

COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

1. **A famous comedian and actor once said: “A day without laughter is a day wasted”. Do you agree with that?**
 1. Do you think that having fun together can bring people closer?
 2. Do you often make other people laugh?
 3. What types of jokes or humour make you laugh heartily?
2. **According to an African proverb, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”. How do you understand this proverb and do you agree with it?**
 1. Do you prefer working on your own or in a team?
 2. Would you rather be the team leader or follow someone’s lead?
 3. Can you talk about a situation where you succeeded thanks to teamwork?
3. **An entrepreneur once said: “Don’t say anything online that you wouldn’t want plastered on a billboard with your face on it”. How do you understand this quote?**
 1. How has the possibility of being anonymous affected online communication?
 2. Should people believe everything they see online?
 3. What rules should we follow not to fall victim to cybercrime?
4. **A famous author wrote: “He who knows no foreign languages knows nothing of his own”. How would you explain this logic?**
 1. What benefits come from studying another language besides being able to communicate?
 2. At what age do you think it’s best to start learning foreign languages?
 3. What other foreign languages would you like to learn in the future and why?
5. **A famous inventor once said: “Modern technology owes ecology an apology”. How would you interpret this quote and do you agree with it?**
 1. What major ecological problems is the world facing now?
 2. In your opinion, what modern technology poses the greatest threat to ecology?
 3. What can we as consumers do to minimise the ecological damage caused by technology?
6. **A saying goes: “One’s native country is the canvas of their soul”. How do you understand this statement?**
 1. What is your favourite thing about your native town or city?
 2. What makes a good citizen?
 3. What symbols or landmarks best represent your native land?

- 7. A famous poet and journalist once said: “Until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains unawakened”. Elaborate on this idea.**
1. What factors should someone consider before deciding to adopt a pet?
 2. What qualities should a pet owner have?
 3. What can having a pet teach us?
- 8. A prominent scientist and author once said: “Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change”. How do you understand this quote and do you agree?**
1. Besides adaptability, what other soft skills are crucial in today’s world?
 2. Does the development of modern technology bring about the need for adaptability?
 3. Is it easy for you to adapt to something new?
- 9. A famous author once said: “There is virtue in work and there is virtue in rest. Use both and overlook neither”. How would you explain this logic?**
1. What are some effective ways to relax?
 2. Do you think rest improves work efficiency? Explain your opinion.
 3. Do you manage to find the balance between studies, hobbies and rest?
- 10. A prominent author once wrote: “Our bodies are gardens, our wills are our gardeners”. Elaborate on this idea.**
1. Is discipline essential to take care of one’s health?
 2. What health advice would you give to people spend a lot of time glued to their gadgets?
 3. What do you do to keep your body healthy and fit?
- 11. A prominent traveller and scholar once said: “Travelling is something that leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller”. What do you think is meant by that?**
1. Has any place or landmark ever made you speechless due to their beauty?
 2. Who do you usually share your travel stories with?
 3. Do you enjoy listening to other people’s travel stories? Explain your opinion.
- 12. A famous businessman once said: “AI will not replace humans, but those who use AI will replace those who don’t”. How would you explain this idea?**
1. Do you use AI in your everyday life and for what tasks?
 2. What are the potential dangers of using AI?
 3. How can AI be used in education?

13. A prominent scientist once said: “We are at the beginning of a new era in the exploration of space”. How do you understand this quote?

1. In your opinion, what makes people interested in space exploration?
2. Do you think space travel should be available to anyone?
3. Would you be interested in going to space? Explain your opinion.

14. As the popular saying goes, “Hard work keeps the wrinkles out of the mind and spirit”. Do you agree?

1. What types of activities do you consider to be “hard work”?
2. What can help people stay mentally active and young?
3. Can hobbies be beneficial for mental well-being?

15. A famous journalist once said: “Sports do not build character. They reveal it”. What do you think is meant by that?

1. What features of character are important for a professional athlete?
2. Can watching professional sports be beneficial for one’s character development?
3. What types of sports do you or your friends practise?

16. As the popular saying goes, “There is no place like home”. Elaborate on this idea.

1. What is your favourite place in your home country?
2. What do you appreciate most about your native country?
3. What places in Belarus would you recommend visiting and why?

17. An educator once said: “Online learning can turn the world into a classroom”. Do you agree? Elaborate on this idea.

1. Do you prefer online learning or offline lessons?
2. What are some of the challenges of online learning?
3. Do you think online secondary schools could be a good idea?

18. A famous artist once said: “I always do the things I cannot do, in order to learn how to do them”. What do you think is meant by that?

1. Is preparation needed before starting something new?
2. What advice would you give to someone who wants to try something new?
3. Have you attempted anything challenging lately?

19. A famous novelist once said: “The three most important documents a society gives are a birth certificate, a passport, and a library card”. How would you interpret this quote?

1. Would you say libraries are still relevant nowadays?
2. How does studying in the library differ from studying online?
3. Will there ever be a time when libraries disappear completely?

20. A writer once said: “What the future holds for us, depends on what we hold for the future”. Elaborate on this idea.

1. What can we do today for a better future?
2. What is something you do that contributes to your future success?
3. In your opinion, what historical figures shaped the course of history significantly?

21. A famous actress once said: “Whoever said that money can’t buy happiness simply didn’t know where to go shopping”. How would you explain this logic?

1. Can online shopping ever replace offline shopping?
2. Do you think consumerism is a problem in today’s world?
3. What is something you especially enjoy shopping for?

22. A saying goes: “A house is made of bricks and beams. A home is made of hopes and dreams”. How do you understand it?

1. What memories define your childhood home for you?
2. What can be done to turn a house into a home?
3. Describe your dream home?

23. A saying goes: “A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots”. Elaborate on this idea.

1. What historical period would you like to go back to in Belarus if you had a time machine?
2. Can you give an example of a book or a film which teaches us about Belarusian history or culture?
3. What national traditions are observed in your family?

24. A philosopher once said: “The production of too many useful things results in too many useless people”. What exactly does this saying mean?

1. Would you say people are dependent on technology?
2. Could using fewer devices help us regain control over our lives?
3. What device could you never live without and why?

25. A famous philosopher once said: “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit”. Elaborate on this idea.

1. How can one’s habits reveal their personality?
2. What new habit would you like to introduce into your life and why?
3. What habits help you learn the English language?