

PRUEBA DE NIVEL B1

EXPRESIÓN E INTERACCIÓN ORAL

TASK 1 - INTERACTION WITH THE EXAMINER

(Formule de dos a cuatro preguntas, según estime conveniente, de diferentes temáticas teniendo en cuenta el tema del que hablará el candidato en el monólogo y el diálogo).

- *Good morning/afternoon/evening.*
- *How are you? [Answer according to the candidates' response].*
- *I am ... and this is ... We are going to start with the exam.*

- *You are going to be candidate A and you are going to be candidate B.*
- *Candidate A/B, what's your name, please? And your surname? [if needed].*

1 Personal information and family

- What have been the best moments of your life so far?
- Could you tell me about your family?
- Would you rather be an only child or have brothers and sisters? Why?
- How often and on what occasions do you see your relatives?
- Could you tell me about your favourite relative?
- What kind of family would you like to have in the future?
- How do you share housework in your family?
- Do you think children should help with the housework? Why and how? / Why not?
- What are some of the things that your family usually do together?
- How are weekdays different from weekends in your family's life?
- What are your plans for the future?

2 Man and Society

- What are you like as a person?
- Could you tell me about your best friend?
- What is important about a friend for you?
- What family occasions do you celebrate in your family and how?
- How do you usually celebrate your birthday?
- What kind of clothes do you like to wear?
- Do you try to follow the latest fashion? How? / Why not?
- Could you tell me about the shopping habits in your family?
- Do you prefer shopping in a small shop or a big supermarket/hypermarket/shopping mall? Why?
- What kind of people do you like to spend time together with?

3 Our Environment

- Could you describe the area where you live?
- Would you rather live in a big city or in the country? Why?
- Could you describe your house/flat and the rooms in it?
- Which is your favourite place at home and why?
- Could you describe the home you would like to have in the future?
- What do you and your family do to protect the environment?
- What kind of weather do you like the most/the least? Why?
- Which season of the year do you like best/the least? Why?

4 School

- Why did you choose to study in this school?
- What do you like most about your school?
- What are some of the things you would change about your school?
- What are your favourite subjects/lessons at school and why?
- What is an ideal teacher like for you?
- What are some of the best memories of your school years?
- What do you think? How can you use your English in the future?
- How is it best to learn English? What has worked for you? Why?
- What do you like most about learning languages?

5 Work

- Could you tell me about the job you would like to have in the future?
- Would you like to be self-employed or an employee? Why?
- Have you ever had a summer job? If yes: Could you tell me about it? / If no: Would you like to have one this summer? Why/Why not?

6 Life-style

- What is an ordinary week-day of yours like?
- How are your week-days different from weekends and holidays?
- How do you think your days will be different after leaving secondary school?
- How healthy is your life-style? What should you do differently?
- What do you normally have for your breakfast / lunch / dinner?
- How healthy is your diet? Why do you think so?
- What does your family usually eat and drink on special occasions (e.g. Christmas, Easter, birthdays)?
- Where do you like to eat? Why?
- Do you prefer traditional restaurants or fast-food places? Why?
- Could you tell me about an illness you have had?
- Have you or someone in your family ever had an accident? If, yes, tell me about it.

7 Free-time and entertainment

- How do you try to keep fit?
- How important is sport in your family?
- What sports are you interested in? Why?
- What do you like doing in your free-time?
- Could you tell me about a film you have seen recently?
- Could you tell me about your family's TV viewing habits?
- What are your favourite TV programmes and why?
- Which do you prefer: watching a film on TV/on video or watching a film in the cinema? Why?
- What are your favourite places for going out?
- What does music mean to you?
- Tell me what you read. Where and how often do you read that/those?

8 Travelling

- What's your favourite means of transport and why?
- What do you think of the traffic in your area/town? How would you improve it?
- Could you give me directions to the nearest shop/your home from here, please?
- Could you tell me about a holiday you enjoyed a lot?
- What kind of holiday do you prefer and why?
- What kind of accommodation and what way of travelling do you prefer when you go on holiday? Why?
- What do you like doing when you are on holiday?
- Could you tell me about your dream holiday?
- How do you prepare for a holiday?

