

COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

1. You are going to live alone in a submarine under the ocean for one year. You will have a source of power and communication. Name three hobbies or activities you plan to have, and give your reasons for choosing these hobbies and activities.

1. What do you think about computer games?
2. What do you prefer to do when you stay at home over the week-end?
3. Have you ever come across a very strange hobby?

2. Think of a job that you think would be very difficult for you to do, and another job that you think would be very easy and the most enjoyable. Talk about the professional skills and personal qualities that are necessary for both jobs.

1. Is it easy to choose your future profession?
2. What attracts you in your future profession?
3. Can you check whether your choice of the profession is right?

3. Think of the two most popular jobs that young people in our country would like to have as their future career (express your opinion). Talk about the features that attract young people in these jobs and try to compare and contrast them.

1. What is more important for success: to have natural abilities or to work hard?
2. What is your favourite subject?
3. Do you agree that doing well at school can lead to good career opportunities?

4. Think about a job you would like to have as your future career. Discuss why you would like to have this job, what kind of education you would need for it, and what you would say about yourself at the job interview.

1. Do you think you would enjoy running your own business?
2. What do you think are the advantages of running your own business?
3. What sort of person makes a good manager?

5. You are going to choose three people to be sent into outer space to represent the people of the planet Earth to some alien culture. Whom would you choose? Talk about the reasons for choosing these particular people and their main features of character.

1. What people are considered to be geniuses?
2. Have you ever talked to a well-known person?
3. Whom of the famous people would you like to take after?

6. You are given your own household robot, which you can program to do only four of the household chores necessary to be done about the house. Think about the activities you would like it to do for you. Talk about the reasons for choosing these particular activities.

1. What things should be done about the house every day?
2. What is your idea of a perfect household?
3. Can you make a meal?

7. Your friend has turned to you for a piece of advice about his/her future career. Decide what would be the most suitable career for your friend and what kind of career would be unsuitable, if any. Try to give sound reasons for your choice.

1. Do you think your friend would enjoy running his/her own business?
2. How many hours a day do you think people ought to work?
3. Is it important to plan your day?

8. Your English teacher wants to show your class a video and has asked you to suggest a suitable film. It must be a film which everyone will enjoy and it must give the class some good practice in understanding English. Describe the film you want to suggest and say why you have chosen it.

1. What kind of films do you prefer: tragedies, comedies or detective stories?
2. What part of the language requires a great deal of practice?
3. Do you agree it is only possible to master a foreign language by learning lots of things by heart?

9. Some English friends of yours are planning a short walking holiday in the part of the country where you live. They will sleep in cheap hotels and will carry one small bag of clothes and other equipment. Give them some information about the countryside and the weather, and some advice on what to pack.

1. What is your hometown famous for?
2. What do you like in your country that you won't find anywhere?
3. Are you a home-lover? Do you spend most of your free time at home?

10. Two people from another country are visiting the town/city/village where you live for a few days. As they are a similar age to you, you have been asked to give your ideas on what evening activities could be organized for them. Make at least three suggestions.

1. Do you have enough time for work and rest?
2. Do you make plans for your week-ends in advance?
3. What places of interest are there in your town?

11. If you could add one picture to the book which you have read lately or your favourite book, which scene from the story would it show? Describe the picture, retell the scene and try to explain why this particular scene impressed you most.

1. Have you got many books at home?
2. What helps you to choose a book for reading?
3. Is reading books important in modern life or can it be substituted by TV, computers?

12. Your family is going to celebrate your mother's / father's birthday and you are asked to do all the necessary shopping to cook a festive dinner. What foodstuffs are you going to buy? Why? And where would you go to do the shopping?

1. Do you bargain when you buy things in the market?
2. Who does most of the food shopping in your family?
3. What is your favourite dish? Who usually cooks it?

13. Imagine that you were given magical powers to change some features of character or habits of your relatives and best friends. What features and/or habits would you like to change? Give your reasons for choosing those features and habits.

