

TASK 1

Examiner: *Good morning! Take a seat, please.
How are you feeling at the moment?
How did you feel this morning when you woke up?
What will you miss most now that you're leaving school?
Would you stay one more year? Why (not)?*

Now we're going to start. I'm going to ask you a few questions. If you can't understand me, I can repeat the question once. Let's get started.

A:

Do you visit museums when you go to another city?

Sometimes I do, but to be honest I prefer doing some sightseeing. If I have some time in a city I would like to see the streets and the famous buildings, and not waste my time on visiting museums. However, when I do have the time for it, and I am interested in an exhibition, then I'll go.

What art form do you like best?

My favourite art form is painting because painters use a lot of colours and every colour has a different meaning for everyone. I think painters can express their emotions with colours. I find that most painters have a favourite topic and everyone can find their favourite painter based on that topic.

Who are some famous artists in your country?

That's a difficult question... I actually know a lot more famous artists from other countries... I think Jimmy (the King) used to be a famous artist, because he still has lots of fans. Then there are some talented and famous singers (Tóth Vera, Rúzsa Magdi) who appeared in Megasztár. And in the past, there were some famous composers and painters, for instance Liszt Ferenc, Munkácsy or Kodály.

Do you think graffiti is art?

Personally I think graffiti, provided it is creative and beautiful, is the most representative art form in the whole world. I especially like the graffiti schools of New York, Miami and Baltimore. It isn't as traditional as some other forms of art but it comes from the artist's heart. It's very honest and it's a form of modern art – it shouldn't be banned. Instead, local governments should designate some areas where graffiti artists can work in peace and make a small difference to their surroundings.

I see. Now let's move on to the next topic, which is work.

B

At what age do people usually begin to work and retire in your country?

I think about half of the people start working at about the age of 25 when they have finished university. However, there are a lot of people who have to start making a living earlier, because the financial situation of their family is not the best. As far as I know, in Hungary men retire at the age of 65 and women at the age of 62. But I know the government has plans to increase the age limit when you can retire.

Do you think it is more important to make a lot of money or to enjoy your job?

That's a tricky question. I mean, we all know that money is really important. You need to have some money in order to feel secure in your life. But I think in the long run it's not really good to have a job that pays well but is really boring, or too difficult, or your boss is horrible. So both are important, in a way.

If you could own your own business, what would it be?

A clothes shop maybe? I really like shopping for clothes and it would be nice to have a little shop where people come back regularly, because they like the style of clothes and they know

they will find something that suits them. But I wouldn't want to be in the shop all the time, I would hire someone to do that for me.

What are some common occupations in your country?

I know a few years ago everyone wanted to become a lawyer or an economist. Now in my class many people want to become tour guides or just work in the hotel business. Of course a lot of the boys will become engineers, which is good because we need better roads and the like. I can't think of anyone who wants to become a teacher, but I know there are lots of teachers in Hungary!

Well, I see. Now, let's change the topic. We're going to talk about technology.

C

Do you think pets should be cloned? Why or why not?

I think it could be a good idea, because for example if your grandma's cat has died then she would definitely be happy if it was possible to clone the cat and she could enjoy its company again. However, some people say it is immoral because pets are living creatures and they have the right to live and die in a natural way.

What do you think robots should be used for?

I think we will soon use robots in our everyday life, because the American Army is already using robots for some purposes. Also, if you think about it, modern cars are pretty much like a big robot. One reason why I think it would be good to have robots is they could do all the dangerous jobs so people wouldn't have to risk their lives. However, I think if the economic crisis continues for a long time, there won't be so many robots in the near future because we won't have enough money to produce them.

What are good and bad points of using computers?

A good point of using computers is that you can work faster. It helps you to get to know the world around you in a better way. However, it also has some bad points. I think it's a big problem that some people spend more time with their computer than with their family and friends.

What social changes have cell phones made?

Well, I think the first thing is that people see each other less: if you want something from someone, you call them or text them first, and only meet them if it is really necessary. Then, I mean I don't know if this is a social change or not, but people are always late for dates and meetings, because you can simply text the person and say you're going to be late. I don't actually understand how people used to be on time before cell phones.

Thank you, that's the end of the first part of the test.

TASK 2

Now look at this situation. You can study the sheet for half a minute. When you are ready, start a conversation with me. I am your friend.

Your friend has agreed to help you with some advice about what to buy for your Mum on Mothers' Day. You forgot about it on the day so now you need a really good present to make your mum feel better. Discuss what to get her with the examiner, including the following points:

- how much you want to or are able to spend
- what you gave her last year
- things she doesn't like getting as a present
- what your brothers/sisters are getting her



- Hey, can you help me for a second? I've forgotten to buy a present for my mum for Mothers' Day! I would need a special idea, because otherwise my mother will be really disappointed.
- *Okay. How much money do you want to spend on this present?*
- Well, I was thinking about 4,000 forints maybe? Last year I bought her a bunch of flowers with some chocolate, but it was a little bit impersonal I think.
- *So you need something personal. What things doesn't she like as a person?*
- Oh, I'm not sure, but I'd say she really hates getting books. We are never allowed to buy her books for Christmas or her birthday.
- *Does your sister have any idea?*
- She has already bought her own present. I was wondering if maybe I could organise a little "party" for my mum and myself, and maybe my sister, in a restaurant, because this is a present for Mothers' Day, and I think mothers want to spend time with their children on this day.
- *That sounds good.*
- OK, thanks for helping me decide.
- *No problem.*

Thank you, that's the end of the second part of the test.

TASK 3

In the last part of the test, you will compare and contrast about some pictures. Now you have half a minute to look at these pictures and the prompts below them. When you are ready, you will have three minutes to talk.

The pictures below show different types of food. Compare and contrast them, including the following points:



- the advantages and disadvantages of each type of meal
- what you know about eating habits in Hungary
- the reasons why fast food is so popular with young people
- your own dietary habits

Okay, so, although both pictures show food, they are actually quite different. In the first one, you can see all sorts of healthy food like vegetables and eggs, whereas the second one shows a typical junk food meal with French fries and a burger. There are reasons for choosing both kinds of food, I think.

The more traditional meals is definitely healthier and I think it's also tastier, so that's an advantage over the other meal. However, the egg would take some time to prepare, while fast food, as the name suggests, is really fast, so you don't have to wait for it. But it's more unhealthy and full of fat, so in the long run it's not your best choice.

I think Hungarian food is a little bit fatty, so it's not the healthiest cuisine in the world, but it's really delicious! Nowadays, Hungarian people are in a hurry all the time, pretty much like people anywhere else I guess, so the popularity of fast food restaurants is growing.

This is especially true about young people, who are always rushing somewhere, and who don't necessarily have the money for a three-meal course in a restaurant, but they can buy a meal with dessert in a fast food place. And maybe you won't agree with this, but fast food can actually be yummy sometimes. Also, you know, if it's cool to eat in fast food restaurant, then all young people will do that, because it's important to be trendy.

I have to say I'm a fairly typical teenagers, although I do try to eat healthy things, I really like fruits for example. But at least once a month you'll find me in a fast food restaurant, eating my quick but delicious lunch!

Thank you, that's the end of your test.