

COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

- 1. As the famous saying goes, “Laughter is the best medicine”. Do you agree?**
 1. What is something that can make you laugh?
 2. How can we incorporate humour into our daily life?
 3. Can you share your personal experience where humour helped you build connections?
- 2. According to a proverb, “Shared joy is double the joy; shared sorrow is half the sorrow”. How would you interpret this proverb?**
 1. Who do you usually turn to when you’re happy?
 2. How can talking about sadness with others lighten the burden?
 3. Some people find it difficult to express their feelings openly. Why could that be the case?
- 3. A famous writer once said: “The air of one’s native country is the healthiest”. How would you explain this statement?**
 1. How would you define patriotism?
 2. What are some things that make you feel comfortable in your native town or city?
 3. What’s your idea of contributing to the development of the country?
- 4. As the popular saying goes, “Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer”. How can it be interpreted?**
 1. What places have you visited that left lasting impressions on you?
 2. Many tourists visit Belarus every year. What do you think attracts them?
 3. What is your dream travel destination and why?
- 5. A philosopher once said: “The Earth provides enough to satisfy every man’s needs, but not every man’s greed”. How do you understand this quote?**
 1. How can we live sustainably without giving up modern conveniences?
 2. In what ways does consumerism affect individuals and society?
 3. What is the influence of social media on consumerism?
- 6. A famous historian once said: “Technology is a great servant but a dangerous master”. Elaborate on this idea.**
 1. What potential dangers arise when humans become overly dependent on technology?
 2. Should the use of artificial intelligence be regulated?
 3. Do you think there is a chance that technology will eventually get out of human control?

- 7. A famous educator once said: “The best way to predict the future is to create it”. What do you think is meant by that?**
1. In your opinion, what historical figure shaped the course of history significantly?
 2. What has more influence on the future: collective efforts or individual actions?
 3. What steps can be taken today to bring about positive change tomorrow?
- 8. A famous writer once said: “The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those that cannot read or write, but those who cannot unlearn and relearn”. How would you interpret this idea?**
1. What soft skills are crucial in today’s world?
 2. Who can be called a life-long learner?
 3. What tips would you give to someone who wants to learn something new?
- 9. A famous author once said: “Sometimes the most urgent and vital thing you can possibly do is take a complete rest”. How would you explain this logic?**
1. Do you think breaks can increase productivity? Give your reasons.
 2. What advice would you give to people struggling to find time for rest?
 3. How do you manage to combine studies, hobbies and rest?
- 10. A famous author once said: “Take care of your body. It’s the only place you have to live”. What do you think is meant?**
1. What helps you stay healthy and physically fit?
 2. How can one manage stress?
 3. How can schools contribute to the development of pupils’ health?
- 11. A famous linguist once said: “One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way”. How would you explain this logic?**
1. At what age do you think it’s best to start learning a foreign language?
 2. Do you think that fluency in several languages can boost cognitive development?
 3. Has learning a foreign language enriched your understanding of other cultures?
- 12. A famous film director once said: “A different language is a different vision of life”. How would you explain this idea?**
1. How does learning a new language add to one’s perception of the world?
 2. How can idioms or fixed expressions in other languages reveal cultural values?
 3. What other foreign languages would you like to learn and why?

- 13. A famous artist once said: “Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life”. How do you understand this quote?**
1. How do people feel when they create or observe art?
 2. What type of art are you fond of and why?
 3. How do you feel about AI-generated art?
- 14. As the popular saying goes, “The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary”. How do you understand it and do you agree?**
1. What is more important in achieving success: effort or talent?
 2. Can you explain the difference between working hard and working smart?
 3. Do you know anyone whose success relies primarily on perseverance?
- 15. According to a proverb, “In time of test, family is best”. How would you interpret this proverb?**
1. Can you give an example of a situation when your family helped you in times of need?
 2. Who within your family is your main supporter when you need help?
 3. Have you ever been in a situation where a family member came to you for support?
- 16. As the popular saying goes, “When in Rome, do as the Romans do”. How can it be interpreted?**
1. What should a foreigner keep in mind when travelling to Belarus?
 2. What is something a foreigner should avoid doing in order not to appear rude while visiting our country?
 3. What is the main tip for a foreigner who wants to make friends in Belarus?
- 17. A famous artist once said: “Learning never exhausts the mind”. Elaborate on this idea.**
1. What are some ways to learn outside the classroom?
 2. How can education continue after leaving school or graduating from university?
 3. Do you support the idea of life-long learning?
- 18. A journalist once said: “You are what you share and like online”. Explain the logic.**
1. Do you think people are more likely to overshare because of social media?
 2. How accurately do social media profiles represent who we really are offline?
 3. How much of your personal life do you share online?

- 19. A famous writer once said: “There is no friend as loyal as a book”. How do you understand this quote and do you agree?**
1. What personal characteristics and skills can reading shape?
 2. What can motivate young people to read books when technology is taking over?
 3. What type of books do you prefer and why?
- 20. A famous artist once said: “If one really loves nature, one can find beauty everywhere”. Elaborate on this idea.**
1. How does connecting with nature or wildlife make one feel?
 2. Do you think experiencing nature enhances creativity or gives inspiration?
 3. What is your favourite place to enjoy the beauty of nature?
- 21. A famous politician once said: “Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven’t planted”. How would you explain this logic?**
1. Why do you think some people strive for success without working hard?
 2. What is your idea of success?
 3. Can you think of a situation where your hard work paid off?
- 22. A musician and composer once said: “Music is the divine way to tell beautiful, poetic things to the heart”. How do you understand this idea?**
1. What is your favourite kind of music?
 2. Do you play any musical instrument? If not, which musical instrument would you like to be able to play?
 3. Some people say modern music is simpler than classical music. Do you agree?
- 23. A famous novelist once said: “A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it”. What do you think is meant by that?**
1. How can travelling contribute to our appreciation of home?
 2. How do you feel when you return home after being away for some time?
 3. What do you appreciate most about your home country?
- 24. A famous inventor once said: “Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere”. How do you understand this quote?**
1. Do you think imagination is an innate trait or an acquired skill?
 2. What are the best ways to develop one’s imagination?
 3. Creativity is considered one of the key skills of the 21st century. Do you agree?

25. A prominent politician once said: “Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country”. Elaborate on this idea.

1. In your opinion, what famous Belarusians have contributed greatly to the development of the country?
2. What famous person from Belarus are you inspired by and why?
3. In which way would you like to contribute to the development of the country?