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### Question

Talk about a book you have read that was important to you for some reason. Explain why the book was important to you. Give specific details and examples to explain your answer.

Preparation Time: 15 Seconds
Response Time: 45 Seconds



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### Question

Some people believe that television has had a positive influence on society. Others believe it has had a negative influence on society. Which do you agree with and why? Use details and examples to explain your opinion.

Preparation Time: 15 Seconds

Response Time: 45 Seconds



In this question you will read a short passage about a campus situation and then listen to a talk on the same topic. You will then answer a question using information from both reading passage and the talk. After you hear the question, you will have 30 seconds to prepare your response and 60 seconds to speak.

### Letter in the Centerville College News

The administration has plans to acquire a new sculpture for campus. We should all oppose this plan. The university's poor financial condition led it to increase the price for campus housing and tuition by 15% this past year. Surely then it is no financial position to purchase such an expensive sculpture. Moreover, just look at the sculpture: several 60-foot ling steel plates, jutting out of the earth at odd angles! It's so large, it'll take up all the green space in front of the campus center! This is public space that should be reserved for students to use.



### Question

Explain why the woman disagrees with the reasons expressed in the letter.

Preparation Time: 30 Seconds

Response Time: 60 Seconds



In this question you will read a short passage on academic subject and then listen to a talk on the same topic. You will then answer a question using information from both reading passage and the talk. After you hear the question, you will have 30 seconds to prepare your response and 60 seconds to speak.

Reading Time: 45 Seconds

### Groupthink

One process by which groups may make bad or irrational decisions is known as groupthink. Individual members of a group attempt to conform their opinions to what they believe to be the group consensus even though the result may be negative. There are many reasons why groupthink happens. These include the desire to be liked, fear of losing a job, or even not wanting to be the one employee delaying a decision that seems inevitable. These kinds of implicit pressures to conform lead group members to ultimately make decisions that each, by himself or herself, might normally not make.



#### **Ouestion**

Explain groupthink and its effects. Using the example of the computer company.

Preparation Time: 30 Seconds Response Time: 60 Seconds



In this question you will listen to a conversation, you will then be asked to talk about the information in the conversation and to give your opinion about the ideas presented. After you hear the question, you will have 20 seconds to prepare your response and 60 seconds to speak.





### Question

The speakers discuss two possible solutions to the woman's problem. Briefly summarize the problem then state which solution you recommend and explain why.

Preparation Time: 20 Seconds
Response Time: 60 Seconds



In this question you will listen to a short lecture, you will then be asked to summarize important information from the lecture.

After you hear the question, you will have 20 seconds to prepare your response and 60 seconds to speak.





### Question

Using the research described by the professor, explain what scientists have learned about the mathematical abilities of babies.

Preparation Time: 20 Seconds
Response Time: 60 Seconds