

## Des questions possibles à l'épreuve d'expression orale

Pour la 2ème partie de votre épreuve l'examineur vous posera des questions en lien avec la notion que vous avez choisie. Voici quelques possibilités...

### **Myths and Heroes**

1. What myths do you know?
2. Why are myths and heroes important to our society?
3. Do you think that myths and heroes can teach us a lesson? Can you give examples?
4. Is the 'European Dream' the new myth replacing the 'American Dream'?
5. What types of heroes do you know?
6. Do you have a personal hero? Who? Why do you admire him/her?
7. Is it a sportsman, an actor, an artist, a pop star, a member of your family, an ordinary hero such as a fireman? Why is this person considered a role model?
8. What are his/her qualities?
9. Can you think of an anti-hero? Can you talk about his/her behaviour?
10. Would you like to be a hero? What type? Why?
11. What is the difference between a hero and a superhero?
12. Do you consider MLK a hero? Why? What about Malala or Mandela?
13. Could you name a person who, in your opinion, best exemplifies courage/ wisdom/ loyalty/ selflessness/ honesty?
14. Are myths and heroes important to our society?
15. Could we live without heroes?
16. If a hero does something wrong, is he/she still a hero? (Ex Mandela and illegal actions)
17. What super powers would you like to have?
18. Some people say that people like Mandela, Zinedine Zidane or even anonymous firefighters can be considered as heroes. Do you think they can influence the development of a young person's personality?
19. Would you say heroism is essentially about risk-taking? Which other features would you focus on to define 'heroism'?
20. Who was your hero when you were a child? What about now? So what?
21. Is a world without myths and heroes sustainable? Would you survive without them?
22. Don't you think the word 'hero' is being over-used nowadays, that it has become almost a cliché? What does it reveal basically about us?
23. In what way are modern-day heroes different from those of the past?

## **Places and Forms of Power**

1. What places of power do you know?
2. What forms of power do you know?
3. How do people exercise their power? What tools can they use?
4. What in your opinion is the most dangerous form of power?
5. Can you give an example of a power struggle?
6. What are the limits to power? How is power abused?
7. Why and how do people need to exercise their power on others?
8. What form of power did the Civil Rights Movement represent in the USA in the 50s and 60s?
9. Do you think protest songs have any power?
10. Do you consider yourself under any form of control? By whom or by what?
11. Are you addicted to anything?
12. Do you consider consumerism a form of power? How? Are you personally under its influence?
13. Is there any law that you find unfair?
14. How can we limit the excesses of authority?
15. Do you think we are manipulated? ( by politicians, by the media, by ads...)
16. To what extent do you respect institutions? Which ones do you consider important?
17. What is the power of monarchy in GB?
18. Is there a fascination for power?
19. Would you regard a boycott as a good means of pressure on a brand, authorities ...?
20. To what extent can education be a key to power? To empowerment?
21. Some say that advertising exerts too much power on customers. What about yourself? Do you think you are influenced by advertising?
22. Should there be limits to the power of the press?
23. Are we being over-informed? Do we really need instant news?
24. Would you say power is equally shared between men and women nowadays?

## **Idea of progress**

1. What is progress for you ? What types of progress can you think of ?
2. What is the most important form of progress for you?
3. In what way has progress made life better? Can you give examples?
4. Do you think that progress is always positive? Can there be a negative side to progress?
5. What do you think are the most important inventions of the past 50 years?
6. Do you consider the Internet and new technologies represent progress? Why?
7. How has the Internet changed today's world?
8. Do you consider the consumer society was progress? In what way?
9. How did the Civil Rights Movement bring about progress in America?
10. Do you consider the situation of blacks is regressing today in America? What would MLK think/say/do about it?
11. What about the world's situation? Are people's rights regressing or progressing?
12. Have you experienced any form of progress in your life (recently)?
13. In your opinion, what was the major technological or scientific breakthrough in the last decades?
14. What are the pros and cons of progress?
15. Do you think people were happier before or now? What do you miss from the past? What do you think is better now?
16. Some say that some inventions are polluting the atmosphere. Do you think we should close down the factories (the plants) that are polluting? Should we stop the production of goods or energy?
17. Would you say we are living in a progressive society? Are we really moving forward or backward?
18. What makes progress such a divisive issue? Could you give examples of advances/ innovations that led to a hot debate/ that set people apart?
19. « We 've never had it so good! » a British MP proudly declared in the 50s. Would you say the same in the early 21st century ?
20. Do you understand technophobes? How do you feel about cutting- edge technology yourself?

## **Spaces and Exchanges**

1. What kind of exchanges are there in today's world? (trade, financial, sport, social networking, education, ...)
2. How are these exchanges influenced by modern technologies? Do new technologies make exchanges easier?
3. What impact does globalisation have on exchanges?
4. To what extent can globalisation be an asset?
5. Would you like to travel abroad? Which country would you like to live in? Why?
6. Have you ever travelled abroad? Which countries have you visited?
7. What did you learn from your trips abroad?
8. Would you like to go on a gap year? Why? Why not? Do you think gap years should be compulsory for all students?
9. Why do people emigrate?
10. Would you like to emigrate to another country? Where to? Why? Why not?
11. What do immigrants bring to their new country? Are they always an asset?
12. Why do so many immigrants take so many risks to get to Europe? What should European countries do?
13. What is the American Dream? Is it still true today?
14. What about volunteering? Would you be ready to become a volunteer on a mission?
15. Is English a good means to communicate/exchange?
16. Which difficulties do immigrants have to face ?
17. Some say that many Spanish-speaking people feel discriminated against in the United States . Can you give me some examples of discrimination?
18. Is 'being on the move' a must today?
19. Does the word ' home' still make sense in this globalized world or is it losing its meaning ?
20. Do you think borders still serve a purpose today? Do you dream of a world without borders- like John Lennon in 'Imagine'- or do you regard it as utopia or hypocrisy?
21. Immigrants: a blessing or a curse?
22. 'Travelling broadens the mind', as the saying goes: how can you benefit from travelling abroad?