

CARD 1

TASK 1: MONOLOGUE

CANDIDATE B

Preparation time: **3 minutes**
Speaking time: **4 minutes max.**

TOPIC: WORK
Unemployment

You read the following text in a news editorial:

The employment problems of older workers do not seem to be substantially worse than those of other workers. In fact, for much of the past two decades older workers have had faster employment growth than other age groups. However, while the job displacement rate of older workers is not unusually high compared to other workers, once displaced, older workers do have more difficulty returning to employment.

(adapted from www.nytimes.com)

You are going to talk about how you stand on this particular issue.

You must include ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

1. Explain to your partner **in your own words** what you have just read.
2. Discuss the main challenges faced by job seekers these days.
3. Make predictions and speculate about what the situation may be like in the future.

Support your opinions with arguments.