Sample Assessment Task 18 (Part B)

Name of Task: Building a debate framework for a motion					
Oral Text-type for the Asses	ssment:	individual presentation	on	interaction	
Communication Functions:					
☐ describing ☐ reporting ☐ explaining ☐ discussing					
\boxtimes classifying \square comparing		ng persuading		others:	
Audienceteacher plus:		Target audience:		Role(s) of audience:	
a student partner		fellow students		giving non-verbal responses only	
		students from other cla	asses	questioning/commenting	
class		teacher(s)		interacting with no limitations	
more than one class		others:			
Where on this continuum would you place the assessment task?					
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⊠ spontaneous, informal ☐ interactive, planned yet ☐ individual long turn of ☐ individual long turn that					
dialogue, e.g. small	d	ialogic, e.g. semi-formal	planned,	spoken text, is planned, formal and	
group interaction	group discussion		-	e.g. news reporting, coherent, e.g. spoken	
			story tell	ling report, a speech	
Choice/task of the elective(s) used for the assessment:					
☐ Drama ☐ Poems and Songs ☐ Short Stories ☐ Popular Culture					
☐ Sports Communication	☐ Soci	al Issues 🔲 De	bating	☐ Workplace Communication	
Topic/text/materials/resources used for the assessment activities (e.g. websites, debate topics/social issues, books):					
Suggested schemes of work for the elective part of the three-year senior secondary English language curriculum (Secondary					
4-6), published by CDI, EDB (2007), p.74-77					
HKEdcity Debate websites					
Description of activities	1. Give students a week to collect news articles about smoking. They should try to find				
leading to assessment	articles that can help them answer all or some of the following questions: Why is there a need to ban smoking in public places?				
	*	What are the pros and co	_		
	*	Who will be affected by		g:	
			_	in regards to the issue of smoking?	
		-		nbers what they have found out. Ask students	
				hem to the teacher. This way, the teacher can	
	have	e a general idea about the k	kind of inforn	nation that students were able to gather. It will	
	also	help teachers to decide v	whether addit	tional information should be provided to the	
	stud	ents.			
3	3. Ask	students to read their artic	les in advance	e.	
4	4. In c	lass, each group will draw	lots so differ	ent groups of students will report on the major	

	findings on different questions. Alternatively, the teacher can do the group assignment		
	based on the articles the students are able to find or according to the abilities of students		
	in different groups (e.g. less capable students may report on the factual questions).		
	5. Give students time in class to discuss the information they have found out and what they		
	will be reporting on.		
	6. Have different groups take turns reporting the major findings or answers to their assigned		
	questions.		
	7. Teachers can lead a class discussion based on the answers provided by the students. If the		
	teacher is teaching a more capable group of students, a group leader can be selected to		
	guide the discussion.		
	8. Teachers may highlight key terms and vocabulary on the board to help students become		
	familiar with the terms and vocabulary around the issues being discussed.		
	9. Teachers elicit from students the basic idea of debating and introduce to them how a		
	debate is run. For more suggestions and ideas on teaching debating skills, please refer to		
	the "Suggested schemes of work for the elective part of the three-year senior secondary		
	English language curriculum (Secondary 4-6)", published by CDI, EDB (2007), p.74-77.		
Assessment activity	Building a debate framework for the motion "Smoking should be banned in public places"		
(Group interaction)	Ask students to discuss the following questions:		
	♣ What are the key words of the topic?		
	♣ What is your stand?		
	♣ What are the strong points to support your stand?		
	Can you give any examples?		
	♣ What should be mentioned in the conclusion?		
Post assessment activity	1. Students watch the video-recording of their own presentation. Ask students to do self- and		
	peer-assessment. Students can also discuss how they may want to improve their discussion.		
	2. Teachers then provide feedback to the students on their overall performance.		
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