

Speaking (20 pts)

- A. Work with a partner. Discuss the following law together, making your arguments for or against. Use the Language for speaking box to help you.

Proposed Law: A Four-Day Workweek

"The government proposes reducing the standard workweek from five days to four days, without reducing employees' salaries. The goal is to improve well-being and productivity."

Student A – Arguments in favour:

- Improves mental health
- Better work-life balance
- Higher productivity
- Positive environmental impact
- Fewer sick days

Student B – Arguments against:

1. Lower productivity for some sectors
2. Costly for employers
3. Harder scheduling
4. Increased workload per day
5. Not all jobs adapt well

LANGUAGE FOR SPEAKING agreeing and disagreeing**Agreeing**

I'm ¹ with you there. (more informal)

I completely agree.

True enough.

Yes, that's spot on. (more informal) ✓

Absolutely! ✓

I don't think anyone would disagree with that.

That's just what I was thinking. ✓

I couldn't agree more. ✓

Disagreeing

That's not really how I ² see it.

You can't be ³ serious! (more informal) ✓

Come ⁴ off it! (more informal) ✓

I'm not sure I quite agree.

I can't agree with you there.

I beg to differ.

I'm not sure about that.

Listening (20 pts)

- B. ▶ Listen to six definitions and complete the words being defined.

1. multi _____
2. mono _____
3. inter _____

4. bi _____
5. semi- _____
6. self- _____

Writing/Grammar (25 pts)

- C. Complete the sentences with the correct words. The first letter of each word is given.

1. I know it's a beautiful car, but I can't j _____ spending that kind of money on a vehicle.
2. Did you know that it's i _____ to take photos of certain monuments in this country? You could get in serious trouble for doing it.
3. The only comment the police have made so far is that the accident did not occur in suspicious c _____.
4. When I travel, I always have my v _____ stored in the hotel safe box so that they can't be stolen.
5. The car used in the bank robbery was found a _____ with its doors unlocked almost fifty kilometres away.

- D. Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verb in brackets and a past modal of deduction. There may be more than one possible answer.

EXAMPLE:

The food's still raw! You can't have turned on the oven.

1. There's only one reason why Lars would be late; he _____ (get) stuck in heavy traffic.
2. Carla _____ (take) her diet very seriously. She still ate junk food and drank fizzy drinks!
3. I _____ (be) wrong about Tina's ability to do the job, but I'm not sure yet.
4. I've been trying to contact my brother all day. He _____ (switch on) his phone.
5. Jan _____ (start) work at 7 this morning – the building doesn't open until 8 o'clock.

E. Choose the correct answer from the words in italics.

1. If I finish this work reasonably early, I *must / might / need to* have a barbecue later.
2. You really *mustn't / can't / needn't* use the equipment without wearing safety glasses.
3. *Need / Must / May* I call you later? There's something we need to discuss.
4. You *can't / don't have to / needn't* leave your luggage there. It will get taken away by the security team.
5. I honestly believe that our team *could / must / have to* win the championship this year.
6. You *might not have / can't have / needn't have* brought so much food. I'd already prepared plenty.
7. I really *may / can / ought to* pay more attention when someone tells me their name. I'm useless at remembering them.
8. *Can / Might / Has to* that be Graeme's bag? He has one just like it.
9. If you want to be rich, you *have to / may / can* work hard and get a good job.
10. I *must / could / ought to* be wrong, but I'm sure I saw Selma in town last night.

F. Choose the correct option a–c to complete the sentences.

1. Some scientists may be _____ dangerous chemicals as they carry out experiments.
 - a. applied to
 - b. exposed to
 - c. reacted to
2. James is thoroughly reliable; I know I can always _____ him.
 - a. insist on
 - b. blame for
 - c. count on
3. Staff in all branches of the bank have been _____ their salary cuts. They're extremely unhappy!
 - a. insisting on
 - b. criticizing for
 - c. protesting against
4. Nils felt he'd been unfairly _____ failing to do his share, when he'd actually been working overtime.
 - a. accused of
 - b. reacted to
 - c. prohibited from
5. In the report, we were heavily _____ not taking customers' feedback into consideration.
 - a. exposed to
 - b. criticized for
 - c. protected from

G. Complete the article. Use one word in each space

The way we interact with the people around us is governed by a set of social ¹ _____ which tell us how to behave in specific circumstances. For example, things like how to greet someone in, how close to stand to other people, and which ² _____ to use or to avoid saying altogether.

