Билет 1/17. Accommodation

The proverb “East or west …”; **the most essential things** – food, water, clothes and shelter; home- a small world; feel comfort, reliability, warmth; tastes differ; **different types of houses**; **the most popular in Britain;** about 7 mln **Belarusians live in** ; prefer to own; have to rent; the main reason; prefer to live in cities because; **advantages –** facilities, good education, access to high quality medical services, an interesting well-paid job; ‘Man cannot live by bread alone’**; disadvantages**; air and noise pollution; traffic jams; crowds of people; stressful , expensive, I live , adore, feel at home; it’s up to you to decide ; take into consideration; I’d like to live in , because ; “A house is made of walls and beams, a home is built with love and dreams, **It takes hands to build a house, but only hearts can build a home”.**

Билет 2/24. Education

The main principles – the priority of human values; national culture as a basis of education, sense of ecological purpose, scientific basis, democracy, support of gifted children; the aims are to develop; help to achieve their goals ; free, provide, compulsory from 6 to15; **send to kindergartens**; **primary school;** at 6 and continue until they are 10; get acquainted with; develop their creative abilities; are taught to ; at 10 ; **go to secondary schools;** comprehensives; the curriculum offers; at the age of 15; take exams; after the exams ; can continue; or choose a college; **at the age of 17; final exams; the Centralized Testing** ; high – you don't have to pay ; low -must pay tuition fees ; ensures the right to high quality education ; abilities; inclinations; I'm lucky ; **our gymnasium** offers excellent facilities; high teaching standards; friendly atmosphere; achieve great academic results; is focused on developing our ; helping to achieve ; by the time we leave school ; individuals; comfortable in our own skin and ready to be a part of the society.

Билет 3. Environment

technology; **apology;** has polluted; is badly polluting; nature has served Man; lived in harmony; it seemed to them; unlimited; with the development of the civilization; as a result; water sources; pollute the air; the disappearance of forests; some rare species of animals, fish and plants disappear forever; dry up; man's careless interaction with nature, **a sign of ecological crisis;** unfortunately; not that harmless**; we shouldn't forget about;** a great damage; in recent years ; have become **more sensible towards** the ; is cooperating; to keep our planet suitable for living; **we should;** plant; repair; turn off; buy ; recycled; recyclable; repairable, reusable, refillable; "You needn't strive for cleanliness, you should take a broom and sweep you street"; agree; remember the wise advice of John Galsworthy; "If you don't think about the future you will not have it".

Билет 4/20. Belarus

is becoming more and more popular as **a tourist destination;** a fascinating country with; a lot can be said;
is situated; occupies **the territory;** borders on; **the landscape;** plains; fields; forests; meadows; lakes; a real pearl; the longest rivers; is covered with forests; **Belovezhskaya Pushcha;** a real paradise; all necessary facilities; you are guaranteed an unforgettable experience; endless possibilities; the Residence of Belarusian Ded Moroz; **A developed industrial country;** strong tradition of science and technology education. has become **an IT country;** the New Silicon Valley; a sovereign country; active on the international arena; **a platform for peace negotiations** in conflict situations in other countries; love; are proud; an antique philosopher Seneca said "Men love their country not because it's great but because it's their own"

Card 5. Great Britain.

1.**Introduction:** a lot can be said, limit my story to a few words about its geographical features, its inhabitants, customs and traditions.
2.**Main Body:** the full name, includes four magnificent countries, each country is charming on its own, is famous for.
Is located on the British Isles, is separated from, conservatism and isolation; a unique political system — a constitutional monarchy, the real power belongs to, of the great honor; very polite, with perfect manners.
Thanks to, very green and the British climate is mild; the favourite topic for discussion; looks like a large well-kept park.
Attractions: offers almost endless possibilities for things to see and do; fascinating history, exciting cities, and rich cultural traditions; mysterious Stonehenge, Madame Tussaud's Museum, the London Eye, the Natural History Museum, the Tower,
A highly developed industrial state,
shipbuilding, fishing and mining, production of aircraft equipment, electronics, textile and

chemicals; London, Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Liverpool, Edinburgh.
Famous people (Shakespeare, Newton, Churchill, Paul McCartney, Joanne Rowling, Sting, David Beckham)
3.Conclusion: I hope I will go there someday and see everything with my own eyes. It won't disappoint me. It's a good opportunity to …

