

Státní maturita z anglického jazyka

Ústní zkouška

Část 1 – otázky k okruhům

Modelové otázky k maturitním okruhům

Vážení učitelé a studenti,

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1) Personal information: questions

- 1) When and where were you born?
- 2) What is your earliest memory from childhood?
- 3) Describe yourself (appearance / character). Are you satisfied with your looks?
- 4) What are your strong and weak points?
- 5) What five words characterize you best?
- 6) Are you an optimist or pessimist, why?
- 7) What is your most common mood, the one you are in most often?
- 8) Do you hide or show your feelings and emotions?
- 9) Which of your qualities do you appreciate most?
- 10) What qualities do you appreciate most in other people?
- 11) Do you take after your parents?

- 12) Do you respect authorities?
- 13) What do you consider the most important thing in life?
- 14) What is more important to you – family or career?
- 15) What always makes you happy?
- 16) What always makes you angry / sad?
- 17) Are you competitive?

- 18) What are your most immediate targets?
- 19) What would you like to achieve in your life?
- 20) How **do** you see your life in 10 years?
- 21) Where **would you like** to see yourself in 10 years?)
- 22) Would you like to live to be 100?
- 23) Have you already done something you can be proud of?

- 24) Can you imagine living in another country?
- 25) Describe your cultural life! (books you read / music you listen to / movies you watch / musical instruments you play / hobbies related to culture ...)
- 26) What celebrity / famous person would you like to meet face to face? Why?
- 27) Would you like to be famous?
- 28) Are you interested in community events and politics? Would you like to enter politics one day?
- 29) If you could work miracles, what would you change in your life / neighbourhood?
- 30) Are you looking forward to leaving this / your school? ☺

2) Family: questions

- 1) Describe your siblings, parents, pets? ... (character, appearance)
- 2) Who is the most important person in your family?
- 3) Is there someone in your family you are proud of?
- 4) What do you really like about your family?
- 5) Would you like your future family to be similar to the family you grew up in?
- 6) Who (in your family) do you respect most?
- 7) What do your parents do?
- 8) Do you take after / resemble your parents?
- 9) How do you get on with your siblings and parents?
- 10) Who (of your family) do you have the best relationship with?
- 11) How much time do you spend together as a family? Do you have time to communicate?
- 12) If you had a serious problem, would you ask your parents / other family members for help?
- 13) What present would you buy your mum for her 50th birthday?
- 14) Is family important to you?

- 15) How often do you see your extended family / grandparents / cousins ...?
- 16) Describe Christmas and other festivities in your family!
- 17) Do you have any family traditions?
- 18) Who do you prefer spending your holiday and free time with – parents, friends, or your partner?

- 19) Describe problems between parents and their children (in general).
- 20) Who should look after kids in a modern family?
- 21) Men on maternity leave ... what do you think of that? Is it possible and is it right?
- 22) Could you imagine hiring a nanny to look after your children?
- 23) When should young people start their own families and have children?
- 24) What is the role of family in the modern world?
- 25) How does family background affect people's lives?
- 26) Should slapping children be allowed or banned?

- 27) Is marriage of any use these days?
- 28) What might be the problems of a single-parent family?
- 29) Do you think it is better to be the only child or to have siblings?
- 30) Should homosexuals be allowed to get married and adopt children?

3) Interpersonal relationship / Friendship: questions

- 1) What do you think of unfaithfulness?
- 2) Why do people get divorced?
- 3) What do you think of relationships with a huge age gap?
- 4) Do you consider it bad for a relationship when a woman earns more than her husband?
- 5) What is the impact of jealousy on a relationship?
- 6) Describe the husband / wife / partner of your dreams!
- 7) What advice would you give to a person who is going on their first date?
- 8) Would you look for a partner on the Internet?

