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## **TOPICS**

### **FOR COMPREHENSION AND TEXT INTERPRETATION**

1. **ECOLOGY** (natural resources, new sources of energy, pollution, deforestation, acid rain, industrial and nuclear waste, the greenhouse effect, global warming, endangered species, destruction of the ozone layer, “Greenpeace movement”...)
2. **DESCRIPTIONS** (describing people and places, urban and rural life, brochures and tourist guides, appearance and character, horoscope, beauty, looks vs. personality, personality traits, vices and virtues, expressing likes and dislikes, colours, shapes, materials ...)
3. **WEATHER** (weather report, weather forecast, compass points, climate, natural hazards /droughts, floods, hurricanes, typhoons, tornadoes, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes...)
4. **BUSINESS AND MONEY** (jobs, occupations, ambitions, success, failure, unemployment, part-time and full-time jobs, working at home, team work, retirement, wages, salary, strikes, Trade Unions, vocabulary of bussiness and money...)
5. **FAMILY** (family relations, happy/unhappy marriage, arranged marriages, gender roles in marriage, the matter of getting divorced, family budget, children’s upbringing, growing up, adults, teenage problems (puberty), runaways, school, education)
6. **HOLIDAYS** (celebrations and festivals, birthdays and anniversaries, St.Valentine’s Day, Christmas, New Year’s Day, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving Day, carnival festivities, customs, traditions and important events in your country...)
7. **ENTERTAINMENT** (free time activities, friends, watching TV or video, going to the cinema or a restaurant, books, newspapers and magazines, writing letters, greeting cards, pets...)
8. **SPORTS AND GAMES** (sports and people in sports, The Olympic Games, indoor / outdoor games, winter and summer sports, track and field events, setting and breaking records, keeping fit, leisure time, jogging, marathon, sports equipment, sports clothes and footwear, sports injuries...)
9. **FOOD** (health and food, describing foodstuffs, balanced diet, vegetarianism, cooking process and recipes, ingredients, planning a menu, national / international cuisines), genetically-modified food
10. **LIFE AND HEALTH** (medical care, first aid, health, common diseases, AIDS, holistic medicine, euthanasia, injuries, pain / ache, prescriptions, healthy and unhealthy habits, the health hazards of modern-day life, drugs, smoking, alcohol, longevity, keeping fit...)
11. **LIVING CONDITIONS** (life-styles, standard of living, poverty, riches, daily routine, houses / flats, designs, clothes and footwear, fashion, travel and transport, sightseeing...)

12. SOCIAL SITUATIONS (modes of address, giving opinion, agreeing/disagreeing, giving advice, offering help, requests, asking for direction/ permission/a favour, making suggestions, accepting/rejecting suggestions, refusals, regrets, criticisms, predictions, warnings...)
13. SCHOOL AND EDUCATION (the school systems, the school curricula and subjects, extra-curricular activities, teacher and students' relations, learning, social learning, punishment, future school, university...)
14. YOUTH CULTURE (girl culture, the generation gap, attitudes to society, clothes, appearance, values, search for identity, peer pressure, Hippies, Mods, Skinheads, punk...)
15. MASSMEDIA (TV, radio, newspapers and magazines, journalism, theatre, cinema, telephoning, communication, advertising, computers, the Internet...)
16. MUSIC (folk, jazz, blues, classical music, pop music, musical instruments, discos, records, CDs, concerts, song contests...)
17. LIFE ATTITUDES (optimism, pessimism, attitudes to love, family, friends, appearance, health...)
18. PHOBIAS AND SUPERSTITIONS (common fears, typical symptoms of fear, common superstitions, ghost stories, vampires, witches, haunted places, reincarnation, obsessions, exorcism, lucky charms, premonitions, fortune-telling...)
19. WAR AND PEACE (weapons, nuclear armament, refugees, military ranks...)
20. RELATIONS AMONG PEOPLE (human rights, prejudice and discrimination, racial discrimination (Martin L. King), women in society, sexes, minority rights, freedom, religious beliefs, tolerance, suffragettes...)
  - morality, bad behaviour, good and bad manners, vandalism, deceiving, lying, cheating...
21. CRIME AND PUNISHMENT (crime and criminals, court and justice, law and order, death penalty, young people and the law...)
22. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (greatest inventions and inventors in history, discoveries, important technological advances like genetical engineering, cloning, biosensors, robotics etc., creativity, ...)
  - future (predictions, aliens and UFOs, judgement day)
  - past (unsolved mysteries...)
23. DANGERS AROUND US (dangerous situations and dealing with them, stress and anxiety, stress management, problems and solutions...)
24. LIFE AND DEATH (attitudes to death in the past and today, attitudes of some religions on life after death/ Christianity, Islam, Buddhism/, seven deadly sins, the death in the films and TV programmes of today, Near Death Experiences...)

28. THE WORLD OF ANIMALS (kinds of animals, parts of animals' bodies, animals' rights, pet animals, endangered species, hunting and poaching, natural habitats...)
29. UK AND THE USA (historical and cultural background, fact-files, people, customs, language / BE versus AE/, America as a melting pot multi-cultural diversities, English as a mother tongue, second or foreign language, political systems...)
30. SERBIA (general information, descriptions (natural beauty, coastline, islands, places of interest/, tourism, political system, economy, The Patriotic War...)

### **GRAMMATICAL AND LINGUISTIC QUESTIONS**

1. The plural of nouns, the foreign plurals, changed meanings...
2. Pronouns – classification and kinds (personal, reflexive, relative, possessive, indefinite, demonstrative, interrogative, distributive...)
3. Functions and formation of Adjectives, negatives
4. Comparison of Adjectives (regular, irregular, long, short, comparisons of superiority, inferiority, equality and inequality...)
5. The Possessive Adjectives and Pronouns
6. The Possessive (double) case, elliptical use of the Genitive
7. Adverbs – classification according to meaning and position (frequency, manner, time, place, intensifiers, comparison of adverbs of manner...)
8. Numerals (cardinal/ordinal numbers, mathematical expressions, dates, telephone numbers...)
9. The Indefinite Article
10. The Definite Article
11. Quantifiers (some, any, no, much, many, a little, a few, a lot of...)
12. Verbs (classification)
13. Non-finite verbal forms (The Participles, The Gerund and the Infinitive)
14. The Simple Tenses (verbal aspect, state verbs...)
15. The Continuous Tenses, formation and meanings, verbal aspect
16. The Perfect Tenses (formation and meanings, verbal aspect)
17. The Present Simple and Continuous
18. The Past Simple and Continuous
19. The Present Perfect Simple and Continuous
20. The Past Perfect Simple and Continuous
21. The Future Simple and Continuous
22. The Future Perfect Simple and Continuous
23. The Passive Voice
24. The Subjunctive Mood
25. Direct and Indirect Speech
26. The Sequence of Tenses in the Reported Speech
27. Questions in the Indirect Speech
28. Ways of expressing futurity in English
29. The Gerund
30. The Infinitive
31. Question tags and their intonation, short answers