

COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

1. Learning a language requires a lot of time and effort.

1. Do you think there is anything English and Belarusian have in common?
2. What do you prefer: learning or understanding?
3. How would you define your study habits?

2. Imagine that you have an opportunity to make up a television program about art. What is it going to be about?

1. What creations of people can be called masterpieces?
2. What world famous museums or picture galleries do you know?
3. What artists, actors or playwrights can our country be proud of?

3. Imagine that you are showing your family album to an English-speaking friend.

1. Do children take after their parents?
2. What is the role of the family in the life of a person?
3. What should be done to avoid misunderstanding in the family?

4. Why is it necessary to remember that repetition is the mother of learning?

1. Do you agree it is only possible to master a foreign language by learning lots of things by heart?
2. Is it always necessary to understand what you learn?
3. Do you have a good memory for figures and dates?

5. Practice makes perfect. Do you follow this proverb in your studies?

1. Can you think of an example when practice and hard work helped a person achieve his ambitions?
2. Can we do without revision?
3. What part of the language requires a great deal of practice?

6. There's no friend so faithful as a good book.

1. Have you got many books at home?
2. What helps you to choose a book for reading?
3. Who is your favourite Belarusian writer?

7. False friends are worse than open enemies.

1. Do you remember any difficult situation that your friend helped you to overcome?
2. What is your best friend like?
3. Do you choose friends?

8. Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

1. Is reading books important in modern life or can it be substituted by TV, computers?
2. What kind of books do you prefer?
3. What kind of book would you take on a long journey?

9. Do you believe that everything has its beginning in a family?

1. Do you spend much time together with your family?
2. Do your parents always understand you?
3. What does it mean “to love one’s child”?

10. An early riser is sure to be in luck. Do you agree?

1. How important is it to plan your day?
2. Do you have enough time for work and rest?
3. Do you make plans for your week-ends in advance?

11. There are outstanding people in all countries, aren't there?

1. Who do you think can be called an outstanding person?
2. What famous public figures of Belarus do you know?
3. Would you like to be popular and famous?

12. A man’s home is a reflection of his personality. Is it true for your house?

1. What do you do when you are tidying up your room?
2. Do you help your mother with housework every day?
3. Have you ever decorated your room/house yourself?

13. What is the ideal place for you to live in? Why?

1. What is your hometown famous for?
2. What can you say about the geographical position of your hometown?
3. What do you like in your country that you won’t find anywhere?

14. He who knows how to work, knows how to rest.

1. Do you always do everything in time?
2. What things do you do most willingly?
3. Are there any traditions of holiday-making in your family?

15. What modern inventions do you appreciate most of all? Why?

1. What do you think about computer games?
2. What does new technology enable people to do without leaving their homes?
3. What appliances help you do your household chores?

16. Sports and healthy dieting have become popular with many young people recently.

1. Do you think morning exercises enable you to do better?
2. How important are good eating habits for a person?
3. Do you believe in the effect of diets for keeping fit?

17. Different works of art have been created to please the eye and to excite our emotions. Which form of art is your favourite?

1. Is there a theatre where you live?
2. Are you fond of painting?
3. Who is your favourite actor (singer, artist, composer)?

18. When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life, for there is in London all that life can afford.

1. Are there any events in the history of London that you find amazing?
2. What would attract you as a tourist in Great Britain?
3. Do you know any English customs and traditions?

19. People ought to think of this planet as their home.

1. Who must take care of nature?
2. What causes air pollution in cities?
3. What do you do to protect nature?

20. When I think of Belarus, I immediately think of.....

1. What places in Belarus are most beautiful?
2. Are there any traditional cultural or sport events that are held in your native town?
3. What places in Belarus remind you of outstanding people of the country?

21. What traits of character help realize a person's talent in your opinion?

1. What is more important for success: to have natural abilities or to work hard?
2. Can you learn a foreign language in a day?
3. What do you do to achieve the aim of your life?

22. A friend is a second self; another I.

1. What features do you value most in people?
2. Has your friend ever disappointed or deceived you?
3. Can you rely on your friend?

23. Tell what you usually do if you feel happy and joyous.

1. Do you believe in bad luck?
2. What are the three wishes you'd like to come true?
3. Can you remember any amusing things that have happened to you?

24. Imagine a day in your life ten years from now. What do you hope it will be like?

1. What can you recommend a person who is always busy?
2. Is there in your working day that annoys you?
3. Do you always plan your day beforehand?

25. Tell about hobbies which are typical of the people of your age.

1. What are your relatives' hobbies?
2. Have you ever come across a very strange hobby?
3. Is it necessary to learn how to make things with your own hands?