9 Science and technology

- How do you think our life is easier nowadays than it was in the past?
- How do technological devices make your family's life easier?
- What technological devices would you not like to live without? Why?

Thank you very much. Let's move on to the monologue.

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TASK 2 - MONOLOGUE

MONOLOGUE 1

PRESENTS

Read the title of the topic and the suggestions. Choose one or more ideas to include in your monologue. Of course you can add ideas of your own too. Talk to your partner about this topic for about 3 minutes.



- **Traditional** presents vs. **original and funny** presents
- **The best present** you have ever been given (by whom?)
- Do you prefer **giving or receiving** presents?
- **Saint Valentine's & Christmas**: commercial strategy?
- The most **ridiculous** or **useless** present you have ever received.
- If you do not like a present, **what** do you do?

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TASK 2 - MONOLOGUE

MONOLOGUE 2

BUYING IN A SHOPPING CENTRE OR IN A LOCAL SHOP?

Read the title of the topic and the suggestions. Choose one or more ideas to include in your monologue. Of course you can add ideas of your own too. Talk to your partner about this topic for about 3 minutes.



- **Practical** → variety of products in just one place
- **Fresh products** vs. **ready-made food**?
- Personalized **customer service**.
- Differences in **prices**.
- Possibility to **park your car**.
- Getting special **discounts** and **fidelity cards**.
- **For the whole family**: shops + playground area + resting area.

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TASK 2 - MONOLOGUE

MONOLOGUE 3

A YEAR OFF ABROAD

Read the title of the topic and the suggestions. Choose one or more ideas to include in your monologue. Of course you can add ideas of your own too. Talk to your partner about this topic for about 3 minutes.



- Learning or improving the **language**.
- **Gratifying** experience? Why (not)? Pros and cons.
- Meeting **new people**: going out
- Integration into the **new culture**: host family, colleagues and flatmates
- **Expenses**: accommodation, food, language course
- Missing **your family**: how to communicate with them?

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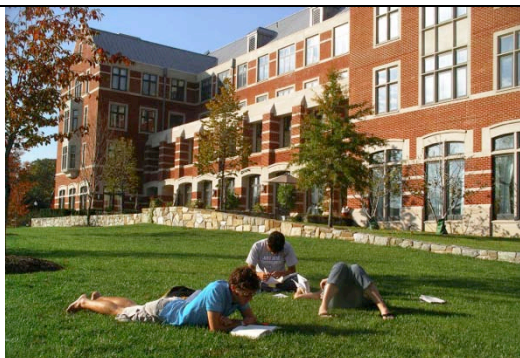
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TASK 2 - MONOLOGUE

MONOLOGUE 4

CHOOSING YOUR STUDIES AT UNIVERSITY

Read the title of the topic and the suggestions. Choose one or more ideas to include in your monologue. Of course you can add ideas of your own too. Talk to your partner about this topic for about 3 minutes.



- **Personal abilities and vocation**
- **Job opportunities** in the future
- **Your parents' influence**
- **Waiting lists and admission:** requirements?
- **State or private university:** economic reasons?
Better teaching?
- **A university in a foreign country:** better than in Spain? Why (not)?

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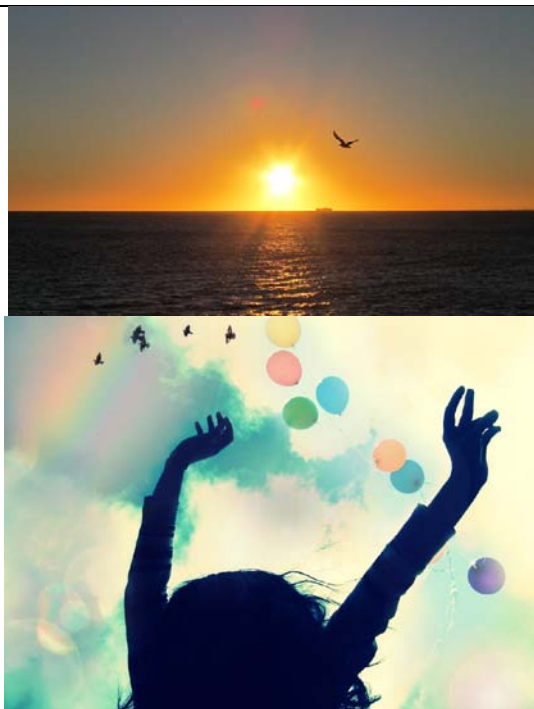
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TASK 2 - MONOLOGUE

