

Билет 7

Let's talk about art

1. Our country is world-famous thanks to its artists, composers, etc. Tell me about some of them.

You are right. Belarus is a talented nation. Our country is famous thanks to its writers and poets, musicians and artists. One of the most famous painters is Mark Chagall. He is a brilliant representative of the 20th century avant-garde with his unique style.

Chagall was born in 1887 in Vitebsk, but he painted his best pictures in Paris. It was in Paris where his "I and the village" appeared. His first one-person exhibition was in 1914 in Berlin. It was a success and Chagall became famous.

There are several museums of Mark Chagall in France. His works are in the biggest art galleries of the world. The first exhibition of paintings by Marc Chagall in Belarus was held in 1997.

As for me, I enjoy Chagall's pictures. They are a mixture of strong colours with fantasy and religion.

2. Is graffiti a form of art or an act of vandalism?

To the artists it is a form of street art. But if it is done without permission it is vandalism. It damages private or public property.

3. What questions will you ask a British teenager who has recently taken part in a graffiti exhibition?

- ✓ When and where did the exhibition take place?
- ✓ Did any famous artists take part in it?
- ✓ Who is the most popular graffiti artist nowadays?
- ✓ Why did you decide to take part in the exhibition?
- ✓ Did you take any photos?

4. Give me a piece of advice on what architectural monuments are worth visiting in Belarus.

Belarus is called the land of castles. So, I would recommend you to visit Mir Castle and Nesvizh Palace first of all. When in Gomel, visit Rumyantsev-Paskevich Palace. If you want to enjoy modern architecture, visit the National Library in Minsk.

5. Are you interested in video blogs? Why or why not?

Yes, I am interested in video blogs. I find it interesting to know other people's opinion on different issues or just watch about other people's lives.

Билет 8

Let's talk about your future career

1. What is your idea of an ideal job?

There is a saying: "Find a job you love, and you will never work a day in your life." Maybe that's an exaggeration, but when you're doing what you really love and you are getting paid for it, you'll look forward to going to such work every day.

It's a very difficult decision to choose the right job in our materialistic world. On the one hand, people want a profitable job, but they also want to enjoy the profession in which they'll be engaged. Here lies the difficulty of choice: an ideal job is the one you would choose if money were no object.

An ideal job is also a job where you can use your knowledge effectively. Personally, I want a creative job, no matter what the profession will be. I would like to have an opportunity to grow in the company, too.

2. Some people think that it is necessary to have a good command of a foreign language to get a good job. Do you agree with this?

I agree. Though not all jobs require a good knowledge of a foreign language, it's absolutely necessary if you want to have a highly paid job. A successful person has to know where and how to get information. English is the language of business, science and computing, a lot of useful information is in English. So, a good command of English is necessary.

3. Imagine that you are an employer at the job interview. What questions would you ask a person applying for the job?

- ✓ Why do you want this job?
- ✓ What attracted you to this company?
- ✓ Why should we hire you?
- ✓ What can you do for us that other candidates can't?

4. What would you advise a person who is about to go to a job interview?

1) Don't be nervous, prepare for the interview beforehand. 2) Dress smartly, it will show that you are well-brought and responsible. 3) Enter the room with a friendly smile. 4) Look at the person you are talking to. 5) Keep your answers simple, relevant and interesting.

5. Explain what things people should take into consideration when choosing a career?

When choosing a future career, we should take into consideration different factors. Firstly, it is very important to choose a profession that suits your interests. Secondly, the job should be socially important. Thirdly, you should take into account your traits of character. Then we must be sure that the profession we have

chosen will guarantee good living conditions and give promotion. Finally, we must know we will avoid unemployment.

Билет 9

Let's talk about family

1. What does your immediate family mean to you?

My home is the best place in the world for me and my family are the dearest people for me. I'm happy to have a close and friendly family. In my family I can speak freely about my problems, share my joys and sorrows with my parents and with my sisters. I can say that my family is an emotional centre of my life. My family members never ignore me; I always get support and understanding from my family. I can't live without my family's help and respect. I understand that my family members also need my attention and support. So, I in my turn, love and respect my family and try to obey my parents.

I have no doubt that family is very important so its members should do their best to keep it going.

2. Are there any family traditions that you follow?

1. Yes, there are. We usually celebrate family holidays together and it's a tradition in our family to have dinner together and chat about the events of the day.

2. Unfortunately, there aren't but I'd like we have some. Family traditions are very important as they create specific memories which form our personality when we grow up.

3. What questions will you ask a British teenager about his/her extended family?

- ✓ Have you got any cousins or nephews?
- ✓ Do your grandparents live with you?
- ✓ How old are your grandparents?
- ✓ What traditions have you got in your family?

4. What can you advise people who want to have a close and happy family?

If you want to have a close and happy family, support, love and respect your family members, avoid quarrels, sort out problems together and be willing to compromise.

5. They say that parents and children have difficulties understanding each other because of the generation gap. What do you think about it?

I think, the talk about the generation gap is exaggerated. Of course, there is some misunderstanding between generations and always was. To my mind, this is because people don't try to understand each other. They don't talk over their problems, hurt each other's feelings and then find an excuse in a generation gap.