

**ОБЛАСТНАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ языку**

**IX класс**

**ORAL SPEECH SITUATIONS**

**50 points**

**1. You are going to live alone in a submarine under the ocean for one year. You will have a source of power and communication. Name three hobbies or activities you plan to have, and give your reasons for choosing these hobbies and activities.**

What is your friend’s hobby?  
What do you think about computer games?  
Have you ever come across a very strange hobby?

**2. Your friends, who are very fussy (*привередливый*) about food, are coming to Belarus. They ask you to describe the eating habits of the Belarusians and our national cuisine. They would also like you to give them advice on the types of healthy food that they can taste in our country.**

Are you fussy about food?  
What is your favourite dish? Can you cook it?  
What is your attitude to junk food?

**3. You are asked to suggest one of your favourite books to be made into a film. What book would you choose? What attracts you in this particular book and in its main characters? What actors would you like to invite to play the leading roles? Why?**

What kind of book would you take on a long journey?  
Do you have the same tastes in books as your friends?  
Do you prefer to read a book or to watch a film based on this book?

**4. Some people try different fashions to express their personality (dye their hair green, pierce their tongue or nose, wear torn jeans, etc.). But sometimes it may not be accepted by other people. What is acceptable for you and what isn’t? What kind of clothes do you prefer?**

Do you agree that people who look different are strange?  
Do you try to follow the latest fashion? Why/ Why not?  
Do people nowadays make clothes themselves? Why/ Why not?

**5. You are going to choose three people to be sent into outer space to represent the people of the planet Earth to some alien culture. Whom would you choose? Talk about the reasons for choosing these particular people and their main features of character.**

What people are considered to be geniuses?

Have you ever talked to a well-known person?

What famous scientists, writers, musicians is Belarus (Great Britain) proud of?

**6. You are given your own household robot, which you can program to do only four of the household chores necessary to be done about the house. Think about the activities you would like it to do for you. Talk about the reasons for choosing these particular activities.**

What things should be done about the house every day?  
Do you think that women work more about the house than men?  
Can you make a meal?

**7. You are going to visit your friends in an English-speaking country. They ask you to make a short film about Belarus to show their acquaintances. What will you sights of Belarus will you include and what information about our country will you provide in the film?**

Are there any traditional cultural or sport events that are held in your native town?

What places in Belarus remind you of the outstanding people of the country?

Have you ever filmed any important events in your family? Or would you like to have any events filmed?

**8. Your English teacher wants to show your class a video and has asked you to suggest a suitable film. It must be a film which everyone will enjoy and it must give the class some good practice in understanding English. Describe the film you want to suggest and say why you have chosen it.**

What kind of films do you prefer: tragedies, comedies or detective stories?

What part of the language requires a great deal of practice?

Do you agree it is only possible to master a foreign language by learning lots of things by heart?

**9. Some English friends of yours are planning a short walking holiday in the part of the country where you live. They will sleep in cheap hotels and will carry one small bag of clothes and other equipment. Give them some information about the countryside and the weather, and some advice on what to pack.**

What is your hometown famous for?  
What can you say about the geographical position of your hometown?  
What do you like in your country that you won’t find anywhere?

**10. Two people from another country are visiting the town/city/village where you live for a few days. As they are a similar age to you, you have been asked to give your ideas on what evening activities could be organized for them. Make at least three suggestions.**

Do you have enough time for work and rest?  
Do you make plans for your week-ends in advance?  
Are you afraid to go out alone at night where you live?

**11. Is it easy to be a young person in the modern world? Say what you can about the problems of teenagers in Belarus.**

What is the attitude of adults to teens' problems? Do you think 'generation gap' still exists in our society?

If you need some advice, who do you usually go to?

What should be done to keep teenagers away from drugs and alcohol?

**12. Your family is going to celebrate your mother’s / father’s birthday and you are asked to do all the necessary shopping to cook a festive dinner. What foodstuffs are you going to buy? Why? And where would you go to do the shopping?**

Do you bargain when you buy things in the market?  
Recommend a good place for shopping in Minsk or in your native town.  
Who does most of the food shopping in your family?

**13. Imagine that you were given magical powers to change some features of character or habits of your relatives and best friends. What features and/or habits would you like to change? Give your reasons for choosing those features and habits.**

What features do you value most in people?  
Has your friend ever disappointed or deceived you?  
Do you think it’s good to have many friends?

**14. You are going to have a holiday of you dream and money is not a consideration. What place or places would you choose to go? What would you do on your holiday? Would you take your friends or relatives or would you go alone? Give your reasons.**

Are there any traditions of holiday-making in your family?

What attracts you most on a journey: traveling or arriving at the place of destination?

What places have you visited in Belarus that impressed you most?

**15. You are given a chance to meet a famous person. Whom would you like to meet? Explain why you would choose this particular person, what his or her features you find most attractive and what topics you are going to discuss with him/her.**

Are geniuses born or trained?  
Would you like to be popular and famous?  
What do you do to achieve the aim of your life?

**16. Your school is going to have a new sports center and the pupils are asked to suggest the kind or kinds of sport that this center will specialize in. What kind or kinds of sport will you suggest? Try to discuss the advantages of these kinds of sport.**

What are the ways to keep fit?  
Do you believe in the effect of diets for keeping fit?  
What sports are popular in Belarus?

**17. You have made up your mind to stick to healthy food. What would you like to change in your diet? What harmful products would you like to get rid of and why? What dishes would you cook for yourself and what foodstuffs would you use? Give your reasons for choosing them.**

How important are good eating habits for a person?  
Is your diet healthier than your friends’?  
Do you think morning exercises enable you to do better?

**18. You know that computers gradually seem to be replacing books. Practically everything (from encyclopedias to manuals) is now available on the Internet. Is this new way of reading to your benefit? Be ready to discuss its advantages and disadvantages.**

What does new technology enable people to do without leaving their homes?  
What appliances help you do your household chores?  
Do you agree that young people don’t read much these days?

**19. You are given the opportunity to visit a foreign country. You can go there by plane, by train or by car. Which means of transport would you like to take, if you had a choice? Explain why you would prefer this or that kind of transport and point out the advantages.**

Have you ever experienced homesickness?  
What can spoil a holiday?  
What professions involve a lot of travelling?

**20. People say that everything begins in the family and every person dreams of having good family relations. How would you describe an ideal family?**

What event can you most easily recall from your childhood?

Do you have secrets from your parents?

What do you think of married couples who decide not to have any child?

**COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT**

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