MONOLOGUE 5

A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

Read the title of the topic and the suggestions. Choose one or more ideas to include in your monologue. Of course you can add ideas of your own too. Talk to your partner about this topic for about 3 minutes.



Tell us about an experience that changed your life:

- **When** it happened.
- **People** involved.
- Kept as a **secret or shared** with friends?
- **Satisfying or unpleasant?**
- **Any relevant changes** in your life after it?
- Will you do it **again in the future?**

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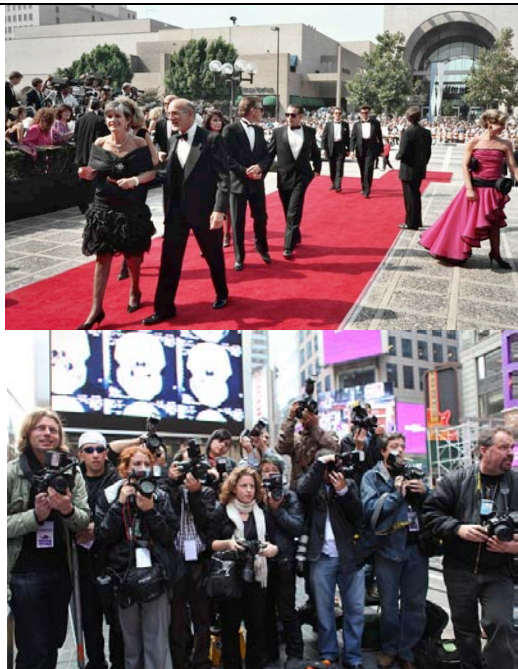
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MONOLOGUE 6

YELLOW PRESS

Read the title of the topic and the suggestions. Choose one or more ideas to include in your monologue. Of course you can add ideas of your own too. Talk to your partner about this topic for about 3 minutes.



- **Do you like** reading about celebrities? Why (not)?
- Do they have a **private life**? Yes? No? Why (not)?
- **Profile of the readers** of this sort of magazines.
- Does yellow press determine **beauty canons**?
- Your **favourite celebrity** (describe her/him)
- **Contents** of these sort of magazines = **cultural interest**?

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TASK 2 - MONOLOGUE

MONOLOGUE 7

DISTRACTING FACTORS WHEN DRIVING

Read the title of the topic and the suggestions. Choose one or more ideas to include in your monologue. Of course you can add ideas of your own too. Talk to your partner about this topic for about 3 minutes.



- The mobile phone.
- Being tired.
- Smoking a cigarette.
- Lack of concentration due to personal or work problems.
- Weather conditions.
- Do you consider yourself a good driver?

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TASK 2 - MONOLOGUE

MONOLOGUE 8

CELEBRATING YOUR BIRTHDAY

Read the title of the topic and the suggestions. Choose one or more ideas to include in your monologue. Of course you can add ideas of your own too. Talk to your partner about this topic for about 3 minutes.



- Inviting your **friends** and/or your **family**?
- **Presents** you got for your last birthday.
- **Getting older**: good or bad thing?
- Party **at home or out**? Why?
- **Help from your friends** to organise the party.
- **Special day** or just **another day** in your life?

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 1

CANDIDATE A

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

BUYING A MOTORBIKE



A 16-year-old student would like to have a motorbike. This student talks to her/his mum or dad about this, but her/his parent disagrees. You are the child and these are your reasons to convince your parent:

- You need independence (say why).
- A summer job → a help to save some money to buy it.
- Responsibility and trust → helmet.
- Bad results at school not my fault → The level was too high.
- The house is located in a safe area → no parking place needed.
- Experience in driving friends' motorbikes.

