

COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

1. **Agree or disagree with the statement: “A family in harmony will prosper in everything”.**
 1. Should parents give their children more freedom?
 2. Is it better to be an only child in a family or to have siblings? Why?
 3. Do common interests unite people in a family? In what way?
2. **“Belarus is certainly a country of talented people. Conditions are in place in the country to discover and foster creative potential”. Develop the idea.**
 1. What would you advise a person who wants to do something important for our society?
 2. What famous person would you like to meet and what would you ask him or her?
 3. Who makes a greater contribution to the development of the society: scientists or artists? Why?
3. **Do you agree with the statement: “Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work”?**
 1. Would you like to work in a team or independently? Why?
 2. Is there any kind of job you would never choose?
 3. Why is it necessary to have computer skills to get a good job?
4. **Do you agree with the statement: “The home is the ultimate career. All other careers exist for one purpose, and that is to support the ultimate career”?**
 1. Who do you take after in appearance and character in your family? In what way?
 2. What is the secret of a happy family?
 3. What household chores do you usually do?
5. **Do you agree with the statement: “Art is not a thing, it is a way”?**
 1. If you met a famous artist, what would you ask him / her?
 2. Is graffiti a form of art or an act of vandalism? Why?
 3. Is art a career or a calling and why?
6. **Do you agree with the statement: “Modern technology has increased our material wealth, but not our happiness”?**
 1. Are technological achievements changing life? In what way?
 2. Is cloning immoral? Why?
 3. Can you predict what technology people will use in the future?
7. **Do you agree or disagree with the statement: “To travel is worth any cost or sacrifice”?**
 1. Is it better to organize a trip by yourself or to choose a guided tour?
 2. What are the most popular tourist destinations in our country?
 3. What means of travelling do you prefer and why?

8. Agree or disagree: “The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it”.

1. How do you understand the saying “Think globally, do locally”?
2. What are the most urgent ecological problems?
3. Do you think that global warming is a man-made or natural process? Why / why not?

9. “The health of any nation is a guarantee of its sustainable development and prosperity”. Develop the idea.

1. What can you advise a person who would like to lose a few kilos?
2. Have you ever been on any kind of diet?
3. Is there any connection between a person’s life style and the duration of his / her life?

10. Agree or disagree with the statement: “Artificial intelligence is not just a tool; it’s a partner for human creativity”.

1. What will artificial intelligence be like in 100 years from now?
2. How do you currently use or interact with AI?
3. What kind of regulations should be made to control the use of AI?

11. Agree or disagree with the statement: “In the future everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes”.

1. What are the pros and cons of being a celebrity?
2. How do people invade the privacy of famous people?
3. What role do social nets play in making a person famous?

12. Agree or disagree: “True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart”.

1. How do you normally make new friends?
2. What qualities do you value most in a friend?
3. Are you good friends with your family members?

13. “Belarus is a beautiful country of many lakes and rivers, and this is what makes it so great”. Develop the idea.

1. What can attract nature-lovers to Belarus?
2. What is your favourite place in your hometown? Why?
3. Are Belarusian castles and palaces worth visiting? Why?

14. Agree or disagree: “National cuisine reflects national character”.

1. Do you prefer food from your own country or from other countries?
2. Is eating out popular in Belarus? Why?
3. What dishes would you recommend a foreigner to try?

15. “A doctor and a teacher are a mirror of any state”. Do you agree or disagree?

Explain your answer.

1. What are the challenges of teaching as a career?
2. Why do people say that a teacher is more important than what he / she teaches?
3. Can a robot substitute a teacher? Why?

16. “A person’s future depends on what he / she does today”. Do you agree with this?

1. What career goals do you have?
2. Does success in one’s career come from careful planning or from luck? Why?
3. Should parents or friends influence one’s future?

17. Do you agree with the statement: “Charity can help people to make the world a better place”?

1. If you could start your own charity, what or who would like to help?
2. Should only rich people donate their money? Why?
3. Why do people volunteer?

18. Agree or disagree with the statement: “Eating is such a waste of time, effort and money. It would be better if we could simply take pills”.

1. What is your favourite dish? Can you cook it yourself?
2. What table manners should never be ignored?
3. What about your eating habits? Are they healthy?

19. Agree or disagree with the statement: “Don’t worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don’t even try”.

1. Do hardships make us stronger? Why?
2. How would you encourage a friend who is afraid to try something new?
3. Is success only about achieving your goals? Why?

20. Agree or disagree: “A child without education is like a bird without wings”.

1. Is the English language necessary for making a career?
2. Is it true that working hard is more important for success than having natural abilities?
3. If you had a chance to change anything in our educational system, what would you change?

21. Agree or disagree with the statement: “Fitness is not about being better than someone else. It’s about being better than you used to be”.

1. Do sports contribute to developing a person’s character? In what way?
2. If you met a famous sportsman, what questions would you ask him?
3. Is it true that if you are fit, you don’t need to exercise? Why?

22. “Our daily routines can make a huge difference to how healthy, happy and productive we are”. Do you agree with this?

1. In what ways has technology altered traditional daily routines?
2. Do you prefer to plan your weekends or be spontaneous? Why?
3. How do you manage stress within your daily schedule?

23. “It is essential to keep our Belarusian land clean and tidy. Cleanliness is our brand”. Develop the idea.

1. Are the nature and wildlife of Belarus in danger? Why?
2. Where is the best place in our country to see or experience nature?
3. What do you think of testing cosmetics on animals?

24. “Belarus is a citadel of traditional culture and moral values”. Develop the idea.

1. Are stereotypes about other cultures mostly true or false? Why?
2. What features do you value most in the Belarusian national character?
3. What national souvenirs would you recommend a foreigner to buy in Belarus?

25. Do you agree with the statement: “A change in bad habits leads to a change in life”? Give reasons to support your idea.

1. Could you advise any healthy tips to overcome stress?
2. What should parents do to help their children to avoid any social maladies?
3. How do you understand the saying “Old habits die hard”?