Most people learn what's required in social situations ³ _____ even really trying. They learn what to do and what ⁴ _____ to do when they're out in ⁵ _____ just by being part of society and watching the people around them.

H. Complete the sentences with a prefix from A and a word from B. Use hyphens where necessary.

A

B

Inter – mono – multi – self – semi

awareness – circle – lingual – national – storey

1. Nowadays students have no reason to remain _____; many colleges offer language courses to undergraduates.
2. To me, the painting just looked like a red _____ with white spots on it.
3. Our new library will be a _____ building that can store more books than the old one.
4. Henri has a high level of _____, so he knew his behaviour was unacceptable.
5. There was _____ support from all over the world for the research project.

I. Insert a word from the box in an appropriate place in the sentences.

be come he know were

1. Jack asked Leo's sister to marry him, but was turned down.
2. The vegetables were perfectly cooked and the potatoes delicious.
3. I know what I know, but I also know what I don't, if that makes sense.
4. The shop assistants weren't as helpful as I thought they should.
5. We were sure that Maria could, but we weren't sure if Katerina could come.

J. Complete the missing information in the brackets.

Last night, we went to see the Darcy Oake Magic Show for Adults, which was on at the Arts Centre. I'd been keen on seeing a magic show for ages, but my husband wasn't that interested (*in seeing a magic show*). I didn't really know what to expect when I got to the show as I'd only ever seen magic on TV, but the atmosphere ¹(_____) was amazing.

We settled down into our seats and waited for the show to start. Darcy arrived on stage on a motorbike, but jumped off ²(_____) just before it somehow magically rose up into the air. He did one astonishing trick after another ³(_____), and had the audience watching in admiration. All too soon it was over, though. Today, as I think about the show, I've decided I want to learn more about how it all works, so I've ordered some books on magic for beginners, and also a ⁴(_____) kit. I imagine getting to Darcy's level will take me a while, but hopefully ⁵(_____) will involve a lot of fun along the way.

Reading (20 pts)

K. Read the blog post in which five people talk about a benefit they have gained from their current job.

Which person ...?

1. has flexible working hours ____
2. will be able to travel abroad ____
3. feels a sense of belonging to a place ____
4. enjoys reduced travel time to work ____
5. has the opportunity to learn a foreign language ____

A Kristina

When I left school, all I knew was that I was really keen on art, so I jumped at the chance to work as an assistant in a small art gallery. But it turned out that all I had to do was make lists and keep things tidy. I didn't exactly feel challenged! Nowadays I'm working with a firm of designers. Soon after I took up employment with them, they opened a shop near my home, which was an added bonus as it takes me only ten minutes to drive there as opposed to almost an hour in the past. I certainly don't miss being stuck in traffic every morning. I use the time I save to work the odd evening or weekend if I'm needed; I really don't mind doing that.

B Mandeep

Well, a job wouldn't suit me if it didn't involve computers or programming languages in a big way. I've always worked in this field, in one role or another. I set up my own business last year. I'm what you might call a PC doctor and I sort out everyone's problems. I could find myself working at any time. But strangely enough, this is quite a plus. Even though I'm on 'standby', I can meet up with old friends when I'm free during the day, or even go to the gym when it's quiet.

C Alannah

I was told that the route to roles in hotel management started with restaurant work, though personally I found it all hard going – long hours, and little chance of promotion, which didn't exactly motivate me. Anyway, I work as a receptionist now at a conference centre in the countryside, though not too far from home. I discovered only after I was a week into the job that it's part of a worldwide chain and there are plenty of chances for staff exchanges, so I'll get to use my language skills. Meanwhile, staff can take advantage of the beautiful woods and hills around the centre.

D Kostas

Because my family run a small business, when I left university most people thought I would just walk into a job. But I had other ideas which involved foreign travel and adventure. I started working for an international bank and it was OK to start with, but things turned out to be a bit slow, so I did end up joining the family business after all. Then Dad offered to pay for a college course in Spanish as we buy a lot of our supplies from South America. And I'm living at home, too, which is saving me a fortune on rent and bills!

E Marla

I'm an estate agent and our office is right in the centre of a lovely little market town. I feel really comfortable working there and can't imagine being anywhere else. I wasn't always in the property business; I started out in sales and that's a whole other world. I worked in one of those huge out-of-town shopping parks and it was tough as we had targets to meet every week. That led to lots of competition between staff and I soon realized that it wasn't for me. Anyway, now I'm much happier and with the inside knowledge I've got here, I've been able to buy a small reasonably-priced apartment – my first home!