- 9) Is friendship and love important to you?
- 10) Why do people need friends?
- 11) Describe your best friend (appearance / character). Why is he / she your best friend?
- 12) Do you think it is better to have a few or many friends?
- 13) What character qualities in friendship are important to you?
- 14) How often do you see your friends? What do you do together?
- 15) Can you imagine your life without friends?
- 16) Can a man and a woman be just good friends?
- 17) In what ways can you damage a friendship?
- 18) Is it always necessary to tell your partner / friends the truth?
- 19) If you were in trouble, who would you ask for help or advice?
- 20) Compare a virtual friendship on the Internet (Facebook etc.) with a real friendship.
- 21) Is it easy for you to meet new people and make friends?

- 22) How should a woman react to sexual harassment?
- 23) How should a woman react to domestic violence? What should her relatives and neighbours do?
- 24) Are young people sensitive enough to old people and their needs?
- 25) Do you like helping other people?

- 26) What should society do to eliminate racism, xenophobia, religious intolerance etc.?
- 27) Should society help homeless people?
- 28) What should be done to help disabled people?
- 29) Should the major society support minorities and their cultural life?
- 30) Do you have any experience with gossiping?

4) Place where I live / Home: questions

- 1) Describe your home town or district. Is it a nice place to live?
- 2) Describe your home (house / flat / bedroom).
- 3) What is your favourite place at home?
- 4) What would you change about your home or home town?
- 5) Describe the home of your dreams!
- 6) A flat or a family house – which do you prefer? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?
- 7) Do you prefer modern-looking houses or historical buildings?
- 8) What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in the city and in the countryside? Which would you prefer?
- 9) Do you prefer the anonymity of a big city or the atmosphere of a small town or village?
- 10) Can the place where you live have a serious impact on your health, happiness, or family life?
- 11) Are there any places or facilities near your home where you can relax, do sports, etc.?
- 12) Does your town offer any free-time activities for children, teenagers and adults?
- 13) Describe cultural life in your town / neighbourhood. Do you participate in it?
- 14) Do you decorate your house at Christmas or for other important events?
- 15) Which home equipment or appliances do you consider absolutely necessary?

- 16) Who do you live with?
- 17) Do / Did you have to share your room with your siblings or any flatmates?
- 18) Do you or would you like to have any pets at home?
- 19) When should young people leave home to live on their own?
- 20) What is your opinion of people who are thirty or older and still live with their parents? What might be the reasons for this?
- 21) Do you think it is easy for young people to get their own place?
- 22) How will Maturita change the way you live?
- 23) Can you imagine sharing a place with your parents after you have started your own family?
- 24) Are relationships between neighbours important?
- 25) Describe an ideal neighbour! Do you get on well with your neighbours?
- 26) Do you like living in the Czech Republic?
- 27) Are there any character qualities or faults typical of Czech people?
- 28) If you had an unlimited amount of money on your hands, would you move to another country?
- 29) What causes people to become homeless?
- 30) What should society do to help homeless people?

5) Everyday life: questions

- 1) Describe, then compare and contrast your ordinary weekday and weekend.
- 2) Are you „an early bird“ or do you struggle to get up in the morning?
- 3) How much time does it take you to get ready in the morning? (shave, put on make-up, etc.)
- 4) How long does it take you to get to school?
- 5) Do you still enjoy school as much now as when you were younger?
- 6) What do you do after school?
- 7) Do you study / do your homework everyday / regularly?
- 8) What do you do to help at home?

- 9) Should partners share housework, or is it completely a woman's job?
- 10) What do you think of people who spend most of their (free) time in the pub?
- 11) Do you have time for your hobbies on weekdays?
- 12) Do you think that you use your time and leisure time efficiently?
- 13) What would you change about your everyday life?
- 14) What can you do to prevent your everyday life from turning into a killing routine?
- 15) Compare the everyday life of a teenager, a mum of two little kids and a pensioner.
- 16) Can you imagine living on your own now?
- 17) Do you have a part-time job?
- 18) Is it possible to combine school, a part-time job, and a personal life?
- 19) Do you think that people are overworked these days?
- 20) Do you think it's too much to spend 8 hours a day at work plus commuting?
- 21) Are you tired at the end of the day? What time do you usually go to bed?