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 1

CANDIDATE B

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

BUYING A MOTORBIKE



Your 16-year-old son/daughter would like to have a motorbike. He/she talks to you about it and you disagree. You are the mother/father and these are your reasons to convince your child that buying a motorbike is not a good idea:

- Use public transport: new lines and timetables
- Money → a real problem (unemployed dad/mum)
- A motorbike is really dangerous → not careful!
- You have failed many subjects at school → don't deserve it!
- We have no garage (consequences?)
- Difficulty to pass the driving license exam.

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 2

CANDIDATE A

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ONLINE DATING



Two friends meet for a coffee. One of them explains to the other one that he/she would like to have a blind date with a person that he/she has recently met through a web page. You are the one who wants to have the date. Your reasons are:

- The other person sent me pictures and we have talked a lot.
- Definitively, the man/woman of my dreams.
- Meet personally, have a conversation face to face.
- I have not been successful so far.
- I am feeling lonely → say why.
- Come with me to this blind date.

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 2

CANDIDATE B

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ONLINE DATING



Two friends meet for a coffee. One of them explains to the other one that he/she would like to have a blind date with a person that he/she has recently met through a web page. You don't want your friend to have the date. Your reasons are:

- Do not trust strangers so easily.
- You hardly know anything about this person.
- You never know who is on the other side of the screen.
- Be patient, you will meet the man/woman of your dreams in the right moment; but in real life.
- You have many friends and your family loves you.
- Do not involve me in your stories! It's none of my business!

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 3

CANDIDATE A

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WORKING WITH A FRIEND



Two close friends are going to work for the same company. They discuss the pros and cons of working together. The first one thinks it is a good idea. The second one does not agree. You think this is a GOOD IDEA and your reasons are:

- More time together.
- Same working hours → same days off to make plans together!
- Coffee break at the same time → time to chat! (What about?)
- Share means of transport: Your car? Mine? Both?
- Our colleagues → become common friends.
- Our friendship will be reinforced.

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 3

CANDIDATE B

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WORKING WITH A FRIEND



Two close friends are going to work for the same company. They discuss the pros and cons of working together. The first one thinks it is a good idea. The second one does not agree. You think this is a BAD IDEA and your reasons are:

- Separate work and personal life.
- If the company closes down → both lose our jobs.
- Coffee break on my own → need my space (what for?)
- I prefer public transport.
- I just want to work, not to socialize.
- Too much time together → negative (why?)

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 4

CANDIDATE A

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

OPENING UP A NEW BUSINESS



You do not have a job at the moment and you are thinking about opening up a business with the money received from your previous company. You explain the idea to your partner, who is not very much in favour of your idea. You ask for advice.

- Money from my previous company → good chance to start again.
- I have a brilliant business idea (describe it).
- It involves: many employees, building new offices, cars and vans
- I have knowledge in the field (describe previous experience).
- Self-employed → opportunity to earn more money.
- Having my own company → dream.

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 4

CANDIDATE B

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

OPENING UP A NEW BUSINESS



Your partner does not have a job at the moment and s/he is thinking about opening up a business with the money received from her/his previous company. You are not in favour of these idea and these are your reasons:

- Save the money, you will need it → What for? Give some advice
- Nearly every business does not succeed nowadays.
- Loads of expenses to start with and monthly costs.
- No experience running a business.
- Finding a job → more security.
- Possibility of going into debt.

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 5

CANDIDATE A

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

PLANNING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



It is your 10th wedding anniversary. You would like to impress your partner and go on a cruise. You phone your friend asking for advice. He/she recommends going to a campsite.

You call your friend and these are your reasons to go on a cruise:

- Special occasion → deserves an unforgettable holiday.
- All services included on the cruise → not that expensive.
- Possibility to visit several different countries.
- Loads of activities to do on the boat (which ones?).
- Lovely food and buffets on board (love international food).
- Meeting new people from different nationalities.

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 5

CANDIDATE B

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

PLANNING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



It is your 10th wedding anniversary. You would like to impress your partner and go to a campsite. You phone your friend asking for advice. He/she recommends going to a campsite.