Билет 6. Science and technology
the importance; **definition;** applied to; **two opposite attitudes towards** ; has made the world a better place; hold the opinion that ; has caused many problems; I agree; **several persuasive reasons**; **firstly,** has greatly improved; convenient and efficient; elevators, air conditioners, household robots; cleaver machines;
secondly; haws made communication much easier; mobile phones; wireless Internet; has

greatly facilitated ; portable; multifunctional; keep in touch; **thirdly;** can provide a better medical access; will be able to treat; however, all is not perfect; **skeptical to**; modern inventions have made us lazy an less in touch with the real world; technology should bring apology to ; has polluted; is badly polluting; unfortunately; not that harmless; **we shouldn't forget about**; has been created **for bad purposes as well as good**; has enabled to generate; has been used to create weapons; **should use new technologies appropriately; adopt them for good purposes**; although; has brought some problems; **the benefits far overweigh its bad influence;** it's safe to say ; has made the world a better place for living.

Билет 7. Art

As the old saying goes "Man cannot live by bread alone". nourishment for their souls; an important part ; stimulates our minds, ; **entertains; informs; educates**; many **forms** – enjoy painting or sculpture, prefer theatre performances; are keen on poetry and prose;

shouldn’t forget about dancing; singing; pottery; designing; photography; pantomime; **moulds our inner world**; brought up on films about violence; cruel and angry; can be absorbed ; transformed into; wonderful music; classical literature give rise to positive tenderness; **we’re developing and perfecting; develops; enriches; makes us** who new are; express our emotions; happiness; love; sadness ; grief; share our hidden talents; makes us think of the sense of life; how people must live; what is love; **decorates our life;** visit theatres; museums; art galleries; to get enjoyment; to relax**; I like going to picture galleries** ; with a guide; can speak about art in an interesting way; Belarusian artists contributed greatly to; the most famous Belarusian artists are**; the National Academic Bolshoi Opera and Ballet Theatre;** very popular in Belarus and abroad; Valentin Yelizariev is well known. can run successfully for many years;Romeo and Juliet, Aida, Spartacus ;**The directing** is exclusive, **the scenery** is impressive**, the dancing** is fantastic and **the music** is the icing on an already delicious cake.

adore watching films; The plots ;believable; you are transported into another world another reality and become part of it.
society can't exist without art.; **Art is everlasting** because it **adds beauty and kindness** to our world. More and more studies find that art **improves brain function, memory, social skills, and overall happiness**. Without art our life will be dull, colourless and depressing.

Card 8/19/ Choosing a career
one of **the most important decisions;** influences all your future life; like choosing a wife or a husband (a spouse) or a friend; modern world makes a person be flexible and mobile; creative and inventive; **reasons for**; priority is **money;** try to find well-paid jobs ; **popular -** connected with business, politics, IT and banking; **not very popular -** education, science, art; **parents;** follow in their parents' steps; **peer pressure**; **film stereotypes;** to become a celebrity; **FOLLOW YOUR HEART;** what they are good at; where their great passion is; take into

consideration your talents , abilities and inclinations; if we do what we love; get satisfaction; achieve great results; are likely to be promoted ; feel in the right place and not bored; shouldn't be afraid of making the wrong choice; you can always start again and take a new course or job; **As for me** I've decided to become a ….; I have always been interested in …,; it's an interesting and useful job; thanks to it I'll be developing and perfecting; More and more studies find that **an interesting job improves brain function, memory, social skills, and overall happiness.** Ivan Bunin said , **" Three things make a person happy: love, <u>an interesting job</u> and the ability to travel";** I fully agree; a useful citizen for my country, contribute to the development of the country's economy and development ;

Card 9/18. Family.

1.Introduction: Blood is thicker than water, very important, stay with us all our life, the people we are raised and taught by and lived with, make us happier.

2.Main body: Family relations: In happy, united family - honest and loving, feel safe, trust each other, share secrets and problems, rely on, give useful advice, care about, respect, help, share household chores. Never let you down, betray.

Problems: Generation gap, sometimes we fall out or misunderstand, try to find a compromise, be patient and polite.