- 22) Do you use modern technologies in your everyday life?
- 23) What modern technologies can't you imagine your life without?
- 24) How much time do you spend on the Internet?
- 25) Is the Internet necessary for everyday life in the 21st century?
- 26) How does television and other media influence our everyday life?
- 27) How often do you watch TV and how much time do you spend watching?
- 28) Do the available TV channels provide you with programmes you appreciate?

- 29) Name three things that influence our everyday life the most. Why did you choose them?
- 30) How has everyday life changed over the last 10 years?

6) Free time / Hobbies / Entertainment: questions

- 1) What do you do in your free time?
- 2) What are your hobbies? (sport, culture, cinema, music, technologies, etc.)
- 3) Why do you think it is important to have some hobbies?
- 4) How much free time do you have? Is it enough?
- 5) How much time does it take you to do your HW and get ready for school?
- 6) Is there any activity (hobby) you would like to try in the future?
- 7) Do your parents support you in your activities (school, free time, hobbies, etc.)?
- 8) Who do you spend your free time with?
- 9) Describe the free day of your dreams!

- 10) Do you have a part-time job?
- 11) Do you think students should have a part-time job?

- 12) How do you usually spend your holiday?
- 13) Where did you spend your last holiday?
- 14) Is there any country where you would like to spend your holiday in the future?

- 15) How much time do you spend at your computer? What do you use it for?
- 16) Do you play computer games? Why?
- 17) Can you imagine your life without the Internet, Facebook, icq, etc.?

- 18) Describe your cultural life (cinema / theatre / exhibitions / concerts , etc.)
- 19) What programmes do you usually watch on TV?
- 20) How often do you go to the cinema? What movies do you choose?
- 21) Do you read books? What genre do you prefer?
- 22) Your favourite book (Try to persuade me that I should read it!)
- 23) What kind of music do you prefer? Why?
- 24) How does / can music influence your mood / life / achievements?
- 25) Are there any opportunities in your town to go out, entertain, have fun, etc.?
- 26) Describe the last cultural event you visited.
- 27) Can you go to great cultural events in provincial cities and towns?
- 28) Theatre – is it any good or useful these days?
- 29) Summer music festivals – what do you like or dislike about them?
- 30) Do you like the cultural events you go to at school?

7) Health / Keeping fit: questions

- 1) What do you do to keep fit?
- 2) Do you have enough time to keep fit?
- 3) What should people do to stay healthy in winter?
- 4) Many people have a sedentary job. What should they do to avoid health problems?
- 5) Do you get enough sleep on weekdays?
- 6) Do you do warm-up exercises in the morning?
- 7) Describe a healthy lifestyle? Do you live like that?
- 8) Is an active lifestyle important to you?
- 9) What should a pregnant woman do (or not do) to protect her baby?

- 10) What makes you feel stressed / nervous?
- 11) What do you do to fight stress?
- 12) Why is long-term stress dangerous?

- 13) Why do people smoke and drink alcohol?
- 14) Would you ban smoking (in public places) and the advertisement of tobacco products?
- 15) What health problems are related to smoking and drinking alcohol?
- 16) What can people be addicted to? Are you addicted to anything?
- 17) Do you consider Internet addiction a serious problem?
- 18) What should people do to get rid of their addictions?
- 19) How can you protect yourself from sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) such as AIDS?

- 20) How often do you eat in fast-food restaurants?
- 21) Why do (young) people eat in fast-foods? Is it healthy?
- 22) What should be done to reduce the growing obesity rate?
- 23) Why are Czech people one of the most overweight in Europe?
- 24) If you wanted to shed (lose) weight, what would you do?
- 25) Can a diet on its own help you to lose weight?

