

ORAL EXAM TOPICS

1. Personal characteristics

- features, personality traits
- the typical man and woman
- the ideal man and woman
- fashion, trends, cosmetics
- beauty care, cosmetic surgery

2. Friends and relationships

- friendship
- fellow students and colleagues
- partners
- alienation

3. Family

- family models
- alternative forms of cohabitation
- demographic trends
- division of tasks within the family
- bringing up children
- generations living together
- old people

4. Man and society

- social allowances: pension, health insurance, unemployment benefit
- social movements
- political system
- multicultural society

5. Social problems

- privileged vs. disadvantaged social groups
- the rich and the poor
- living on the periphery
- role and prestige of the intelligentsia
- unemployment
- aging population
- conformists and deviants
- public safety
- crime and criminal investigation
- migration

6. Place of living, neighborhoods

- interior design, furnishings
- flat-related costs, maintenance
- living in the city or in the country
- the ideal home

7. The housing situation

- living conditions (property, rented accommodation, lodgings, hostel)
- finding a place to live (building, buying, social flats)
- the housing situation in Hungary today
- trends

8. Holidays and celebrations

- family holidays
- public holidays
- religious holidays
- weekdays and holidays
- customs and traditions

9. Free time 1

- free time activities
- trends
- spending free time in a useful way
- free time “industry”
- social life, friends
- man and nature

10. Free time 2

- getting information, being informed
- culture without reading
- media and society
- man and music
- dance as a way of communication
- visual arts

11. Learning, education, the school system

- school system, school types in Hungary
- tertiary education
- language learning experiences, role of foreign languages
- student exchange programmes, student mobility
- equal chances in education
- lifelong learning

12. Work and the individual

- working hours (part-time, occasional jobs, shifts, several jobs, telework)
- ways of finding a job
- working abroad (advantages, disadvantages)
- career and/or family

13. Work and society

- job prestige, fashionable jobs
- unemployment, benefits
- the challenge of our age — self-employed vs. employee

- graduates entering the labour market
- globalisation

14. Sports

- sports facilities, sporting activities
- mass sports/sportsmen
- extreme sports
- dangers of sports
- the role of the state

15. Health

- characteristics of a healthy lifestyle
- healthy and unhealthy diet/dishes
- prevention, healthcare

16. Illnesses

- common illnesses and their prevention
- addictions (alcohol, drugs, smoking, shopping, computer, TV)
- stress, psychic diseases
- alternative treatments
- the challenged, the disabled
- the role of the state

17. Services

- catering facilities
- banks
- repair of consumer durables
- emergency services

18. Shopping

- buying consumer durables
- where to do the shopping
- shopping habits
- role of advertisements
- consumer society

19. Transport

- public transport in the city
- intercity transport
- individual transport
- public transport problems
- individual transport problems
- transport of the future

22. Travelling in Hungary and abroad

- favourite destinations
- holiday activities
- trends

- travelling in Hungary
- types of trips (holiday, official, business, study, conferences)
- package holidays (advantages, disadvantages)
- language skills and travelling

21. Weather, climate

- change in the climate and its consequences
- natural disasters (prevention, catastrophe management)
- sensitivity to weather

22. Environment protection

- environmental problems
- alternative energy sources
- welfare society and the environment
- responsible individuals

23. Telecommunications

- telephones
- computers
- e-mail
- Internet

24. Science

- scientific developments
- technical developments
- medical treatments and alternative medicine
- gene technology
- space research

25. Hungary

- Hungary as a destination
- major tourist attractions, main places of interest
- tourism as a factor in the economy
- perspectives

26. English-speaking countries

- general information, personal experiences