My family is the whole world for me. It consists of … My parents are my nearest and dearest.

I get on well with .... I also have some remote ralatives: aunts, uncles and cousins. We like visiting them. We value and respect our grandparents. We're interested in our roots and our ancestors. My dream is to trace a family tree.

Family traditions: too busy, find time to spend together, unite, strengthen family ties, create an atmosphere of friendship, happiness and love, make closer; celebrating family holidays, family trips, family meals, going out, doing shopping or spring cleaning together. **My favourite family tradition** is…

3. Conclusion: Can't imagine, share good and bad moments, fall out, Family is like music: some high notes, some low notes, but always a beautiful song// 3 things make a person happy: love, an interesting job and the ability to travel(Ivan Bunin), find love and support in a family.

Билет 10/23.Youth an society

the best time; means romance, love, new discoveries; the most difficult; make important decisions ; influence all your future life; it's essential to have a good job; to be well educated; **a problem of choice;** don't know what exactly they
would like to do in their future; **you need some money of your own**; have you own tastes; hobbies; difficult to find a job without any qualification; **emotional problems;** 'nobody understands me'; parents treat their children as if they are infants; consider themselves grown-ups; **a problem of generation gap;** parents are too bossy; don't take into consideration their

children's views and opinions; enjoy more freedom; don't blindly accept the ideals of their elders; a compromise ; **first love;** often has an unhappy ending; **a problem of taking drugs;** many ways of keeping away from it; join youth organizations; **the main aim** is to involve young people into socially useful activities; sport, volunteering; carrying out ecological projects; the BRSM; **the mission of the BRSM;** to contribute to the education of young people; help them build a better life; realize their full potential; be patriots and take their place in society; a new study shows; who belong to; **lead happier lives; are less likely to drink ; smoke; use drugs**; provide with a safe place to hang out; a chance to make friends and learn through experience.

Card 11/12. Mass Media .

1.Introduction: Man cannot live by bread alone, have become an integral part of modern people's life, a constant necessity of getting new information, in order to; travelling or reading

books; the huge space of means of communication.

2.Main Body: can be classified in two categories: print media (newspapers, magazines, journals) and electronic media (radio, television, the Internet, etc.).

Newspapers: the oldest, quality and popular, are online.

Radio: listen to the radio in a car, do something about the house, can tune into, has fresher news than; are informed

Television: 1 of the most popular types, importance is unquestionable, travelling programmes,
cultural programmes, entertaining TV-shows, quality documentaries; on the 1 hand it broadens horizons
and gets acquainted with different cultures; on the other hand Violence can be absorbed by children's
immature minds and then transformed into their behavior. TV addiction.

The Internet: the greatest invention, the advantages: a vast library of knowledge and

information, a great source of education, online classes, promote businesses, possibility of booking tickets or hotel rooms online, provides online shopping, has made the distance between people unimportant, to keep in touch with our friends or relatives. The disadvantages: distracts from studies and work, spend less time with friends, prefer to play online games, become addicted, a dangerous place, garbage.
3.Conclusion: almost everything can be a bless or a curse depending on… ; everything should be done within reasonable limits; let's make intelligent choices.

Card 13.International Cooperation.

1. Introduction:like to maintain strong and healthy relationships, for several reasons (trade policies; travel related to business, tourism, and immigration; face global issues).
2.Main Body: Many **organizations** (official and public, the UNO, The Red Cross League, Greenpeace)

Belarus is active on the foreign arena (constituent member of the UNO, a number of important decisions have been adopted, particularly on the punishment of war criminals, on education of youth in the spirit of peace and friendship. A platform for peaceful negotiations in conflict situations. Is becoming more and more popular as a tourist destination: exciting routes, endless possibilities for, fascinating history, exciting cities, and rich cultural traditions).
Our Gymnasium participates in UNESCO programs (2014, work together, share ideas), Holiday Card Exchange.
3.Conclusion:to maintain peace and security in the world, to develop friendly relations among nations

Card 14/22. National character and stereotypes
1.Introduction: God made us all different;we are all unique, have to learn to live together in peace; use stereotypes and generalizations,

many-sided, concerns culture, behavior, manners, traditions, religion,etc

2.Main Body: the British: very polite, perfect manners, reserved, conservative, a specific sense of humor, favourite topic, great pet lovers, love gardens, is associated with

Belarusians: adapt to any circumstances, ‘pamyarkouniya’, very hospitable, sense of community, respect for education and culture, love countryside, ‘bulbashi’, hard-working, reserved, tolerant and intelligent, rather pessimistic, stubborn

3.Conclusion: doesn't describe the character of every person, describes the character of people of nation in general, shouldn’t believe, live on one planet and we should be tolerant and considerate to each other

Card 15. Outstanding People.

