

CARD 1

TASK 2: INTERACTION

CANDIDATE B

PREPARATION TIME: 2 MINUTES

SPEAKING TIME: 4-5 MINUTES

**TOPIC: FAMILY**

Consider the statements below on the topic of *parenting*.

1. Talk to each other about how these statements represent different aspects of *raising children these days*.
2. Then decide together which of the statements best reflects *the most important challenge that modern-day parents face*.

- Parents in Western countries are raising smaller broods because of the skyrocketing costs of raising a child.
- For your child, having a phone offers the same kind of security it does for you. -- knowing that you're just a call or text away. They also may see having a phone as part of fitting in with their friends. But there are also some potential downsides to consider.
- Overparented children typically face not just a heavy academic schedule but also a strenuous program of extracurricular activities— tennis lessons, Mandarin classes, ballet. After-school activities, at the same time, keep kids off the street.

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

You needn't come to an agreement, but you have to support your point.