

COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

1. **Do you agree with the statement: “The advance of technology is based on making it fit in so that you don’t really even notice it, so it’s part of everyday life”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
 1. Do you think it’s good or bad that mobile phones allow parents to know the whereabouts of their children?
 2. Which area of people’s life do you think has benefited most from the introduction of computers?
 3. How can dependency on digital media affect people’s daily life?

2. **Agree or disagree with the following statement: “It’s hard to escape when your hobby is your job.” Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
 1. Do you agree that creative activities are good for our mental health?
 2. What sort of things do you enjoy doing on your own?
 3. What collectables do you think would increase most in value over the years?

3. **Do you agree with the statement: “People wander for distraction, but travel for fulfillment”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
 1. How satisfied are you with the means of transport you most frequently use?
 2. Do you agree that travel experience has been destroyed by technology?
 3. How important is it to speak the language of the country you are visiting?

4. **Agree or disagree with the following statement: “To enjoy the glow of good health, you must exercise.” Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
 1. Why do you think some people take up endurance sports like marathon running, the triathlon and pentathlon?
 2. Do you agree that sports do not build character, they reveal it?
 3. What are the reasons why many people become involved in amateur sports?

- 5. Do you agree with the statement: “Saving the world begins at home”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. Are recycled products sold in the supermarkets in your area?
 2. What proportion of your household rubbish goes for recycling?
 3. How can governments be persuaded to change their minds about environmental policies?
- 6. Agree or disagree with following statement: “Learning another language is like becoming another person.” Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. What are the benefits of learning business English?
 2. Some people say speaking English fluently is more important than speaking it correctly while others think speaking accurate English is more important than speaking it fluently? Which idea do you agree with? Why?
 3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of learning English at an early age?
- 7. Do you agree with the statement: “Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one”? Give your opinion on the role of education in our society.**
1. What may tempt you to do an online course of study? Or is it out of the question for you?
 2. Do you learn more by making mistakes or by doing everything perfectly?
 3. When are methods of learning enjoyable and effective?
- 8. Do you agree with the statement: “Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new”? Speak about your school and your studies.**
1. What, in your view, have you gained most from your education?
 2. Does learning stop once you finish your formal education, that is after you leave school or university?
 3. What are the alternatives to higher education?
- 9. Do you agree with the statement: “True friends are great riches”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. How many online contacts do you have?
 2. How do you balance your time between friends and other responsibilities?
 3. What do you think is more important in a friendship: loyalty or honesty?

10. Do you agree with the statement: “My family is my life, and everything else comes second as far as what’s important to me”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. Who is more overprotective? Your mom or your dad?
2. Do you think that money is one of the most important requirements for having a happy family?
3. What are some things that your parents did that you would never do?

11. Do you agree with the statement: “Hobbies are for people that don’t like what they’re doing”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. Do you think people have changed their digital habits in the past few years?
2. What sort of music, if any, do you like dancing to?
3. Have you attended any classes to help you learn a new hobby? If not, would you like to?

12. Do you agree with the statement: “A job isn’t just a job. It’s who you are”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. How do you see the job you hope to be doing in the future – will it be a job for life, do you think?
2. Can you think of any possible effects of the increasing use of technology in the workplace?
3. Do you know how to create a positive impression on the employer at a job interview?

13. Do you agree with the statement: “Every man has three characters: which he exhibits, which he has and that which he thinks he has”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. Can you think of any animal idioms that illustrate personality traits or ways of dealing with difficult situations?
2. Do you think stress is increasing in the modern world? Why or why not?
3. How good are you at time management?

- 14. Do you agree with the statement: “When I shop, the world gets better”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. Fashions come and go in clothing but also in many other areas of life. What other areas can you think of?
 2. Have you had personal experience of a reasonably new item not working properly or wearing out fast? What did you do?
 3. How is shopping abroad different from shopping in Belarus?
- 15. Do you agree with the following statement: “Keep reading, it’s one of the most marvellous adventures that anyone can have”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. Will the home library survive the popularity of the e-book?
 2. Are there any super popular books that you dislike?
 3. How long is your ‘To Be Read’ list?
- 16. Do you agree with the statement: “Cultures grow on the vine of traditions”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. How do young people feel about traditions in your country?
 2. Who are some traditional characters in your culture?
 3. What are some traditional festivals in your country?
- 17. Do you agree with the statement: “Drinking water is essential to a healthy lifestyle”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. How do you think future developments in food production may affect our diet?
 2. Why do you think physical activity (jogging, going to a gym, swimming pool) is an important part of a healthy life style?
 3. Do you often find yourself under stress?
- 18. “Behind every young child who believes in himself is a parent who believed first.” Do you agree with this? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.**
1. When you were little, what did you answer to the question: “What do you want to be when you grow up?”?
 2. Do you have any family traditions that have been passed down for generations in your family?
 3. Do you have any funny stories from your past?

19. “It’s personality that defines you. Not looks. Remember looks can be deceiving.” Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. Do people fall in love with good looks or with a great personality?
2. Is your character similar to your mother’s or father’s character? In what ways are you like them, and in what ways are you different?
3. What is charisma? Do you know any charismatic people?

20. “One can never get tired of London.” Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. Which is the best way to see London: with a guide or on your own?
2. How do you think London’s history and culture have shaped the city?
3. What other attractions would you like to see in England besides London?

21. Do you agree with the statement: “England has two books, the Bible and Shakespeare. England made Shakespeare, but the Bible made England”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. What do you think of when you see the Union Jack flag?
2. How do you think British people would describe their country?
3. What do you know about British food and weather?

22. Do you agree with the statement: “Good food and a warm kitchen are what make a house a home”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. Has your hometown changed much since you were a child?
2. How can houses be made more environmentally friendly?
3. What problems do home owners have? What can they do about them?

23. “Without music life would be a mistake.” Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. Is musical talent something you are born with or can you acquire it through hardwork?
2. What do people’s tastes in music reveal about their culture or generation?
3. In what way does music make a difference to your life?

24. “If I could travel the world, I would start it by visiting my homeland.” Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. How well does your country do in international competitions?
2. What language do you usually hear on the streets?
3. What are the opportunities to explore the countryside?

25. Do you agree with the following statement: “It is not enough to be compassionate. You must act”? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.

1. What is your greatest strength? How does it help you volunteer?
2. How comfortable are you with sitting with sick patients?
3. What experience do you have with animals?