- 26) Do you go for regular check-ups? (GP / gynecologist / dentist)
- 27) Are you satisfied with the health care system in the Czech Republic?
- 28) Do you think health care is available to everyone here in the Czech Republic?
- 29) Are you ready to pay for (extra) health care?
- 30) Should first aid be part of the school curriculum? Are you ready to give first aid if necessary?

8) Transport / Travelling: questions

- 1) What means of transport do you know / prefer / use?
- 2) What should be done to eliminate traffic jams?
- 3) Should private cars be allowed into city centres?
- 4) What should be done to protect people and the environment from the harmful effects of traffic?
- 5) Can you imagine your life without a car? Would your daily routine change a lot?
- 6) Have you ever travelled on a superfast train?
- 7) Are you satisfied with public transport services?
- 8) Does public transport serve your needs accordingly?
- 9) Is public transport available in the place where you live?
- 10) Do you feel safe using public transport?
- 11) What should a person do to avoid pickpockets on public transport?
- 12) Compare the advantages and disadvantages of travelling by car and by public transport.

- 13) Do you have a driving licence? If so, how has it changed your life?
- 14) Do you consider Czech drivers good and considerate? (towards cyclists, other drivers, etc.)
- 15) Should smoking, eating, and having a phone call be banned when driving?
- 16) What do you think of billboards along roads? Do you think they are distracting and dangerous?
- 17) Have you ever tried hitchhiking? What do you consider the dangers, if any?
- 18) Have you ever taken a taxi? What is the reputation of taxi drivers?

- 19) Do you like travelling and exploring new places? Do you travel a lot?
- 20) Which countries have you visited so far? Did you enjoy them?
- 21) Do you prefer spending your holiday in the Czech Republic or abroad?
- 22) What kind of holiday do you prefer? – all inclusive, on your own, backpacking, holiday resort by the sea, sightseeing, adventure, camping ...
- 23) Describe the holiday of your dreams.
- 24) Where did you spend your last holiday?
- 25) Do you buy a lot of souvenirs? Do you like taking photos?
- 26) Have you ever got lost abroad?
- 27) Have you ever been asked for help by a tourist?
- 28) What are the impacts of tourism? Are they always positive?
- 29) What places of interest would you recommend to a friend who has decided to visit the Czech Republic. Why?
- 30) Do you think people will travel to other planets one day?

9) Eating / Drinking: questions

- 1) How many times do you eat a day? Do you eat regularly?
- 2) Do you have breakfast in the morning? What do you usually have for breakfast / Why don't you have breakfast in the morning?
- 3) Why should you eat fruit and vegetables?
- 4) Describe a healthy diet. What should you eat to live longer?
- 5) Do you read product labels on the foods and products that you buy?
- 6) Do you like the idea of farmers' markets?
- 7) What do you think of vegetarians? Do you consider vegetarianism healthy?
- 8) Have you ever been on a diet?
- 9) Dieting: Is it healthy and does it help?

- 10) Do you like seafood?
- 11) Is there any food you really detest or detested when you were a child?
- 12) If you were offered eyeballs, worms, beetles, dried bats, could you eat them? If not, what would you do to avoid insulting your host?

- 13) Are you a chocoholic? When do you eat chocolate?
- 14) Do you drink energy drinks? Why? What should you be careful about?
- 15) Is our society too tolerant to alcohol?
- 16) Should Czech people be proud of the fact that they consume so much beer?
- 17) Would you ban smoking in restaurants, bars and other public places?

- 18) What is your favourite cuisine?
- 19) What is your favourite food or kind of food?
- 20) Do you like Czech cuisine? What are its advantages and disadvantages?
- 21) Describe typical Czech meals at Christmas and Easter.
- 22) How often do you go out for a meal?
- 23) Are Czech restaurants nice / cosy places to spend some time?
- 24) Do you give a tip at restaurants?
- 25) What would you do if a waiter or waitress was impolite to you?
- 26) Where do you go for lunch?
- 27) Do you eat in fast-food restaurants?
- 28) Do you consider meals in your school canteen tasty or even delicious?
- 29) What foods should be available in vending machines at your school?
- 30) Can you cook? Are you good at cooking?

