- 1. Some people think that the only way to judge someone's success in business is by the amount of money they make. Is this a true indicator of the success of a business and in what other ways could success in a business be measured?
- 2. The restoration of old buildings in major cities around the world costs enormous amounts of money. This money would be better spent on providing new housing and road development. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?
- 3. Employers should give their workers at least one month holiday a year as it makes them to do better at their job. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 4. Some people believe the Olympic Games doesn't belong to the 21st century anymore. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 5. Some parents believe that reading books for entertainment is a waste of time for children and they think that their children should only read serious educational books. What is your opinion?
- 6. Some people think that an advertising on TV is useless and others disagree. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.
- 7. Some people think money is the best gift to give it to youngsters, while others disagree. Discuss both the views and give your opinion.
- 8. For school children, their teachers have more influence on their intelligence and social development than their parents. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 9. In the modern world it is possible to shop, work and communicate with people via the internet and live without any face-to-face contact with others. Is it a positive or negative development in your opinion? To what extent do you support this development?
- 10. Many university students live with their families, while others live away from home because their universities are in different places. What are the advantages and disadvantages of both situations?
- 11. In the modern world it is no longer necessary to use animals for food, clothing or medicine. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer and include examples from your own experience.
- 12. Some businesses observe that new employees who just graduated from a college or university seem to lack interpersonal skills needed for communication with their colleagues. What could be the reason for this? What solutions can help address this problem?

- 13. Some people believe that we should start giving formal education to students at a much earlier age, while others think we should wait until the age of 7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Discuss and give reasons for your answer.
- 14. Nowadays in many countries young people leave rural areas to study or work in cities. What are the reasons for this? Do the benefits of this outweigh the disadvantages?
- 15. Some parents believe that reading entertainment books is a waste of time. In their opinion, children should only read serious, educational books. Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer and include relevant examples from your own experience.
- 16. Nowadays there is a growing trend of private car ownership. Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages or environmental problems associated with this?
- 17. Some people believe that companies should pay for damage they cause to the environment, while others say that the government should be responsible for such expenses. Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer and include examples from your experience.
- 18. Nowadays there are many medical surveys of treatments to reduce health problems. Who should conduct them, governments, individuals or private companies, in your opinion? Give reasons for your answer and include relevant examples from your experience.
- 19. The international community must act immediately to ensure that all countries reduce their consumption of fossil fuels such as gas, oil and coal. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give your own opinion.