade you and support their opinions with evidence.
- Use some extended turns so that the candidate's listening skills can be accurately assessed.

Teacher language for task 2	Candidate language for task 2	Criteria assessed in task 2
Make detailed comments and	Respond to detailed or extended	1.1 – Listening
ask extended questions	questions to signal they are listening	3.2 – Convey details
Ask for examples or evidence to	Express views and opinions	(construct coherent answers)
support opinions	Support opinions with evidence	4.1 – Contribute to discussion
Use Level 2 language	(See Specifications pp10-13 for	(express views and opinions)
(See sample video of Teacher and	Amplification)	(See Specifications p9 for full
candidate discussion)		Assessment Criteria)

End task 2 and move on to task 3

Task 3: Role play (4 minutes)

Start by telling the candidate you are going to do the role play. Tell the candidate the role play situation: "I am your classmate. I always arrive late to the English class and leave early. You are not happy about this because I expect you to help me catch up with the work that I miss."

• Work with the candidate to exchange feelings and views and resolve the situation.

Teacher language for task 3	Candidate language for task 3	Criteria assessed in task 3
Make relevant contributions to	Wide range of grammatical forms e.g.	2.1 - Pronunciation
move the discussion forward	reported speech, conditionals etc.	2.2 – Language
Politely criticise the candidate	Offer and respond to critical opinion	4.2 – Respond constructively
Respond to criticism	Ask questions and make requests	(relevant contributions,
Elicit complex forms e.g. reported	using Level 2 functions, introductory	critical opinion)
speech, conditionals, past/future	phrases and softeners	4.3 – Obtain information
perfect	(See Specifications pp10-13 for	(requests and questions)
(See sample video of Level 2 role	Amplification)	(See Specifications p9 for full
play)		Assessment Criteria)

End task 3 and move on to task 4

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Task 4: Group Discussion (8 minutes – 2 candidates)

Tell the candidates that they are going to have a discussion and that they need to exchange information and views, move the discussion forward and propose solutions.

- Read out the discussion topic below.
- You are not expected to intervene, but should guide the conversation only where necessary to ensure each candidate has the opportunity to contribute and meet all the assessment criteria, e.g. by asking What do you think, X? Do you agree with X? What are some of the solutions? etc.

Level 2 discussion topic	Criteria assessed in Group Discussion
More than half of the world's population now live in	1.1 – Listening
cities. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of	4.1 – Contribute to discussion and express views
this and discuss solutions to any problems you can	(functional language: views, feelings, opinions,
see.	suggestions, interrupt, change topic)
(See sample video for conducting Level 2 Group	4.2 – Respond constructively (move discussion
discussion)	forward, respond to opinions, agree solutions)
	4.3 – Obtain information (questions and requests)
	(See Specifications p9 for full Assessment Criteria)
	(See Specifications pp10-13 for Amplification)

End the discussion