

COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

1. **Agree or disagree: “A holiday at home can be more rewarding than a trip abroad”.**
 1. Does the true value of a holiday lie in changing your location or in changing your daily routine? Why?
 2. For family bonding, is a quiet week at home more valuable than a hectic trip? Why?
 3. Is the pressure to travel an Instagram-fueled trend or a natural human desire for novelty?
2. **“The crowd gives fame with one hand and holds a stone in the other”. Do you agree with this? Give reasons.**
 1. Do you think that fame and talent go hand in hand? Why?
 2. Does fame change people? If so, how?
 3. How would your life change if you became famous around the world tomorrow?
3. **Agree or disagree: “True volunteering is done in secret, without any expectation of praise”. Explain your answer.**
 1. Is it better to donate your money, time or skills? Why?
 2. Should volunteers receive money for their work? Why or why not?
 3. Would you trust a person more if you found out about their secret good deeds? Why?
4. **Agree or disagree: “Yesterday’s version of yourself is the only competitor worth beating”.**
 1. Can people grow if they never compete with anyone, including themselves?
 2. How do you balance personal growth with self-acceptance and self-love?
 3. What advice would you give to someone who is struggling with personal growth?
5. **“Sleep is not a luxury, but a fundamental component of high performance”. Do you agree?**
 1. Can people achieve success if they put rest over working hard? Why?
 2. Is a ‘work-life balance’ a realistic goal or just a nice slogan?
 3. Will robots make us work less or differently in the future? Why?
6. **“The strength of a Belarusian woman is in her quiet resilience and ability to handle any hardship”. Do you agree or disagree?**
 1. Is a Belarusian woman’s patience a form of power? Why?
 2. What is a greater achievement for a woman: preserving traditions through her family or breaking stereotypes through a career?
 3. Do stars like Darya Domracheva inspire strength in the realm of sports or in everyday life? Why?
7. **Agree or disagree: “A teacher who only informs is a voice; a teacher who inspires is a compass”.**
 1. In what ways do you think technology has impacted the role of teachers in education today?

2. If students misbehave, what do you think teachers should and shouldn't do?
3. In your opinion, should teachers focus more on academic subjects or character development and life skills?
8. **Do you agree with the statement: “A great book deserves to be finished; a merely good book does not”? Give reasons to support your idea.**
 1. If you could turn any book into a film, which would you choose and why?
 2. Do you prefer books set in modern times, in the past or in the future? Why?
 3. Have you ever wanted to write a book yourself? If so, in what genre would you write it?
9. **“The neighbour sharing their last loaf of bread during a poor harvest is the very essence of the Belarusian soul”. Do you agree? Develop the idea.**
 1. In today's world, is sharing your last 'loaf' more about time, attention or money? Why?
 2. Does generosity hold society back or move it forward? In what way?
 3. Beyond food, what does 'bread' represent in Belarusian poetry?
10. **“A folk song is a passport to the soul of a people”. Do you agree with this statement?**
 1. Can music genuinely reflect a nation's history and core values? Why?
 2. Can music overcome cultural barriers that food, films or languages cannot? Why?
 3. If you had to choose one, would you explore another culture through its music, its cuisine or its cinema? Why?
11. **“A ‘digital detox’ is not a retreat from reality, but a return to it”. Do you agree or disagree?**
 1. What apps do you find the most addictive? Why?
 2. Are there any signs that indicate a person might need a digital detox?
 3. What are the biggest challenges people face when attempting a digital detox?
12. **“Belarusian traditions are not a museum exhibit, but a living language of national belonging”. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
 1. Is identity built more on how others see our traditions or how we see them ourselves? Why?
 2. Can traditions change and still be authentic? Why?
 3. Who is more responsible for passing traditions down – family or school? Why?
13. **Agree or disagree with the statement: “Talent opens the door, but only hard work walks you through it”.**
 1. If you could buy one skill with no effort, which would you choose and why?
 2. What's more inspiring: a natural prodigy or a self-made master? Why?
 3. Is talent a gift or a responsibility? Why?

- 14. “The ultimate goal of learning a foreign language is not to speak without an accent, but to think without a border”. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. Does practicing English with an AI tutor help with real human conversation or hinder it? Why?
 2. Will English become like maths in the future: a basic tool used by everyone but mastered only by specialists? Why?
 3. If you had to choose one key to master a foreign language, would it be immersion in it, formal study or constant conversation? Why?
- 15. “A hobby that doesn’t bring profit is a waste of time”. Do you agree?**
1. Is a true hobby a passion or just a way to kill time? Why?
 2. Can a hobby become the core of your identity, or should it always stay separate? Why?
 3. If a hobby requires no skills, can it still be fulfilling? Why??
- 16. Agree or disagree: “The ideal role of sport is to be a language that strengthens a nation from within, awakening patriotism”.**
1. Can individual sports awaken patriotism as strongly as team sports? Why?
 2. Is the role of sport to reflect a nation’s character or to shape it? Why?
 3. Should parents encourage their children’s sports dreams or be realistic with them? Why?
- 17. “The simplest exercise – a daily walk – is often the hardest habit to keep”. Do you agree with this?**
1. How does regular physical activity directly impact a person’s mental and emotional state?
 2. To be healthy, what is more important – eating well or working out? Why?
 3. Is the health benefit of walking 10,000 steps a day a scientific fact or a marketing myth?
- 18. Agree or disagree: “Immersion in the Belarusian landscape is a prerequisite for comprehending its people’s character”.**
1. How do Belarusians primarily view nature: as a friend, a parent or a resource? Why?
 2. Can technology help people feel closer to nature, or does it always separate them?
 3. What is more important – to build a new road or to protect an old Belarusian forest? Why?
- 19. Do you agree with the statement: “You can judge a person’s character by how they treat a stranger at their door”?**
1. Should there be a boundary between hospitality and privacy? If so, where?
 2. Is hospitality a duty or a choice? Why?
 3. What does the phrase ‘my door is always open’ actually mean in practice?
- 20. Agree or disagree with the statement: “Living in a city offers opportunity, while living in a village offers community”.**
1. What would you like to change in the place you live now? Why?

2. Do you think technology has reduced the gap between urban and rural areas?
3. Can a city have a 'soul' like nature does, or is it always artificial? Why?

21. “A house is a structure of walls; a home is a structure of moments”. Develop the idea”. Develop the idea.

1. Do family traditions build the walls of a home? In what way?
2. What is your recipe for a happy family?
3. What is your favorite childhood memory? Why?

22. Agree or disagree: “Success is a poor teacher; failure is the tutor of the wise”.

1. Have you had any failures that made you stronger?
2. Is there a controversy between success and happiness? Why?
3. Why do some people work hard but not succeed?

23. Do you agree or disagree with the statement: “A lack of communication is the root cause of most family conflicts”? Explain your answer.

1. In terms of personality, are people influenced more by their family or by their friends?
2. Do you think multicultural families are becoming more common? Why?
3. How important is work-life balance for maintaining good family relationships?

24. Agree or disagree with the statement: “Protecting a local park has a greater impact than worrying about the melting Arctic”.

1. Do you think international cooperation is necessary to solve environmental issues? Why or why not?
2. How can we teach children about the importance of protecting the environment?
3. What is the main danger the world faces in terms of the environment?

25. “Your cultural identity is largely determined by your upbringing, not your genetics”. Do you agree with this? Develop the idea.

1. Does your generation share the same cultural identity as that of your parents'?
2. Has a book or film ever changed how you see your own culture?
3. What cultural trait of Belarusian people are you most proud of?