

## Questions for Credit. 2 year 3 term. Speech Practice.

### Part I.

#### Topic 1. Wonders of the Ancient World.

**Texts: The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, The Great Pyramid at Giza, The Hanging Gardens of Babylon.**

*Speak about the seven wonders of the ancient world.*

- 1) Why did people make lists of memorable things in ancient times? Where did this practice begin?
- 2) Speak about the seven wonders of the ancient world (location, purpose of construction, brief description, present state of the wonder):
  - The Great Pyramid at Giza
  - The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
  - The Temple of Diana
  - The Statue of Zeus
  - The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus
  - The Colossus of Rhodes
  - The Lighthouse of Alexandria
- 3) Which wonders of the ancient world still exist nowadays? What happened to the rest of them?
- 4) What are the theories that explain the purpose and the method of building of the Great Pyramid?
- 5) What sources does the information about the Hanging Gardens of Babylon come from? Is there any scientific proof of the existence of the Gardens?
- 6) What other wonders of the ancient world do you know?

#### Topic 2. Wonders of the Modern World.

**Texts: The Seven Wonders of the Modern World, Wonders of the Modern World, Achievements of Science and Technology.**

*Speak about wonders of the modern world.*

*Speak about achievements of science and technology.*

*Speak about your personal choice of wonders of the modern world.*

- 1) Who created the list of the modern wonders? What achievements of humanity do they demonstrate?
- 2) Speak about the seven wonders of the modern world (location, purpose of construction, brief description):
  - The Channel Tunnel
  - The CN Tower
  - The Empire State Building
  - The Golden Gate Bridge
  - The Itaipu Dam
  - The North Sea Protection Works
  - The Panama Canal
- 3) Explain what is great about each of these constructions.
- 4) Speak about achievements of science and technology.
- 5) Speak about your personal choice of wonders of the modern world.

#### Topic 3. Happiness.

**Texts: Psychology report: what makes people happy? Who is happy? So you think you know what's good for you? 7 Common habits of unhappy people. What makes people happy?**

**Listening: Childhood is certainly not the happiest time of your life.**

*Speak about a person's happiness in different periods of their life.*

*Speak about the things that make people happy and the ways of achieving happiness.*

*Speak about common habits that make people's lives less happy.*

*Speak about comparisons and their influence on people's satisfaction with themselves.*

- 1) Explain the influence of the following factors on physical and mental health of people: physical exercise, eating chocolate, drinking tea and coffee, playing computer games, watching soap operas on TV, low self-esteem, being married. (*Text: So you think you know what's good for you?*)
- 2) Is the idea of happiness the same or different for different people? What do they have in common? (*Text: Who is happy?*)
- 3) Is happiness directly connected with age? What problems and difficulties are associated with childhood and adolescence? (*Listening: Childhood is certainly not the happiest time of your life.*)
- 4) What were Harvard students asked to choose and what does this example illustrate? Is happiness connected with income? (*Text: What makes people happy? Video: The secret to happiness*)
- 5) Does economic growth in the country improve happiness? (*Text: What makes people happy?*)
- 6) Why do bronze medallists rate themselves much happier than silver medallists? What rule can we work out using this example? (*Text: What makes people happy?*)
- 7) How do big life events (positive or negative) change the level of happiness? Does the effect last for long? (*Text: What makes people happy? Video: The secret to happiness*)
- 8) Is happiness directly connected with IQ and education? (*Text: What makes people happy?*)
- 9) What brings us more happiness: acquisitions or experiences? Why? (*Text: What makes people happy?*)
- 10) Why is it easier for extroverts to be happy? (*Text: What makes people happy?*)
- 11) Do introverts always suffer from social isolation and feel unhappy? Why? (*Text: What makes people happy?*)
- 12) What results does faking extroversion or faking a smile have? How can it be explained? (*Text: What makes people happy?*)
- 13) Is happiness connected with a person's health? Can it be increased by a healthy lifestyle? (*Text: What makes people happy?*)
- 14) What common habits can make people's lives less happy? (*Text: 7 Common habits of unhappy people.*)
- 15) How is happiness connected with genetics? (*Text: What makes people happy? Video: The secret to happiness*)
- 16) How does happiness connected with our perception of everyday situations? (*Text: What makes people happy?*)
- 17) What things are in most cases associated with happiness and what things do not relate to it? What is the formula of happiness? (*Text: What makes people happy? Video: The secret to happiness*)