You are the friend and these are your reasons to recommend the campsite:

- A campsite → much more romantic (Why?)
- Campsite → cheaper (Why?)
- You need to rest and relax (Why? How can you relax?)
- Being in contact with nature: lovely beaches and mountains.
- Too much eating on the cruise (Consequences)
- "It's YOUR anniversary!" → just the two of you on your own!

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 6

CANDIDATE A

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

CHOOSING THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR A JOB



You are member of a human resources department at a company. You are looking for an employee to develop management tasks at a restaurant and you have two candidates. Discuss with your partner(s) who the best candidate is. Your favourite is:

John

- 42 years old, from Sidney (Australia).
- Degree in Business Administration and Master's Degree specializing in Catering
- No experience in restaurants
- Former owner of an Irish pub
- Open and nice attitude → too permissive?
- Very patient and a good listener

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 6

CANDIDATE B

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

CHOOSING THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR A JOB



You are member of a human resources department at a company. You are looking for an employee to develop management tasks at a restaurant and you have two candidates. Discuss with your partner(s) who the best candidate is. Your favourite is:

Manolo:

- 30 years old, from the Basque Country (Spain)
- Diploma in “Fine Cooking”.
- Three-year experience in a tapas bar as a cook supervisor.
- He is looking for another job.
- Responsible and flexible.
- Speaks three languages (Spanish, Italian and French).

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 6

CANDIDATE C

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

CHOOSING THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR A JOB



You are member of a human resources department at a company. You are looking for an employee to develop management tasks at a restaurant and you have two candidates. Discuss with your partner(s) who the best candidate is. Your favourite is:

Pierre:

- 50 years old, from Paris (France)
- Unqualified cook.
- Twenty-year experience in a variety of restaurants (fast food restaurants mainly).
- Owner of his own restaurant for ten years → now closed down because of financial problems.
- Very strict, but with team spirit.
- Speaks French and he is learning English.

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 7

CANDIDATE A

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

AN ANNOYING NEIGHBOUR



Your neighbours upstairs are causing too much trouble. Besides, they are not very polite and you are tired of their behaviour. You try to explain to them that they are bothering you and your family.

- You play music too loud, especially at night.
- Your soaking clothes are spoiling my garden furniture and the air conditioning equipment.
- Community fees are not being paid.
- Respect the established timetables and the rules of the urbanization.
- You never put your rubbish into the bins and it smells bad.
- Need of a lawyer → take you to court!

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 7

CANDIDATE B

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

AN ANNOYING NEIGHBOUR



Your neighbours downstairs think that you are causing too much trouble. Besides, she/he thinks that you are not very polite and she/he is tired of your behaviour. You try to explain to her/him that you are not causing any trouble.

- My house, my rules!
- Not my fault! I have a drier and don't need to hang my clothes.
- We never use the swimming pool or the lift. I do not agree with the president's projects and/or ideas.
- The rest of the neighbours have not said anything about me.
- The containers are too far from our building. The community must do something about it!
- We can reach an agreement.

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 8

CANDIDATE A

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

PLANS FOR A DAY OFF



Two friends have the day off and decide to go out. One of them would like to go to the cinema and have dinner. However, the other one prefers to go to the beach and have lunch there.

Your suggestion → Cinema and dinner

- You have recently been recommended a film (describe it)
- You prefer a quiet afternoon (why?)
- You can go shopping at the same time.
- The shopping centre is near.
- I don't like cooking at night.
- They have opened a new restaurant (describe it).

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TASK 3 – DIALOGUE 8

CANDIDATE B

Now you will have a conversation with your partner about an imaginary situation for about 5 to 6 minutes. Your partner has the same topic but different information. If possible, try to reach an agreement at the end of the conversation.

PLANS FOR A DAY OFF



Two friends have the day off and decide to go out. One of them would like to go to the cinema and have dinner. However, the other one prefers to go to the beach and have lunch there.

Your suggestion → Beach and lunch

- Lovely sunny day.
- I love sports (which ones?).
- Beach: not very crowded (inviting some other friends too?)
- Picnic → cheaper than eating out.
- Afterwards: walking along the beach.
- After that: time for something else at night!