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### COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT 1

#### 1. Describe the book that influenced you most and explain why.

1. Do you prefer paper books or electronic books?
2. What helps you to choose a book for reading?
3. Who is your favourite Belarusian/Russian/English/American writer?
4. What characters from his/her books do you remember?

#### 2. Do you agree that the best way to make children good is to make them happy?

1. Which do you think is better: to be an only child or to have brothers and sisters?
2. Do you spend much time together with your family?
3. Do your parents always understand you?
4. What does it mean “to love one’s child”?

#### 3. Describe a person who motivated you most and explain why.

1. Have you ever talked to a well-known person?
2. Who do you think can be called an outstanding person?
3. What famous public figures of Belarus do you know?
4. Would you like to be popular and famous?

#### 4. Do you agree with the following quotation: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”?

1. How do you prepare for your tests at school?
2. Do you agree it is only possible to master a foreign language by learning things by heart?
3. Is it always necessary to understand what you learn?
4. Do you have a good memory for figures and dates?

**5. Practice makes perfect. Do you follow this proverb in your studies?**

1. Can you think of an example when practice and hard work helped a person achieve his ambitions?
2. Can we do without revision?
3. What kind of people achieve better results in learning: those who have natural abilities or those who work harder?
4. What part of the language requires a great deal of practice?

**6. Speak about the things that usually make you feel happy.**

1. Do you believe in bad luck?
2. What are the three wishes you'd like to come true?
3. Can you remember any amusing things that have happened to you?
4. What is "happiness" in your opinion?

**7. Sometimes friendship is compared to sheltering tree. Do you agree?**

1. What is your best friend like?
2. Do you remember any difficult situation that your friend helped you to overcome?
3. What makes people become friends?
4. How do you choose friends?

**8. Do you agree with the following quotation: "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . . The man who never reads lives only one"?**

1. Is reading books important in modern life or can it be substituted by TV, computers?
2. What kind of books do you prefer?
3. What kind of book would you take on a long journey?
4. Do you have the same tastes in books as your friends?

**9. Imagine a day in your life ten years from now. What do you hope it will be like?**

1. What can you recommend a person who is always busy?
2. Is there anything in your working day that annoys you?
3. Do you always plan your day beforehand?
4. How do the Belarusians usually spend their spare time?

**10. Do you agree that effective time management is a key to success?**

1. How important is it to plan your day?
2. Do you have enough time for work and rest?
3. What are your household chores (duties)?
4. Do you make plans for your weekends in advance?

**11. Imagine you are a journalist and you are going to write an article about the hobbies of young people today. What would you write about?**

1. What are your relatives' hobbies?
2. Have you ever come across a very strange hobby?
3. Is it necessary to learn how to make things with your own hands?
4. What hobby would you like to have in addition to your present one?

**12. Do you agree that home is not a place, it's a feeling?**

1. What do you do when you are tidying up your room?
2. Do you help your mother with housework every day?
3. Can you make a meal?
4. Have you ever decorated your room/house yourself?

**13. What is the ideal place for you to live in? Why?**

1. What is your hometown famous for?
2. What can you say about the geographical position of your hometown?
3. What do you like in your country that you won't find anywhere?
4. Are you a home-lover? Do you spend most of your free time at home?

**14. He who knows how to work, knows how to rest.**

1. Do you always do everything in time?
2. What things do you do most willingly?
3. Are there any traditions of holiday-making in your family?
4. What do you prefer to do when you stay at home over the weekend?

**15. What modern inventions do you appreciate most of all? Why?**

1. What is the role of science in modern society?
2. What do you think about computer games?
3. What does new technology enable people to do without leaving their homes?
4. What appliances help you do your household chores?

**16. Do you think that your diet is healthier than that of your friends?**

1. How important are good eating habits for a person?
2. Do you believe in the effect of diets for keeping fit?
3. Do you think morning exercises enable you to do better?
4. What sport facilities do you have in your school?

**17. Different works of art have been created to please the eye and to excite our emotions. Which form of art is your favourite?**

1. Is there a theatre where you live?
2. Are you fond of painting?
3. What kind of music do you prefer? Why?
4. Who is your favourite actor (singer, artist, composer)?

**18. Nature provides a free lunch, but only if we control our appetites. Do you agree?**

1. Who must take care of nature?
2. What causes air pollution in cities?
3. What is the ecological situation where you live like?
4. What do you do to protect nature?

**19. What traits of character help realize a person's talent in your opinion?**

1. What should you do to achieve your ambitions?
2. What is more important for success: to have natural abilities or to work hard?
3. Can you learn a foreign language in a day?
4. What do you do to achieve the aim of your life?

**20. Imagine that you are showing your family album to an English-speaking friend.**

1. Do you have secrets from your parents?
2. Do children usually take after their parents in their lifestyle?
3. What is the role of the family in the life of a person?
4. What should be done to avoid misunderstanding in the family?

**21. Food is one of life's greatest joys yet we've reached this really sad point where we're turning food into the enemy. Do you agree?**

1. What is your idea of healthy food?
2. What dish can you cook best?
3. Which Belarusian traditional dish would you recommend to a foreigner?
4. Do you ever eat fast food?

**22. There are outstanding people in all countries, aren't there?**

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**23. Sports and healthy dieting have become popular with many young people recently.**

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**24. When I think of Belarus, I immediately think of...**

1. What places in Belarus are most beautiful?
2. Are there any traditional cultural or sport events that are held in your native town?
3. What is Belarus unique in?
4. What places in Belarus remind you of outstanding people of the country?

**25. Imagine that you have an opportunity to make up a television program about art.****What is it going to be about?**

1. What kind of performances/films do you prefer: tragedies, comedies or detective stories?
2. What creations of people can be called masterpieces?
3. What world famous museums or picture galleries do you know?
4. What artists, actors or writers can our country be proud of?