

ORAL EXAM PRACTICE questions for diploma exams

JOBS

Do you believe that earning a lot of money is more important than job satisfaction? Why?

Which job(s) do you think is/are very stressful? Why?

Which occupation(s) do you think require(s) the most training and experience?

Do you think that you would enjoy an outdoor job or do you want to work in an office?

Which job(s) would you prefer to do in future and why?

Which job would you not like to do? Why?

Would you like to work abroad? Why?

How important is a knowledge of English for finding a job?

HOLIDAY

Which kind(s) of holidays would you enjoy most? Educational? Cultural? Adventure holidays? Package/Beach holidays? Why?

Why do you think holidays are important?

Do you think that holidays have to be expensive to be enjoyable?

Would you prefer to go on holiday with your friends or with your family?

Do you prefer to be on a holiday where everything is done for you or where you have to look after yourself? Explain why.

Do you think that some holidays are more suitable for older people and others for younger people? Explain your answer.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of tourism.

What can we learn from going on holiday abroad?

LEISURE TIME

Which free time activity appeals to you most? Why?

Do you prefer physically challenging or mentally creative leisure activities?

Are there any leisure activities that you would like to do but have never tried?

Are there any leisure activities which do not appeal to you at all? Explain why you don't want to try them.

Why is it important to spend some time in the day relaxing?

Do you think that leisure activities have to be expensive to be enjoyable? Why (not)?

Do you like outdoor leisure activities more than indoor ones? Why (not)?

How much time do you have to spend on your favourite leisure activity?

Do you prefer to spend your free time alone or with other people?

How important is leisure time in your life? Why?

Would you be happy if life was all free time?

SPORTS

Would you rather play in a team game or do something on your own?

What are the advantages of taking regular exercise?

Do you think people play enough sport or take enough exercise?

How can people be encouraged to take more regular exercise?

Do you think that too much sport can be bad for your health?

Do you think sport is an important part of the school timetable? Why (not)?

FAMILY

What are the advantages and disadvantages of growing up in a large family?

What difficulties do you think working mothers face?

Do you think that grandparents have an important role in the family? Why?

Do you enjoy large family gatherings or do you prefer to see members of your family on their own? Why?

YOUR HOME / YOUR HOMETOWN

What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in a city / town / village?

Do the benefits of living in the countryside outweigh the difficulties?

If you could change one thing in your house/room, what would it be?

If you could change one thing in your hometown, what would it be?

Do you prefer shopping on your own / with a friend?

What improvements would you like to see in your shopping area?

How often do you see your neighbours? Where do you usually see them?

SCHOOL AND EDUCATION

Does classroom environment affect the way you learn? How?

When you were younger, how were the desks arranged in your classroom?

Do you think it's important that teachers are strict or can they be friendly?

What's your favourite subject at school? Why do you like it?

Is there a subject not taught at your school which you would like to study? Why would you like to study it?

Are there any subjects at school which you don't think are necessary? Why?