Speaking section

The speaking section has two tasks. Respond in Chinese to both tasks.

**Task 1 — Prepared talk (between 2 and 3 minutes in length)**

The 2012 speaking section topics are as follows:

1. **Celebrations and special occasions**
   
   Discuss when, how and why Mother’s Day and Father’s Day are celebrated in Australia. Give your opinion about celebrating these special occasions.

2. **Education**

   For decades, each state in Australia has had its own school curriculum. Soon, however, all children in Australia will be studying the same curriculum — the Australian Curriculum. Discuss the pros and cons of this change. (You may wish to survey students and teachers who have moved to Queensland from another state.)

3. **Magazines for teenagers in modern society**

   Discuss the relevance and importance of magazines (excluding online magazines) to teenagers in modern society. Use a survey of your friends and classmates to support your response.

4. **Environment**

   Discuss why the environment should be protected. Explain what you can do as a student to help protect it.

**You must research all four topics and prepare a talk on each.** You will present one of the four topics to the marker. When you enter the examination room, the marker will tell you which topic you are to present.

Present your talk in a logical and organised manner (introduction, development and conclusion).

For each topic, you may take one double-sided palm card (105 mm x 148 mm) of notes into the examination room. Do not read directly from the card.

You will not be given preparation time on the day of your assessment.

**Task 2 — Conversation (at least 3 minutes)**

When your talk ends, respond to the marker’s questions.

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