Speaking

For 11th Form Students

**1. Technology has changed more in the past 10 years than it has in the previous 50 years**

• How has growing up with this technology made your life different from that of your parents’?

• In what ways have these technological inventions been beneficial or harmful?

• Do you think it is important to keep up with technological inventions? Why or why not?

**2. Protecting the environment is one of the most pressing issues of our time. While governments and organizations play a big role, individual actions are also crucial.**  
• What actions do you take to help protect the environment?  
• How can young people contribute to solving environmental problems?  
• Have you ever experienced the effects of climate change in your area?

**3. Consider the two proverbs: “A man is defined by his actions,” and “It’s the thought that counts.”**

• Explain the differences between the two proverbs.

• Which proverb do you agree with the most?

• Describe an example from your life that supports your choice of proverb.

**4. In what ways should parents support their children as they transition into adulthood?**

• In what ways do/don’t your parents support you?

• What are the tradeoffs between parental support and independence?

• Is there ever a point when you can become completely independent?

**5. Robert Collier says “Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out.”**

• Describe a time in your life when you experienced success.

• What were the small efforts you made to achieve success?

• Can success truly happen overnight?

**6. Utopia is an imagined place or state of being where everything is perfect.**

• Describe your vision of utopia.

• What would society be like in this new world, and what role would you play?

• What potential challenges would your utopia face?

**7. “To read a book is to hold an entire world in the palm of your hand. That world is unique to you: no two readers can ever inhabit the same world.” - Arthur Schopenhauer**

• Explain what this quote means to you. Do you agree or disagree?

• Describe one book that has created a unique world for you.

• How can a book be different for each reader?

**8. Albert Einstein said “I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction.” Do you agree or disagree?**

• In what ways has technology helped and harmed society?

• What would your life be like today without technology?

• What do you think technology will be like in your future?

**9. Wikipedia has quickly become one of the largest online reference websites.**

• How have you used Wikipedia for school or recreation?

• Which do you think is generally more reliable and accurate- information found in printed encyclopedias, or information found online? Why?

• If you were writing a Wikipedia page on something you are an expert in, what would the topic be?

***10.* Choosing a future career can be exciting, but also overwhelming. It’s important to think about your passions and the kind of work that will bring you satisfaction."**  
• What career do you want to pursue, and why?  
• How do you plan to achieve your career goals?  
• Have you ever changed your mind about your future career? Why?

**11. Junk food is gaining popularity in the modern world.**

• Have you seen any effects of this in your country?

• Do you think junk food is a problem, and should this problem be addressed? By whom?

• Who stands to lose the most if junk food becomes less popular?

**12. The Statue of Liberty in New York City is a symbol of the United States. What sorts of monuments symbolize Ukraine?**

• What is the history behind these monuments?

• What do they symbolize to you?

• If you could create a new monument to symbolize Ukraine, what would it be and why?

**13. Nowadays, the Internet allows new musicians and artists to post their work on websites like YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and Deviant Art. Some people believe that these amateur artists have caused a decrease in the overall quality of art, while others believe these websites make it easier for truly talented artists to find an audience.**

• Which side of this argument do you agree with?

• When you want to find new music or art, where do you look?

• What do you think makes art worthy of a museum?

**14. If you were to win the lottery and decide to take a trip around the world, what would be your itinerary? Why?**

• What would be your first and final destinations? Why?

• Would you prefer to travel alone or with another person?

• If you left Ukraine for a long time, what things from your country would you miss the most?

**15. The famous neurosurgeon, Henry Marsh, once said, “What are you if you’re not helping people? You’re nothing, nothing at all.”**

• Tell a story about a time in your life when you have volunteered, or when you have helped someone who needed it.

• Do you feel a greater sense of importance when you’re doing something that involves helping your community?

• What benefits do you, as a volunteer, get from volunteering?

**16. It is often said: You never get a second chance at making a first impression.**

• What does this quote mean, and how important are first impressions?

• What things do you immediately decide about someone when you meet them?

• Tell a story about a time in your life when your first impression of someone was incorrect.

**17. Many pupils spend time after school participating in clubs or helping their parents at home.**

• Which activities do you participate in after school? Why did you choose these activities to get involved in?

• What are the trade-offs for students participating in clubs like these?

• You have been chosen to create an after-school club or program. What will you do, and how will you motivate your fellow students to join?

**18. Imagine that Ukraine has a program to send volunteers abroad. You are going to be a volunteer in America for one year.**

• What kind of volunteering would you like to do?

• What are your expectations for life in America?

• What specific Ukrainian traditional items would you bring to share with Americans?

**19. You are a famous author and you have been asked to write a new book.**

• What genre of fiction or non-fiction would your book be?

• Who would be your target audience? Why?

• Summarize the plot of your new book.

**20. Imagine that you are a photojournalist and have the chance to create a photo essay about any celebrity.**

• Who would you choose to photograph and why?

• What type of theme and setting would you choose for your photo shoot?

• Give some examples of questions you would ask this celebrity.