

COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

1. **Agree or disagree with the statement: “Family life is not a computer program that runs on its own; it needs continual input from everyone”.**
 1. What daily habits strengthen family bonds?
 2. Can technology help maintain family connections?
 3. Should parenting classes be mandatory for future parents? Why or why not?
2. **“Belarus is a country with a rich historical heritage that is worth exploring”. Develop the idea.**
 1. What threats does cultural heritage face today?
 2. What historical sites in Belarus have impressed you the most?
 3. Should history education focus more on local or global history? Why?
3. **Agree or disagree with the statement: “Investing in sport is investing in the nation’s health”.**
 1. How can sport bridge social divides?
 2. Do you prefer team sports or individual activities? Why?
 3. What should governments fund more – sport or cultural activities? Why?
4. **Do you agree or disagree with the statement: “Travel makes one modest. You see what a tiny place you occupy in the world”? Explain your answer.**
 1. What do you miss the most while travelling?
 2. Do you like to eat local food when you travel? Why or why not?
 3. What tips do you have for staying healthy while travelling?
5. **Agree or disagree: “Tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today through education”.**
 1. What improvements would you like to see in our education system?
 2. Would you like to be a teacher? Why or why not?
 3. How will AI change education in the near and distant future?
6. **Agree or disagree with the statement: “Friendship is a sheltering tree”.**
 1. Can you be friends with someone who has different opinions from yours?
 2. Do you think friendship between men and women is different? Why or why not?
 3. Is it important for friends to understand each other’s boundaries? Why or why not?
7. **Do you agree with the statement: “Art enables us to find and lose ourselves at the same time”? Give reasons to support your idea.**
 1. Can AI-generated art be meaningful? Why or why not?
 2. How do museums and galleries contribute to art appreciation?
 3. What impact does globalization have on art?

- 8. Agree or disagree: “Environment is no one’s property to destroy; it’s everyone’s responsibility to protect”.**
1. If plastic were banned everywhere, how would that affect the environment?
 2. What can be done to save the world’s wildlife?
 3. If the environment could speak, what would it tell us?
- 9. “It is important to commemorate the heroes of the past, as they shape our national identity”. Develop the idea.**
1. Can a fictional character (from books or films) be a real hero? Why or why not?
 2. What helped our people to win the Great Patriotic War?
 3. Can a person be considered a hero without a famous act of heroism? Why or why not?
- 10. Do you agree with the statement: “Social media platforms do more to connect people than to isolate them”?**
1. Can online communication replace offline friendship?
 2. Should there be age restrictions for social media platforms? Why or why not?
 3. What aspects of life do you think will always remain offline? Why?
- 11. “Volunteering is not just about helping others; it’s also about helping yourself”. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. What is the impact of volunteering on mental health?
 2. Can social media be used to promote volunteering? In what way?
 3. Are there any potential drawbacks of volunteering?
- 12. Agree or disagree: “Planning every minute of your day makes life boring and rigid”.**
1. How do you balance planning and spontaneity?
 2. What is your favourite time management technique? Why?
 3. What are the downsides of multitasking?
- 13. “A hobby should be something that completely distracts you from your daily routine and worries”. Do you agree or disagree?**
1. How do hobbies contribute to maintaining a healthy work-life balance?
 2. Do you think technology will create new hobbies? Why or why not?
 3. Have you ever faced any challenges in pursuing your hobby? If so, how did you overcome them?
- 14. “A true teacher teaches from the heart, not from the book”. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.**
1. What distinguishes good teachers from great ones?
 2. How should teachers adapt to different learning styles?
 3. How do teachers contribute to the community?

15. “Family holidays are essential for creating lasting bonds and memories”. Do you agree?

1. Have family holidays changed over generations?
2. Are there any family traditions you would like to continue in the future?
3. What challenges can arise when trying to maintain family traditions?

16. “Preserving architectural heritage is more important than building modern structures”. Do you agree or disagree?

1. How do you imagine the architecture of the future?
2. If you could live in any building in the world, what would it be? Why?
3. Do you think buildings reflect the culture of a place? How?

17. “Eating is one of the greatest pleasures available”. Do you agree with this?

1. How do cultural norms shape our attitude towards food and eating?
2. If you could learn to cook any type of cuisine, which one would you pick and why?
3. How do you adapt your eating habits while travelling?

18. Agree or disagree: “Modern pop music cannot be compared to the classics in terms of depth and meaning”.

1. Why do musical tastes change over time?
2. What song lyrics have deeply affected you?
3. If you could join any band for a day, which one would you pick and why?

19. “Hospitality is a universal language of kindness and respect”. Do you agree with this statement?

1. How do you personally show hospitality to guests?
2. Is hospitality a cultural value or a basic human trait? Why?
3. What is the meaning behind the Belarusian tradition of bread and salt?

20. Agree or disagree: “Older generations can learn just as much from the youth as the youth can from them”.

1. What skills would you like to teach another generation?
2. Are there any popular trends among young people that older generations misunderstand? Why?
3. What advice from an older relative has actually proven to be useful for you?

21. “It is easier to maintain a healthy lifestyle in the countryside than in a big city”. Do you agree? Develop the idea.

1. Is true peace and quiet only possible in the countryside? Why or why not?
2. Does a sense of community differ between urban and rural areas? How?
3. Where is it more challenging to raise children: in a bustling city or a quiet village? Why?

22. “The freedom of the Internet must be balanced with the responsibility of its users”.

Do you agree?

1. Who holds the primary responsibility for combating cyberbullying: parents, schools, or platform moderators? Why?
2. Where should we draw the line between online freedom and harmful behavior?
3. What new features would you like to see on the Internet in the future?

23. Agree or disagree: “In today’s world knowing only one language is a significant disadvantage”.

1. Does the language people speak influence their national character? Why?
2. Do you think that one day there will be just one language in the world? Why or why not?
3. What skills do you think will be important for language learners in the future?

24. Agree or disagree: “AI will solve more problems than it creates in the future”.

Explain your answer.

1. Would you trust AI with important life decisions? Why or why not?
2. What AI limitations are likely to remain permanent?
3. Should the development of AI be paused for safety evaluation? Why or why not?

25. “A good book can be a best friend that never lets you down”. Do you agree with this?

Give reasons.

1. What role do books play in personal growth?
2. How do you choose what book to read next?
3. If you could meet any author you admire, who would it be and what would you ask him / her?