

WSF 1st year Oral Exam Topics

1. What are some things that can go wrong on holiday? Have any of them happened to you?
2. Talk about the most interesting thing you've done, or most interesting person you have met, while travelling.
3. What is your favorite travel story to tell?
4. If someone was going to travel to Poland for the first time, what kind of advice would you give them?
5. Do you work to live or live to work?
6. What was the best, or worst, job that you've ever had or ever considered and what made it so great or awful?
7. What is your dream job and what chance do you have of making it come true?
8. What day of the week is busiest for you and what do you do to properly budget your time?
9. "Time is money" is a common expression in English. What does it mean to you?
10. What is your opinion of Daylight Savings Time / "summer time"? Is it worth the hassle for a few "extra" hours of sunlight at the end of the work day?
11. What do you like to do most with your free time? What's something new that you would do if you had a few extra hours in your day?
12. What makes 'a house' into 'a home'?
13. What are some things that you have done to your home (or room) to make it more "you"? Do you often change your décor?
14. Where would you want your dream home to be? Why there? What would it look like?
15. What do your clothes say about you? Are you a fashion victim?
16. What would you do or feel if you were refused entry to somewhere because of what you are wearing?
17. It's been said that the clothes make the (wo)man. Do you agree? Why or why not?
18. How would you describe your personal style? Has your style changed significantly at any time?
19. Are you pressured by your family to act in a certain way? Did your family have an influence on your choice of studies or career?
20. Do you think a mother is a better "stay at home parent" than a father? Why or why not? Does the age of the children matter?
21. Are gender roles strictly defined in your country? What do you think of the idea of "men's work" or "women's work"?
22. In what ways do men and women behave differently? Are these behaviors natural or are they learned, in your opinion?
23. Which do you think are the most important discoveries and inventions of the 20th century? What would you like to see invented in the future?
24. Do you think that we will see entirely new inventions in our lifetime or will we just see improvements on older technologies?
25. What are the main advantages of knowing a second language? Are there any disadvantages?
26. Is there anything about the Polish language that you really like? What are some things about English that you find annoying compared to your language?
27. What do you think of the idea of a universal language, like Esperanto, so that everyone could communicate on the same level? Could a totally manufactured language become the international language in the future?
28. Is education a right or a privilege?

29. What are the most important things that parents can teach their children?
30. Describe the good and bad aspects of your own education.
31. How does Poland compare to the rest of the world in regards to education? What would you like to see changed or improved?
32. What do you think is 'high' culture and what is 'low' culture? Do you feel the need to be 'cultured' and explore lots of different things?
33. What are the best and worst features of TV in Poland?
34. If you could change anything about your culture, what would it be?
35. What are you most proud of in your culture? Has your culture "exported" anything to the rest of the world?
36. What is your favorite form of entertainment (music, movies, reading, etc.)? How much time and energy do you spend on it?
37. "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." Discuss the importance of a healthy diet.
38. Do you believe that a healthy body means a healthy mind, too?
39. In what ways are mind and body connected? Can you give some examples from your own experience?
40. What do you think about the Polish diet? Is Polish food the best in the world? What do you think about British cuisine?
41. Why do you think childhood obesity is becoming such a problem throughout the world? Is it a problem in Poland?
42. Do you think Poland is a friendly country for people with physical disabilities? Why or why not? In what ways could it improve?
43. What behaviors in other people tend to bother you the most? What do you do when confronted with these behaviors?
44. What are some behaviors that are acceptable in Poland that would be considered rude elsewhere or vice-versa?
45. What was the last film, book or song that brought out a strong emotion in you? What was your experience?
46. What were some of your favorite games from childhood? What are some of your favorite games now?
47. Did your family have a "family game night" or play games together from time to time? Is this a tradition that you would like to have with your own family?
48. Do you feel that you know the right balance with love vs. money? Which is more important to you? Why?
49. If you had to choose, would you rather be satisfied with your job or with your relationship? Explain your answer.
50. Is censorship always a bad thing? Why or why not?
51. What, in your opinion, is the difference between a newspaper editor deciding what is reported on and a government official deciding the same thing?
52. Do you feel that censorship is still a problem in Poland? What do you know about how Poland used to be from 1945 to 1989?
53. Talk about a hobby that you are currently involved in. How did you get involved in this particular hobby?
54. What are some hobbies that you would be interested in but can't because of the time or expense involved?
55. Did you have a hobby that you enjoyed when you were younger? What was it and why did you eventually leave it?