10) Shopping / Fashion / Clothes: questions

- 1) Is shopping your hobby or nightmare? How much time do you spend shopping?
- 2) Do you prefer shopping in smaller shops or big supermarkets and shopping centres?
- 3) Name some shops and items that you can buy there.
- 4) What is more important to you – quality, price, popularity or the way the product looks?
- 5) Do you read product labels to find out more about the product (e.g. country of manufacturing, what it is made of, etc.)
- 6) Do you only buy branded products?
- 7) Have you ever bought clothes in a secondhand shop?
- 8) Can you buy anything you want?
- 9) What is the most expensive thing you have ever bought?
- 10) Do you save up for „something big“?
- 11) What is window-shopping?
- 12) Do you like buying presents? When do you buy Christmas presents?
- 13) How long does it take you to choose a T-shirt?
- 14) What do you usually spend your money on?
- 15) Do you buy products advertised in media?
- 16) If I gave you 10 000 CZE / 1 million CZE what would you spend it on?
- 17) What should a shopper do to avoid spending too much?
- 18) Have you ever seen a shoplifter in action?
- 19) Have you ever haggled? Did you manage to reduce the product price?
- 20) Is it usual / appropriate to haggle in Europe?

- 21) What are the advantages and disadvantages of shopping on the Internet?
- 22) Have you ever bought anything on the Internet? Was everything all right?
- 23) Do you use plastic? (= a credit card)

- 24) Are you into fashion? Do you follow fashion trends?
- 25) Do you think your classmates dress properly and nicely?
- 26) What do you think of piercings and tattoos?
- 27) Where do you see fashion in 20 years?
- 28) What are your favourite clothes? Have you ever felt embarrassed because of inappropriate clothes?
- 29) Do you think that clothes express people's personality?
- 30) Would you like to be a model? Why, why not?

11) Education / School: questions

- 1) What are your favourite subjects? Do you struggle with any subject?
- 2) If you were responsible for the school curriculum, would you remove any existing or introduce any new subjects?
- 3) Do you think that your secondary school has taught you everything you expected from it?
- 4) Does your school provide you with practical knowledge or skills you can use in everyday life?
- 5) Do you think students spend too much time at school these days?
- 6) How do you get on with your classmates? Are you a good team?
- 7) Do you like your school? Will you have good memories of your school days?
- 8) If you could change one thing about your school, what would it be?
- 9) How long does it usually take you to do homework? Should students be given homework?
- 10) What would you do if you had a serious problem with a subject?
- 11) When and where do you prefer learning?
- 12) Do you use any modern technologies to study or search for new information?

- 13) What should teachers do when their students don't do their homework and cheat?
- 14) Describe a perfect teacher. What are his / her qualities?
- 15) Have you ever taught anyone? Can you imagine teaching someone?
- 16) What will you do / study after you have finished this school successfully?
- 17) What is the reputation of Czech universities?
- 18) Should education (secondary schools / universities) be free of charge or not?
- 19) Would you like to study abroad?
- 20) Do you think that education is useful?
- 21) The higher the education, the better the job, the more money you'll earn – Do you think that this is true?

- 22) How many and what languages do you speak? How long have you been learning them?
- 23) Why are foreign languages important? Would you like to learn more languages in the future?
- 24) Do you think a Czech teacher can teach you English or any other foreign language well?
- 25) What is the best way of learning foreign languages?

- 26) What are the most serious problems of Czech schools and educational system?
- 27) What would you do if your classmate was bullied by a group of other pupils?
- 28) Have you ever played truant?
- 29) Are there any reasons for introducing school uniforms? What are their advantages and disadvantages?
- 30) Do you agree with the new state school-leaving exams / state „maturita“?