1. What features do you value most in people?
2. Do you think it's good to have many friends?
3. What should be done to avoid misunderstanding in the family?

14. You are going to have a holiday of you dream and money is not a consideration. What place or places would you choose to go? What would you do on your holiday? Would you take your friends or relatives or would you go alone? Give your reasons.

1. How did you spend your last winter holidays?
2. Are there any traditions of holiday-making in your family?
3. What places have you visited in Belarus that impressed you most?

15. You are given a chance to meet a famous person. Whom would you like to meet? Explain why you would choose this particular person, what his or her features you find most attractive and what topics you are going to discuss with him/her.

1. Are geniuses born or trained?
2. Would you like to be popular and famous?
3. What do you do to achieve the aim of your life?

16. Your school is going to have a new sports center and the pupils are asked to suggest the kind or kinds of sport that this center will specialize in. What kind or kinds of sport will you suggest? Try to discuss the advantages of these kinds of sport.

1. What are the ways to keep fit?
2. Do you believe in the effect of diets for keeping fit?
3. What sports are popular in Belarus?

17. You have made up your mind to stick to healthy food. What would you like to change in your diet? What harmful products would you like to get rid of and why? What dishes would you cook for yourself and what foodstuffs would you use? Give your reasons for choosing them.

1. How important are good eating habits for a person?
2. Is your diet healthier than your friends'?
3. Can you make a meal?

18. You know that computers gradually seem to be replacing books. Practically everything (from encyclopedias to manuals) is now available on the Internet. Is this new way of reading to your benefit? Be ready to discuss its advantages and disadvantages.

1. What is the role of science in modern society?
2. What does new technology enable people to do without leaving their homes?
3. Do you agree that young people don't read much these days?

19. You are given the opportunity to visit a foreign country. You can go there by plane, by train or by car. Which means of transport would you like to take, if you had a choice? Explain why you would prefer this or that kind of transport and point out the advantages.

1. Have you ever been to a foreign country?
2. Have you ever experienced homesickness?
3. What can spoil a holiday?

20. Imagine you had an opportunity to get a very short tour of London. Your stay in London is going to last no more than three hours. What places of interest would you prefer to see? Give your reasons for choosing these particular sights or landmarks.

1. Do you know any English customs and traditions?
2. What places of interest are there in your town?
3. What means of travelling do you prefer

21. You are going to visit your friends in an English-speaking country. They ask you to make a short film about Belarus to show their acquaintances. What will you sights of Belarus will you include and what information about our country will you provide in the film?

1. What places in Belarus would you like to visit? Why?
2. Are there any traditional cultural or sport events that are held in your native town?
3. Have you ever filmed any important events in your family? Or would you like to have any events filmed?

22. Your friends, who are very fussy (привередливый) about food, are coming to Belarus. They ask you to describe the eating habits of the Belarusians and our national cuisine. They would also like you to give them advice on the types of healthy food that they can taste in our country.

1. What is your favourite dish? Can you cook it?
2. What is your attitude to junk food?
3. Do you think that food habits depend on the country where you live?

23. You are asked to suggest one of your favourite books to be made into a film. What book would you choose? What attracts you in this particular book and in its main characters? What actors would you like to invite to play the leading roles? Why?

1. What kind of book would you take on a long journey?
2. Do you prefer to read a book or to watch a film based on this book?
3. What kind of films do you prefer? Why?

24. Some people try different fashions to express their personality (dye their hair green, pierce their tongue or nose, wear torn jeans, etc). But sometimes it may not be accepted by other people. What is acceptable for you and what isn't? What kind of clothes do you prefer?

1. Is it a good idea to look like your friends?
2. Do you try to follow the latest fashion? Why/Why not?
3. Do people nowadays make clothes themselves? Why/Why not?

25. You are showing your favourite photos to your new acquaintances. What photos of your family and friends would you choose? On what occasions were these photos taken? What would you say to describe the character the people in the photos?

1. Do your parents always understand you?
2. Do you think it's good to have many friends?
3. How does your friend take your critical opinion?
4. What is your favourite family holiday?