

COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

1. **Do you agree with the statement: “Technology is a useful servant but a dangerous master”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
 1. What do you think technology will be like in the future?
 2. Do you think you are addicted to technology, like social media or smartphone?
 3. Some people say you can learn almost everything from the internet nowadays. What do you think?

2. **Agree or disagree with the following statement: “Find something you are passionate about and keep tremendously interested in it.”**
 1. How do people choose some out of the many interests to pursue?
 2. What are the benefits and drawbacks of choosing a career based on your interest?
 3. Do you think there is a difference between hobbies and interests?

3. **Do you agree with the statement: “The best education you’ll get is travelling. Nothing teaches you more than exploring the world and accumulating experiences”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
 1. What’s more important to you when you travel – comfort and relaxation, or stimulating new experiences?
 2. How do you pass the time when you have to wait for a bus, train or plane?
 3. Do you take a lot with you when you travel?

4. **Agree or disagree with the following statement: “A champion is afraid of losing. Everyone else is afraid of winning.”**
 1. Do you think famous sportspeople are good role models for children?
 2. Do you think people in our country exercise enough? If not, why?
 3. How can sports bring people from different countries closer together?

5. **“Save the environment. The future is in your hands.” Do you agree with this?**
1. Do you think it is easier to learn about environment when you are a child or when you are older?
 2. Do you think people should be encouraged to use public transport more?
 3. How easy do you think it is to help your local environment?
6. **Agree or disagree with following statement: “Learn a new language and get a new soul.”**
1. Is it rude to speak your own language around people who can't understand?
 2. Would you like to move to other countries to learn languages faster?
 3. What three languages would you really like to speak? Why?
7. **“Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom.” Give your opinion on the role of education in our society.**
1. How difficult do you think it is to work and study at the same time?
 2. Would you like to learn to play an instrument? Which one?
 3. How important is it to enjoy the experience of learning?
8. **“I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught.” Speak about your school and your studies.**
1. How long does it take you to get ready for school every day?
 2. Have you or your friends ever changed schools? If yes, how was it different from the old one?
 3. To what extent does the best way of studying change according to what subject is being studied? Why?
9. **Do you agree with the statement: “The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. Are you and your friends competitive with each other? In which areas do you compete?
 2. Do you have any friends who are much older or younger than you? Is age important in friendship?
 3. How do young people communicate with their friends nowadays?

- 10. Do you agree with the statement: “The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other’s life”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. What is one of your most cherished memories from childhood?
 2. Do you think your friends talk to their parents?
 3. Does your family like spending time together? When?
- 11. Do you agree with the statement: “Boredom is a choice”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. Are there any hobbies you can do in other countries, but not your own?
 2. Have you attended any classes to help you learn a new hobby? If not, would you like to?
 3. What hobbies used to be popular, but aren’t common now? Why have they gone out of fashion?
- 12. Do you agree with the statement: “The only way to do great work is to love what you do”? Give examples to support your answer.**
1. What opportunities are there for young people in our country to get jobs or continue their studies after secondary school?
 2. Do you think it is a good idea for teenagers to do work experience?
 3. What practical skill would you most like to learn?
- 13. “Primary greatness is on the inside. It’s about character.” Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. If you could change any aspect of your personality, what would it be?
 2. How important does money appear to be for achieving happiness?
 3. Do you think creative people are born or made?
- 14. Do you agree with the statement: “Happiness is not in money, but in shopping”? Give examples to support your answer.**
1. Have you ever bought second-hand goods?
 2. How can you keep your spending under control when you are shopping?
 3. Have you ever returned an item you bought online?

- 15. Do you agree with the following statement: “If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book”? Give examples to support your answer.**
1. How do you choose what books you want to read?
 2. Have you ever read a book that made you cry?
 3. Do you prefer to read one book at a time or several at once?
- 16. Do you agree with the statement: “Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. If a group of people just came to your country from overseas, what advice would you give them?
 2. What are some strange foreign customs that you have heard of? Are there any customs in your country visitors might find strange?
 3. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt you had to “do as the Romans do”?
- 17. Do you agree with the statement: “You are what you eat, so don’t be fast, cheap, easy, or fake”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. Why is organic food so expensive?
 2. Do you think that a person’s eating habits affect how long they will live?
 3. Have you ever bought take-away food? How good was it?
- 18. “Parenting is a life time job and does not stop when a child grows up.” Do you agree with this?**
1. Is it better for mothers to stay at home with their kids or go to work?
 2. Do you think that children should help with chores around the house?
 3. How often do you go on family trips?
- 19. “Clothes and manners do not make the man. But when he is made, they greatly improve his appearance.” Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. How often do you check your appearance in the mirror?
 2. How are people’s appearances today different from those 100 years ago?
 3. Is appearance more important in politics or show business?

- 20. “Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.” Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. Do people around you view you as a role model?
 2. Is volunteering worth the cost to you?
 3. What would the world be like if no one volunteered to do anything?
- 21. “There is nothing more important than a good, safe, secure home.” Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. How can you make a house secure? Is security important?
 2. What does ‘homesick’ mean? Have you ever been homesick?
 3. Is your house environmentally friendly?
- 22. Do you agree with the statement: “You have to know the past to understand the present”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. If someone visited your country from another country, what advice would you give them?
 2. What is one tradition or holiday you don’t want to keep as an adult yourself?
 3. Is there any music that defines your culture?
- 23. “The entertainment industry is vast and it is a reflection of the society we live in.” Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. What traditional form of entertainment has survived up to the present?
 2. What do you do for entertainment when you are on vacation that you don’t usually do?
 3. What are some seasonal entertainments in your country?
- 24. “If I could travel the world, I would start it by visiting my hometown.” Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. What did you like about your hometown when you were a child?
 2. What kind of jobs do the people in your hometown do?
 3. What social problems do you think we have in our society?

25. Do you agree with the following statement: “Those who think they have not time for bodily exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. How does confidence help us in our performance?
2. Have you tried yoga? Why do some people prefer yoga to other forms of exercise?
3. Which is better for motivation: working with a group or with a personal trainer?