

### Paper 1. Best friend and friendship

1. What is the cornerstone of true friendship?
2. Does age matter much for friends?
3. What traits of character do you appreciate in your best friend?
4. Are you on the same wave with your friend?
5. Do you think siblings can be close friends?

### Paper 2. Ecological problems

1. Why do people worry about environmental problems nowadays?
2. What kinds of ecological problems do you know?
3. What problems are the most serious in Moscow?
4. Do you think it's important to broaden ecological education at schools?
5. What can young people do to improve the ecological situation?

### Paper 3. Family matters

1. Could you give a brief sketch of the members of your immediate family?
2. Do you get on well with all members of your family?
3. How do you spend time together? Do you share the same interests?
4. What do your parents do?
5. Would you like to follow in the footsteps of your parents?

### Paper 4. Free time and entertainment

1. Are you a home sitter? How do you spend your free time?
2. Are you used to spending your spare time with your friends or family?
3. Have you got any hobbies?
4. What hobby would you never take up? Why?
5. Is cinema more popular with teenagers than theatre? Why?

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

1. Are teenagers health-conscious nowadays?
2. Do you lead a healthy lifestyle?
3. What do you do to keep fit?
4. Do you do sports on a regular basis?
5. What new sport activities would you like to try? Why?

### Paper 6. Technological progress. Important inventions of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries

1. Why have people been inventing new things for many centuries?
2. What are the basic greatest inventions of the past?
3. In what way does the Internet make your life easier?
4. What educational opportunities does the Internet offer to students?
5. What dangers can teenagers face when they use the Internet?

### Paper 7. Learning a foreign language

1. Why do people learn foreign languages nowadays?
2. How does a person benefit from knowing the English language?
3. What are the most effective ways of learning English?
4. What do you usually do to improve your English?
5. What other languages would you like to learn?

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

1. What English or American writer is your all-time favourite?
2. What is your favourite book written by this writer?
3. What are the opening and closing chapters of the book?
4. Does the book capture the atmosphere of the time it was written?
5. What are the central characters? What topic does the book deal with?

### Paper 9. My future plans

1. What would you like to be in the future?
2. Do your parents approve of your career choice?
3. Speaking about your future profession, would you like to follow in your parents' footsteps? Why? Why not?
4. Who can influence your career choice?
5. What skills are necessary to be developed now in order to make a successful career in this area?

### Paper 10. Pets at home. Pet therapy

1. Why do people keep pets at home?
2. How does a person benefit from having a dog as a pet?
3. What do you know about the positive effect of pet therapy?
4. Do you believe that animals can boost a troubled person's self-esteem?
5. Do you agree that pet therapy can help patients get out of depression and improve their quality of life? Does pet therapy do magic?

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

1. What public holidays are celebrated in Russia?
2. What is your favourite state holiday?
3. What is so special about celebrating the New Year?
4. What is a traditional way of celebrating the New Year in Russia?
5. Are you used to celebrating your birthday in a company of your friends or with your family?

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

1. What is the difference between a public holiday and a celebration?
2. What main public holidays are there in the UK/in the USA?
3. Why is Independence Day considered to be one of the most important holidays in the USA?
4. When is Thanksgiving Day celebrated?
5. What do you know about the Boxing Day? Where is it celebrated?

### Paper 13. School life

1. What subjects are there on your curriculum?
2. Do you agree that all subjects at school are equally important?
3. Is it a good idea to allow students to choose the subjects by themselves?
4. What is your attitude towards a school uniform?
5. What would you like to change in the system of public schooling?

### Paper 14. The city you live in

1. Who founded Moscow? When did it happen?
2. What is Moscow famous for?
3. What tourist attractions in Moscow are you proud of?
4. What are advantages and disadvantages of living in Moscow?
5. What are your favourite places in Moscow?

### Paper 15. Travelling. Tourist attractions

1. Are you a great lover of travelling?
2. What kind of tourism do you prefer most of all: educational, relaxing or sightseeing? Why?
3. Why do you think people like travelling?
4. Do you prefer travelling by plane? Why?
5. Who would you like to be accompanied by while travelling?