1.Introduction: is proud of , means to possess personality, not to be like anyone else, wants to do something good and useful, likes to help other people and leaves some kind of trace in the life of others.

2.Main Body: A talented nation; made a great contribution to the development of arts, science, technology, medicine.

National writers Yanka Kupala and Yakub Kolas; created a new Belarusian Literature and a Belarusian literary language; the classics of Belarusian literature. K.Krapiva, Chorny, Brovka, Shamyakin, Tank, Bykov, Korotkevich; are translated into. Svetlana Alexievich: a writer and journalist , was awarded the 2015 Nobel Prize in Literature, "The War's Unwomanly Face," "The Chernobyl Prayer" , "Zinky Boys".

Belarusian artists: Marc Chagall, Kazimir Malevich, Vitebsk Art School, Black Square by K. Malevich is on display in the Tate Gallery in London, Alexander Ivanov (Smorgon)

Musiciants: Tikotsky,Aladov, Bogatyrov, Smolsky, Luchenok, Alovnikov. Alexander Rybak
Cosmonauts: A.Kovalyonok, P.Klimuk and Oleg Novitsky (delivered the Belarusian national flag up to the International Space Station).
Prominent physicist ZhoresAlferov (the winner of 2000 Nobel Prize in Physics)
Sportsmen: Darya Domracheva, Maxim Mirny, VictoriyaAzarenco, Olga Korbut, YuliaNesterenco, Alexey Grishin, Anna Guskova. Our Olympic champions.
National heroes: NikolayGastello, Victor Talalikhin, Konstantin Zaslonov, the defend¬ers of the Brest Fortress; gave their lives for the our freedom
3.Conclusion: have one thing in common: the absolute sense of mission". We should be grateful to them for their achievements, for their courage, hard labour and love for mankind.

Card 16/25.Tourism.

1. **Introduction:** to find food, water, safety or resources;, idea of travel for pleasure; nowadays people travelbecause: to do business, or to visit, or to have a holiday.
2. **Main Body: types of tourism:** domestic and international; adventure tourism, ecotourism, cultural tourism, educational tourism, health or culinary tourism, even space tourism
Important for the economy: brings lobs and money
Why do people like travelling? Man cannot live by bread alone, to see other countries and continents, modern cities and the ruins of ancient towns, they travel to enjoy picturesque places, or just for a change of scene…
Means of transport(advantages and disadvantages, my favoutrite)
A number of things you must take care of: book or buy, departure / arrival, well in advance, By the way, I have travelled to…
3. **Conclusion:** necessary for all of us. It keeps people from growing stale and old, it develops their imagination, and their inner world.3 things

make a person happy: love, an interesting job and the ability to travel (Ivan Bunin)

Card 21. Australia.

1.Introduction: in medieval times, “terra australis incognita”, or “the unknown southern land” – Australia, mean three things….

2.Main body: A land of **striking differences,** 50% of the land is desert – dry and uninhabited, 3 deserts, narrow coasts of the east and south-east, main cities, tropical forests and snowy mountains, “the upside down world”.

Extraordinary collection of birds and animals: kangaroos, koalas, dingoes, birds: the emu, the kookaburra, the great white cockatoo. The eucalyptus and the Australian acacia(the Golden Wattle).

An independent federative state, 6 states, 2 territories, a constitutional monarchy, Canberra, English. Over 20 million people, Aborigines.

Attractions: Uluru, the Great Barrier Reef, the Sydney Opera House

3. Conclusion: 3 things make a person happy: love, an interesting job and the ability to travel, such an extraordinary place to explore, a great place to enjoy, a real paradise, won’t disappoint.