

**Paper 1. Best friend and friendship.**

1. What do people need friends for?
2. How long have you and your friend known each other?
3. What do you enjoy doing together?
4. What kind of friend are you?
5. What are your best characteristics?
6. What features would you like to have?
7. Have you ever made friends over the Internet?

**Paper 2. Ecological problems and global issues.**

1. Why do people worry about environmental problems nowadays?
2. How has the Earth's climate changed recently?
3. What is the most serious environmental problem in the place where you live?
4. What can young people do to improve the ecological situation?
5. What global problems were there in the past?
6. What global problem do you think is the biggest one now?

**Paper 3. Family matters.**

1. Is a big family better than a small one?
2. What are your parents like?
3. Do you think that siblings can be good friends?
4. What advantages of living in the same house with your grandparents might be?
5. What household responsibilities does each family member have?

**Paper 4. Free time and entertainment.**

1. Do you have a lot of free time, and why, or why not?
2. What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
3. What are your Sunday afternoons like?
4. What kind of hobbies would you never take up?
5. Do you know any unusual hobby?
6. Can learning a foreign language be a hobby?

**Paper 5. Sports. Health and keeping fit.**

1. Why is a healthy lifestyle more popular nowadays?
2. What do you do to keep fit?
3. What sports activities are popular with teenagers in your region?
4. Why do many young people do sports nowadays?
5. What sports clubs and teams are there in your school?
6. What would you advise a person who wants to keep fit?
7. Is there any harm that sport may do to you?

**Paper 6. Technological Progress. Important Inventions of the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.****The Internet**

1. Why do today's teenagers use the Internet so much?
2. How does the Internet make long-distance communication easier?
3. What dangers can teenagers face when they use the Internet?
4. What do people use the Internet for?
5. What educational opportunities does the Internet offer to students?

**TV**

6. Is watching TV still a popular pastime with teenagers, and why, or why not?
7. How many hours a week do you watch TV?
8. What do you dislike most about TV?

**Mobile phone**

9. Can you live without your mobile phone?
10. Technological progress is not for the better, it is for worse. Do you agree?

**Paper 7. Learning a foreign language.**

1. Why do people learn foreign languages nowadays?
2. Which languages are most in demand?
3. Can you learn a language by yourself?
4. What do you do to improve your English?
5. What other languages would you like to learn?

**Paper 8. My favourite English /American writer.**

1. Is reading still popular with teenagers, and why, or why not?
2. Should children be encouraged to read?
3. What will happen if you do not read much?
4. Are you choosy about your reading selections?
5. Why do many people prefer e-books to paper books?

**Paper 9. My future plans.**

1. What job would you like to do in the future, explain your choice?
2. What two subjects do you think are the most important for your future job? Why?
3. What skills are necessary to develop now in order to build a successful career in the future?
4. Do your family approve of your career choice or not? What advice have your parents given you about your career choice?
5. What job and education opportunities do young people have after finishing the 9<sup>th</sup> form?
6. Is it important for teenagers to have summer job?

**Paper 10. Pets at Home. Pet therapy.**

1. Why do people keep pets?
2. What pets are most popular in big cities?
3. Is having pets a big responsibility? Why?
4. Is it better to see animals in the wild than in zoos?
5. Do you believe in a useful effect of pet therapy?

**Paper 11. Public holidays and celebrations in Russia.**

1. What public holidays are celebrated in Russia?
2. What is your favourite public holiday, and why do you like it?
3. How is your favourite public holiday celebrated in Moscow?
4. What are three types of Russian holidays?
5. What foreign celebrations appeared in Russia and do you celebrate any of them?

**Paper 12. Public holidays and celebrations in the UK/in the USA.**

1. What is the difference between a public holiday and a celebration?
2. What are the main public holidays in the UK/ in the USA?
3. What is the most exciting moment at Christmas?
4. Do you like to give or to receive presents?
5. What holidays and celebrations would you like to see in other countries?

**Paper 13. School life**

1. What do you like most about your school?
2. What weekday do you find the most difficult and why?
3. What would you like to change in your school life?
4. What is your favourite subject and why?
5. How long does it take you to do your homework?
6. What subject do you usually start with, and why?
7. Should schoolchildren be given more or less homework, and why?

**Paper 14. The city you live in.**

1. What is your city famous for?
2. Who founded your city and when?
3. What is your favourite place in your city? Why do you like it?
4. Are you going to stay in your city after leaving school or move to another place? Why?
5. Are there any problems in your city?
6. What things in the city are proud of?

**Paper 15. Travelling. Tourist attractions.**

1. Why do most people like travelling?
2. Which season is the best for travelling in your opinion?
3. What means of transport is the best? Why?
4. What do people like doing while travelling?
5. What place would you like to go to, and why?
6. How do you feel when your holidays are over?
7. Who would you like to be accompanied by while travelling?