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Knock on wood, yes it does! Whatever adhesive the repairperson used to seal the patch over the hole really did the trick. I've been riding my bicycle for months since the repair and haven't had any trouble at all. The tyre is as good as new, so I'm certainly glad I didn't go with my first instinct which was to replace the whole tyre!

Why do people neglect things and don't repair them?

I feel people do this for many reasons. In some instances, repairing an item might be costly or involve tracking down specialised parts, such as rare engine parts for a vintage sports car. In other situations, it might actually be cheaper and more desirable to buy a newer version of the broken item. When my brother's Playstation video game console broke down after several years of use, he didn't bother repairing it and instead put the money towards upgrading his console to the newer Playstation 2 model!

Do you think that in the past product quality was higher?

It definitely was. My grandmother still uses a sewing machine she bought in the 1970s. In fact, I can think of multiple products she has in her home that are several decades old and





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Speaking about shopping  
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- Listen with the passage
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### Full lesson

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*Note: The candidate spoke about a repaired bicycle tyre in Part 2 of this exam. The examiner asks follow-up questions about this topic here.*

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