

## COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

- 1. Modern technologies have helped to make our lives easier, haven't they? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
  1. What do you use your computer for?
  2. Which area do you think has benefited most from the introduction of computers?
  3. Do you think it's good that mobile phones allow parents to know the whereabouts of their children?
  
- 2. How would you define your taste in films? What genre of films do you like watching and why?**
  1. If a book has been made into a film, which do you prefer to do first, see the film or read the book? Why?
  2. What do you think of people who talk during a film in the cinema?
  3. What is the worst film you have ever seen?
  
- 3. Some people think that going on holiday is more tiring than staying at home. Do you agree with this?**
  1. Do you think young people choose different holiday destinations from older people? Why or why not?
  2. Do you like going away with your family? Why or why not?
  3. What sort of holiday do Belarusian people prefer?
  
- 4. Sport is life. Do you agree with this?**
  1. Why are some people not interested in sport?
  2. Which is more important – winning or taking part? Are you a good loser?
  3. What are the most important events in the sporting calendar in Belarus?
  
- 5. Saving the world begins at home. Do you agree with this?**
  1. What do you know about global warming?
  2. What is the dramatic result of cutting down forests?
  3. What would you suggest doing to attract people to the problems of pollution and ecology?

- 6. Agree or disagree with the following statement: “English doesn’t just belong to native speakers; it belongs to everyone in the world who uses it”.**
1. How will you use your English in the future?
  2. Will English remain the global language of the future? Why or why not?
  3. What do you find easy/ difficult about learning English?
- 7. Education is the passport to the future. Give your opinion on the role of education in our society.**
1. Do you think standardized testing is the most effective way to assess learning?
  2. Does education guarantee a high standard of living in the future?
  3. What do you think the most effective learning environment is?
- 8. What type of learner are you? Speak about your study habits.**
1. When pupils behave badly, how are they punished at your school?
  2. Have you ever skipped school? What did you do instead of going to school?
  3. Are all the subjects at school equally necessary?
- 9. True friendship comes when the silence between two people is comfortable. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. Do you have any childhood friendships that are still strong today?
  2. What things should friends never do?
  3. Do you think it is a good idea to borrow money from a friend?
- 10. There’s a saying, “Life is about moments with your family and friends. Create them.” Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. What events do you always celebrate as a family?
  2. What do you enjoy doing when you spend time with your family?
  3. What things do you keep in mind when buying a gift for someone?
- 11. Do you agree with the statement: “Hobbies are for people who don’t like what they are doing.”?**
1. What do people do in their free time where you live?
  2. Do you prefer indoor or outdoor activities? Why?
  3. What is the most exotic hobby you’ve ever heard of?

- 12. Does a healthy lifestyle make a difference? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. Do you think professional sport contributes to a healthy lifestyle?
  2. How do bad habits affect health and quality of life?
  3. Why do you think people choose to become vegetarians?
- 13. Tell me what you pay attention to and I will tell you who you are. Do you agree with this?**
1. Do you think you show a different personality in different situations?
  2. Which star sign were you born under? Do you think it somehow influenced your character?
  3. Does character depend on age? Has your character changed in the last year?
- 14. Speak about the advantages and disadvantages of different places to shop.**
1. Who does the grocery shopping in your household? How often do they do it?
  2. Are you a bargain hunter? Do you get excited about sales and discounts?
  3. Do you care where products are made? Do you prefer to buy things which are made in your own country? Why or why not?
- 15. There is nothing in our material world more beautiful than the book. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. What factors are important to you when choosing a book to read?
  2. What do you think about e-books?
  3. Have you ever read a book and then watched the movie? Which was better? Why?
- 16. Do you think it is important to follow our grandparents' traditions and celebrate national holidays? Give reasons and details to support your answer.**
1. Are there any special foods connected with some holidays?
  2. Do you know any holidays on which attending a church or a temple is part of the celebration?
  3. What are the special holidays and occasions when all your family are together to celebrate?

- 17. Do we eat to live or live to eat? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. Are table manners important? Why?
  2. What foreign cuisines are popular in Belarus?
  3. How often do you and your family eat out? Where do you usually go? Why?
- 18. Describe how parents could reach a better understanding of their kids in the digital age.**
1. Did you have a strict upbringing? Have you ever been punished?
  2. Who do you take after in appearance and character?
  3. What's it like being a good parent in your opinion?
- 19. Describe the appearance and character of your best friend.**
1. What qualities do you like and dislike in people?
  2. Is it rude to tell the person that they need to improve their appearance?
  3. What is the most interesting haircut you have seen?
- 20. Talk about traditional art in Belarus.**
1. Why is art so expensive? Do you think it is overpriced?
  2. What country do you think is the most creative?
  3. How many forms of art can you name? What is your favourite form of art?
- 21. There is an expression in English, "There's no place like home." What do people mean when they say this?**
1. What are the most important things you would look for when choosing your ideal home?
  2. Would you rather live in a house or a flat? Why?
  3. Do you know your neighbours? How do you get on with them?
- 22. Speak about your everyday problems and describe how you cope with them.**
1. What is good about not eating after 6 p.m.?
  2. How many hours of sleep do you need daily?
  3. What are the most stressful areas of your life?

**23. Entertainment amuses people in their leisure time. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**

1. What were your favourite TV shows or cartoons when you were a child?
2. What video games would you recommend to a new player?
3. What are some types of entertainment you can do without spending much money?

**24. Speak about the advantages and disadvantages of the place you live in.**

1. Would you rather live alone or with other people? Why?
2. What are the most popular residential areas in your country?
3. How does the way people furnish and decorate their homes reflect their personality?

**25. Speak about the benefits of keeping fit.**

1. What exercise do you consider a waste of time and effort?
2. Why do you think people like risky sports?
3. What would you ask a sports celebrity if you had a chance?