

1 Mahatma Gandhi said: “It is health that is the real wealth, and not pieces of gold and silver.” How do you understand this?

- 1 How do you keep fit?
- 2 Who is the fittest person you know?
- 3 Why do people find it hard to give up bad habits?

2 Pablo Picasso said: “Every child is an artist; the problem is staying an artist when you grow up” How do you understand this?

- 1 How would you define art?
- 2 What's your favourite form of art?
- 3 If you could get a free ticket, what museum would you go to?

3 O. Henry once said “No friendship is an accident.” What exactly did he mean?

- 1 Who do you trust more - your friends or your family?
- 2 What do you think about friends in social networks?
- 3 How did you meet your best friend?

4 Mahatma Gandhi said: “Learn as if you will live forever, live like you will die tomorrow.” How do you understand this?

- 1 What university would you like to enter and why?
- 2 What is good education in your opinion?
- 3 How do you feel about leaving school?

5 Michael Imperioli said: “My family is my life and everything else comes second.” What is your attitude to this?

- 1 Who is your favourite relative and why?
- 2 What's the ideal family size?
- 3 What's the right age to move away from your parents?

6 Ludwig Wittgenstein said: “The limits of my language mean the limits of my world.” How do you understand this?

- 1 How are you going to use your English in your future career?
- 2 What other foreign languages are you planning to learn and why?
- 3 What's the most difficult part of learning foreign languages?

7 Tim Notke once commented: “Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.” Do you agree with it?

- 1 What job would you like to have in the future?
- 2 What jobs are in greatest demand now?
- 3 What advice would you give to a workaholic?

8 Saint Augustine said: “The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.” How do you understand this?

- 1 What's your favourite mode of transport?
- 2 What's your dream destination and why?
- 3 Describe an ideal travel companion for you.

9 Stephen King once said: “Books are a uniquely portable magic.” Could you elaborate on this thought?

- 1 What do you prefer - reading books or watching films and why?
- 2 If you were given a chance to write a book, what would it be about?
- 3 What are the advantages and disadvantages of e-books?

10 Joshua Becker said: “The most environmentally friendly product is the one you didn't buy.” What did he mean?

- 1 What is the greatest environmental problem in your opinion?
- 2 Do you think people will ever have a colony on Mars?
- 3 What do you personally do to protect the environment?

11 Louise Hay said: “There's no such thing as good or bad weather. There is just your attitude.” Can you agree with this?

- 1 What's your favourite season and why?
- 2 How do you make sure the weather doesn't influence your mood.
- 3 How do you deal with the heat in the summer time?

12 Wendy Wunder said: “The magic thing about home is that it feels good to leave, and it feels even better to come back” Do you feel the same?

- 1 What would be the most difficult part of living away from home?
- 2 How would you describe an ideal house?
- 3 What are the pros and cons of sharing a room?

13 Ray Bradbury once said: “Half the fun of the travel is the esthetic of lostness.” How do you understand this?

- 1 Do you prefer active holidays or beach holidays and why?
- 2 Describe your longest journey.
- 3 How do you feel when you return from holidays.

14 Samuel Johnson said: “When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life.” Do you think it is an exaggeration?

- 1 What sights in London would you like to see?
- 2 Where would you take foreign tourists in Belarus?
- 3 What other countries would you like to visit?

15 Ernie Banks said: “The only way to prove that you’re good at sport is to lose.” How do you understand this?

- 1 Do you enjoy team sports or individual sports?
- 2 Is professional sport good for your health?
- 3 Professional footballers get too much money, don't they?

16 Rachael Ray: “Having an animal in your life makes you a better human.” Do you believe it’s true?

- 1 What pets have you got in your house?
- 2 Do you think animals should have rights?
- 3 What is the best pet for a small child?

17 Derek Bok said: “If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.” How do you understand this?

- 1 Does good education guarantee a good job?
- 2 What would be the best university for you?
- 3 What are the challenges of studying abroad?

18 Judy Garland said: “Be a first-rate version of yourself, not a second-rate version of someone else.” How do you understand this?

- 1 What is the strongest feature of your character?
- 2 Who is your role model in life?
- 3 What has been the greatest challenge for you so far?

19 Albert Einstein said: “I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious.” Do you think he was honest?

- 1 What is your greatest talent?
- 2 What is your best and worst character feature?
- 3 Where do you find inspiration?

20 Dorothy Draper said: “The finest thing about a hobby is that you can’t do any pretending about it.” How do you understand this?

- 1 What will happen to a hobby if it becomes your job?
- 2 How do hobbies depend on the gender?
- 3 What hobbies are most popular among young people?

21 Ana White said: “The Internet has made the world a small town again.” How do you understand this?

- 1 How do you use the Internet for learning English?
- 2 What are the dangers of the Internet?
- 3 How do you feel when there is no Internet connection?

22 Chili Davis once said: “Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.” How do you understand this?

- 1 What is the best age to be?
- 2 Do you think humans will ever find a way to live forever?
- 3 What’s the best way to live a long life?

23 Eleanor Roosevelt said: “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” What did she mean?

- 1 How do you see yourself in 10 years’ time?
- 2 What changes do you need to make in your life?
- 3 Are you excited about your future or afraid of it?

24 Leo Christopher said: “There’s only one thing more precious than our time, and that’s who we spend it on.” Do you have the same opinion?

- 1 What activities are a waste of time for you?
- 2 What’s the best way to save time?
- 3 If you had a time machine, what would you change in the past?

25 Albert Schweitzer said: “Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.” How do you understand this?

- 1 What is happiness for you?
- 2 Would you rather be happy or rich?
- 3 Describe the happiest day in your life.