

TAX DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What images spring to mind when you hear the word 'tax'?
- 2) Do you think paying tax is a good or bad thing?
- 3) What would happen in your country if everyone stopped paying tax?
- 4) Do you know what taxes are spent on in your country?
- 5) Would you like to move to a country where there are no taxes?
- 6) Is tax an important issue at election time?
- 7) What do you think of sales / consumption tax put on the things you buy?
- 8) Would you like to be able to choose how your taxes are spent?
- 9) Would you look for ways to avoid paying tax?
- 10) How do the tax rates in your country compare with those in neighbouring countries?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) Is everything taxed in your country?
- 2) Do you agree with the 10-20% tax hotels and restaurants put on bills?
- 3) What do you think of having to pay inheritance tax on the money left to you by people who have died?
- 4) Would you pay higher taxes if you knew the tax revenue would go towards climate change projects or reducing world poverty, etc?
- 5) What changes would you like to see in your country's tax system?
- 6) Is tax evasion a big problem in your country?
- 7) Should poor people be exempt from paying tax (i.e. they don't have to pay)?
- 8) What goods or services do you think should be taxed more heavily, and which should not be taxed at all?
- 9) Do you think taxes will be different in the future?
- 10) What taxes do you think are the most unfair?

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