

COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT 2 (the 11th Form)

1. Stephen King once said: "Books are a uniquely portable magic." How do you understand this idea?

1. What would you prefer to watch a film or read a book?
2. Why do some books become bestsellers?
3. When will paper books disappear?

2. Someone once said about success: "Stop chasing the money and start chasing the passion." How do you understand this logic?

1. Would you rather be rich or famous?
2. Film stars and top athletes are overpaid, aren't they?
3. If you had a chance to play a role in a film, what would it be?

3. O. Henry once said: "No friendship is an accident." What exactly did he mean by this statement?

1. What do you think about friendship in the social networks?
2. Is it possible to have friendships across generations?
3. What's the best way to make friends?

4. George Eliot said: "We cannot predict the future. But we can create it." What exactly does it mean?

1. Do you remember yourself 5 years ago? What has changed?
2. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
3. How far ahead do you plan your future?

5. George Bernard Shaw said: "Happy is a man who can make a living by his hobby." Elaborate on this idea.

1. What are the advantages of having a hobby?
2. What is the strangest hobby you have heard of?
3. Playing computer games is not a hobby, is it?

6. A wise person once said: "Home is not a place...it's a feeling." How can you explain this?

1. Describe the house of your dreams.
2. How do you help your parents with housework every day?
3. How quickly do you get homesick when you travel?

7. Someone said: “Education is the passport to the future.” How would you explain this logic?

1. Good education doesn't guarantee a good job, does it?
2. What would you change in school education if you could?
3. Would you prefer to study at home or abroad?

8. Joyce Meyer said: “The greatest gift you can give your family and the world is a healthy you.” How do you understand this statement?

1. What do you do to keep fit?
2. Do you think professional sport is good for one's health?
3. What is the healthiest food and why?

9. Benjamin Franklin once remarked: “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.” What exactly did he mean?

1. How do you usually plan your weekdays and weekends?
2. Are you good at multitasking?
3. How far ahead do you plan things?

10. Twyla Tharp said: “Art is the only way to run away without leaving home.” What did she mean?

1. Do you think of yourself as a creative person?
2. When was the last time you went to a concert?
3. What is your favourite form of art?

11. George Burns said: “Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.” How do you understand his irony?

1. Is it possible to be completely open with your parents?
2. What is the ideal family size and why?
3. Why do people suffer from generation gap problems?

12. Steve Jobs said: “Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life.” How would you clarify that?

1. How often do you kill time?
2. What are the most time-consuming activities for you?
3. What do you usually do when you want to relax?

13. Patrick Regan once said: “Longtime friends are family that we choose.” How do you understand this idea?

1. It's impossible to be friends with your parents, is it?
2. What kind of person would you never be friends with?
3. What is the best way to make friends?

14. Someone once said: "Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer." How do you understand this remark?

1. Describe the worst and best holiday you have had.
2. Do you prefer active or passive holidays and why?
3. How quickly do you get homesick when you travel?

15. Someone once said: "If you want to achieve greatness, stop asking for permission." What does it mean?

1. What would be the most boring and the most exciting job for you?
2. What are the most popular jobs nowadays?
3. Would you continue to work even if you had a lot of money?

16. Bruce Lee said: "A goal is not always meant to be reached, it often serves simply as something to aim at." How does it apply to you?

1. What would be important for you – money or job satisfaction?
2. How can you use foreign languages in your future career?
3. What important goals have you already achieved?

17. The saying goes: "Hardships in life only make us stronger." How do you understand it?

1. Do you believe in bad luck?
2. What are the three wishes you'd like to come true?
3. What has been the greatest hardship for you so far?

18. Someone once said: "Wherever you go becomes a part of you somehow." How would you explain it?

1. What places in the world would you like to visit and why?
2. In what ways can tourism become harmful?
3. When on holiday, do you lie on the beach or go sightseeing?

19. One scientist said: "Progress is measured by the speed at which we destroy the conditions that sustain life." How do you understand this idea?

1. What can be done to reduce the air pollution in big cities?
2. What do you personally do to protect the nature?
3. What do you think about eco-tourism?

20. Katharine Hepburn once said: “If you obey all the rules you miss all the fun.” How do you understand it?

1. Describe the last party you went to?
2. What things at a party can annoy you?
3. Who do you prefer to spend your free time with?

21. Noam Chomsky once remarked: “Like most technology, the internet has mixed effects.” How can you explain this comment?

1. In what way can the Internet be dangerous?
2. How would your life be different without the Internet?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping?

22. Someone once said: “Professional sport is warfare minus shooting.” What do you think about it?

1. Do you prefer to play or to watch sports and why?
2. Do you feel like doing individual or team kinds of sport and why?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of professional sport?

23. Someone once said: “Youth is not a question of years: one can be young or old at any age.” How can you explain it?

1. What is the best age to be?
2. How is the life of young people today different from 20 years ago?
3. Are there any advantages of old age?

24. Someone once said: “To have another language is to possess a second soul.” How do you understand this quote?

1. How are you planning to use your English in future?
2. What other foreign languages would you like to learn?
3. What is the most difficult thing about learning English?

25. Someone said recently: “The mass media tell us what to do and what to think.” Do you think they really have this power?

1. How often do you watch TV or listen to the radio?
2. How are social media different from traditional mass media?
3. What might be the dangers of the Internet?