12) Work / Career: questions

- 1) Where would you like to work in the future? What is your dream job?
- 2) What did you want to do when you were a child?
- 3) Have you ever worked or had a part-time job?
- 4) Are there any jobs that you would definitely refuse to do?
- 5) What skills and qualifications are really necessary if you want a good job in the 21st century?
- 6) Do you think that a university diploma is necessary for a successful career?
- 7) What is more important to you – a prestigious, well-paid or a fulfilling job?
- 8) Would you like to become famous and win recognition?
- 9) What is more important to you – a successful career or a happy family? Is it possible to enjoy both at once?
- 10) Can you think of any jobs that are either only for men or only for women?
- 11) Do you consider differences in men's and women's salaries a right thing or a big social problem?
- 12) What are the most prestigious or respected jobs?
- 13) If you were offered a job with occasional night shifts and overtime, would you take it?
- 14) What is the minimum wage (per hour / per month) you would work for?
- 15) Are you capable of working in a team?

- 16) Could you imagine working as a teacher or an au pair?
- 17) Could you imagine doing a voluntary job? (e.g. helping children, old people or animals in need, protecting the environment ...)
- 18) Is it easy for young people to find a job?
- 19) How / Where will you look for a job? (newspaper / the Internet / ask friends ...)
- 20) What information would you put in your CV?
- 21) What are the secrets of being successful at a job interview?
- 22) Do you prefer regular working hours in an office, working flexitime or working from home?
- 23) Will you be able to get a job in your home town after you have finished your studies?
- 24) How far are you ready to commute every day?
- 25) Would you move home because of work?
- 26) How would you feel about working abroad?
- 27) Would you like to set up your own business one day?
- 28) At what age should people retire?
- 29) Many people claim they are overworked and underpaid – do you think they are right?
- 30) What would you do if you fell in love with your boss?

13) Services / Media: questions

Note: Questions related to *Services* are also included in other areas such as

- *Place where I live*
- *Everyday life*
- *Free time*
- *Health*
- *Transport and travelling*
- *Eating and Drinking*
- *Shopping*
- *Society around you*

- 1) What publicly available media do you know? Which is the most powerful media these days?
- 2) Can television, radio and newspapers compete with the Internet?
- 3) What are the advantages and disadvantages of the Internet compared to other media?
- 4) Is it always better to buy things via the Internet?
- 5) Do you use social networks such as Facebook, Twitter etc.?
- 6) Can you imagine your life without media such as TV, radio or the Internet?
- 7) What do you think of tabloid newspapers?
- 8) Do celebrities have any rights for privacy?

- 9) Isn't the amount of advertising in media annoying?
- 10) Do advertisements and commercials influence your decisions?

- 11) Does your town / city provide you with all of the services that you need? (consider the following:
transport / free time / culture / sport / public administration, health and body care ...)
- 12) What other services or shops would you like to see in the place where you live?
- 13) Do you use the services of hairdressers, beauty salons, nail studios or other places where you can receive treatments for your skin, nails, hair etc.?
- 14) If something broke down at your home, would you try to repair it yourself or would you call a specialised serviceman?
- 15) Do you think shops should be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?
- 16) Are you a demanding customer?
- 17) Do you consider the public administration effective and helpful?
- 18) Do you trust the emergency services? (the police, hospitals, the fire service etc.)

14) Society around you: questions

- 1) What are the most serious problems of today's society? (consider the following areas: *violence, drugs, crime, racism, xenophobia, environment, terrorism, security, financial situation, unemployment, poverty...*)
- 2) Is racism a serious problem here in the Czech Republic?
- 3) What measures should be taken to curb racism?
- 4) Should immigrants be allowed to settle here?
- 5) Why do right-wing radicals get more and more support in Europe?
- 6) Do you feel safe in your neighbourhood?
- 7) Security cameras are being introduced everywhere these days? Why? Do you agree?
- 8) Should security cameras be installed in schools to prevent bullying etc.?
- 9) Do you have any personal experience with bullying?
- 10) Why do you think there are so many beggars and homeless people?
- 11) Should society try to help them or ignore them?
- 12) Do you give money to beggars? Is it right?
- 13) Is poverty a big social problem in your country / neighbourhood?
- 14) Do you think women are discriminated against? How exactly?
- 15) Would you legalize soft drugs such as cannabis?
- 16) Should drug addicts be given free treatment? Why?
- 17) Have you ever been offered drugs on the street?
- 18) Do you think that it is easy to get illegal drugs?
- 19) Do you agree with the abolition of the death penalty?

