

1. Some people think that organizing international sports events is good for the host country while others think it is bad. Discuss both views and state your opinion.
2. Some people think students should study the science of food and how to prepare it. Others think students should spend time on important subjects. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
3. Some countries allow old people to work to any age that they want. Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?
4. In some countries, more and more adults continue to live with their parents even after they have completed education and found jobs. Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?
5. Many people believe that it is easier to have a healthy lifestyle in the countryside. Others believe that there are health benefits of living in cities. Discuss both views and give your opinions.
6. Some people say free time activities for children should be organized by parents. Others say that children should be free to choose what they do in their free time. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
7. Some people believe that it is best to encourage children to have a healthy diet at school while others believe that parents should be the ones to teach children to have a healthy diet. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
8. Some people think young people should follow the traditions of their society. Others think that they should be free to behave as individuals. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
9. Many countries import a large amount of food from other parts of the world. Is this a positive or negative development?

10. More people put their personal information online (address, telephone number) for everyday activities such as socializing on social networks or banking purposes. Do you think it is a positive or negative development?
11. Many people are working longer hours. What are the reasons and effects?
12. Some people say that individuals who make a lot of money are most successful. Others think that those who contribute to society like scientists and teachers are most successful. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
13. Some people believe that women should play an equal role as men in a country's police force or military force, while others think women are not suitable for these kinds of jobs. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
14. Many students find it difficult to concentrate or pay attention at school. What are the reasons? What could be done to solve this problem?
15. It is now possible for scientists and tourists to travel to remote natural environments, such as the South Pole. Do the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?
16. Nowadays more tasks at home and work are being performed by robots. Is this a negative or positive development?
17. Some people think that childcare centers provide the best services for children of pre- school age. Other working parents think that family members such as grandparents will be better carers for their kids. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
18. It is more important to spend public money on promoting a healthy lifestyle in order to prevent illness than to spend it on treatment of people who are already ill. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
19. Some people believe that a country will benefit greatly if its students study abroad. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
20. Governments should support old building restoration instead of investing in the construction of new houses, offices and roads. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
21. Some people think that mobile phones should be banned in public places like libraries, shops and on public transport. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

with this statement?

22. Some people think that governments should ban dangerous sports, while others think people should have freedom to do any sport or activity. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
23. Some people think the newly built houses should be the same as the old house style in local areas. Others argue that local authorities should allow people to build houses in their own styles. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
24. While people in developing countries are happier than in the past, people in developed countries are less happy. Why? What can be learnt from this?
25. Some people think that sports play an important role in the development of society. Others think they are nothing more than a leisure activity. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
26. It is a natural process of animal species to become extinct (e.g. dinosaurs, dodos, etc.). There is no reason why people should stop this from happening. Do you agree or disagree?
27. In the past, people stored knowledge in books. Nowadays, people store knowledge on the internet. Do the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?
28. Large companies use sports events to promote their products. Some people think it has a negative impact on sports. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
29. In many countries, the number of animals and plants is declining. Why do you think it is happening? How to solve this issue?
30. Some people think children should be allowed to make mistakes, while other people believe that adults should prevent children from making mistakes. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.
31. Nowadays, people spend more and more time away from their family. Why? What effects will it have on themselves and their family?
32. Scientific research should be carried out and controlled by governments rather than private companies. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
33. Some school leavers travel or work for a period of time instead of going directly to university. Do the advantages of this for their study outweigh the disadvantages?
34. Anybody can use a mobile phone to answer the work and personal calls at any

time or 7 days a week. Does this development have more positive or negative effects on both individuals and society?

35. Some experts believe that when a country is already rich, any additional increase in economic wealth does not make its citizens any more satisfied. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
36. Some people think that newspapers are the best way to learn news. However, others believe that they can learn news better through other media. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
37. Some people say that men are naturally more competitive than women. What extent do you agree or disagree?
38. Some people think that it is more beneficial to take part in sports which are played in teams, like football. But others think taking part in individual sports is better, like swimming. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
39. Companies use different ways to increase sales. What different ways do companies use to increase sales? What way is the most effective?
40. Nowadays, international tourism is the biggest industry in the world. Unfortunately, international tourism creates tension rather than understanding between people from different cultures. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
41. Some people believe that it is a good idea that older people continue to work if it is possible for them to do. Do you agree or disagree?
42. Scientists believe that computers will become more intelligent than human beings. Some people find it positive while others think it is a negative development. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
43. The best way to solve the world's environmental problems is to increase the cost of fuel for cars and other vehicles. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
44. Some people think that children should begin their formal education at a very early age. Some think they should begin at at least 7 years old. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
45. All large companies should provide sports and social facilities for the local community. Do you agree or disagree?
46. Research has shown that the transportation of products and people are the main source of pollution. Some people believe the Government should be in charge of this, while others believe it is the fault of individuals. Discuss both views and give

your opinion.

47. Nowadays, a lot of offices have open-space design instead of separate rooms. Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?
48. Major cities in the world are growing fast, as well as their problems. What are the problems that young people living in those cities are facing? Suggest some solutions.
49. Some people think that schools should select students according to their academic abilities, while others believe that it is better to have students with different abilities studying together. Discuss both views and state your own opinion.
50. The increase in the production of consumer goods results in damage to the natural environment. What are the causes of this? What can be done to solve this problem?
51. Internet access helps young people and workers achieve their education and work goals more easily than before. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
52. Today family members do not eat meals together. Is this a positive or negative trend?
53. Nowadays, animals are becoming extinct and humans should focus on saving them, while others think humans should focus on their own problems. Discuss both views and give your opinion.