- 20) Some people claim that the Internet and social networks are destroying social life. Are they right?
- 21) Why are social networks so popular these days? Do you use any social network? What for?
- 22) How have modern technologies changed society? Are the changes always positive?
- 23) Could you be part of the 21st century society without a mobile phone, laptop and access to the Internet?
- 24) Do you find today's life too hectic and busy?
- 25) Do you think that people are ready to help when someone is in trouble?
- 26) Do you think that politicians do their best to help the society?
- 27) If you became a politician, what would you try to change / improve first?
- 28) What is globalization? Is it a positive or negative phenomenon?
- 29) Do you like meeting foreigners and learning about different cultures?
- 30) Our society is called „a consumer society“. What does that mean?

15) Geography / Nature: questions

- 1) What are the differences between living in the lowlands and the mountains?
- 2) What kind of landscape would you like to live in?
- 3) Describe the geography and climate of the Czech Republic.
- 4) If you had an unlimited amount of money on your hands, would you move to another country because of its geography or nature?
- 5) Which season do you prefer?
- 6) What is your favourite weather?
- 7) Does weather affect your daily routines / programme / mood?
- 8) Do you follow the weather forecast? Is it always correct?
- 9) What should be done to protect people from disasters such as flooding, hurricanes, forest fires, etc.?
- 10) Where can you find the highest mountains on Earth? Would you like to climb them?
- 11) Why do so many people risk their lives to climb Mt. Everest and other high mountains?
- 12) What would you do if you got lost in the mountains?
- 13) Are there still any places which have not been explored properly?
- 14) Which parts of the world are the poorest?
- 15) What does the term „*Third World*“ mean?
- 16) Should we try to help people in poor, developing countries and if so how?

- 17) Name the most serious environmental issues.
- 18) Do you consider global warming and climate change a serious problem?
- 19) What causes global warming?
- 20) What are / will be the effects of global warming?
- 21) Why are rain forests so important?
- 22) What should be done to protect nature? What can an ordinary person do to protect nature?
- 23) Do you try to live in harmony with nature?
- 24) What is recycling? Do you sort out your (household) waste?
- 25) What are renewable energy sources?
- 26) Are nuclear power stations a good solution to global warming and climate change?
- 27) Do you sympathize with radical environmentalists?
- 28) Are you in favour of genetically modified crops?
- 29) What is the impact of tourism on local ecosystems?
- 30) Does tourism help or destroy?

16) Sport / Games: Questions

- 1) Do you play any sports? / Are you into sport?
- 2) Are you good at any sport?
- 3) Name some sports you like or dislike. Why?
- 4) Do you prefer ball sports, water sports, extreme sports or winter sports?
- 5) Is there any sport you would like to try?
- 6) Why are martial arts so popular these days?
- 7) Do you have a favourite team or sportsman / sportswoman?
- 8) Do you watch sport on TV?
- 9) Are you proud of your country when the Czech national team or athlete wins a trophy or a medal?
- 10) Are you an occasional visitor to a stadium, a *season ticket* holder, an *armchair fan* or none of these?
- 11) Do you bet on sport? Do you find it to be addictive?

- 12) Do or did your parents support you in doing sport?
- 13) Do you want your child to become a professional sportsman or sportswoman? Imagine all the money and fame ...
- 14) Do you think some professional sportspeople are heavily overpaid? Do they deserve the money they get?
- 15) Do you think that sport is all about money these days?
- 16) What measures should be taken (would you take) to eliminate violence by fans?

- 17) Do you play board games?
- 18) Do board games have any advantage over sport?