

**COMPONENTS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAMINATION FOR
CANDIDATES FOR STUDIES AT THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SILESIA IN KATOWICE:**

I. Self-presentation: please introduce yourself (nationality, course of education, interests, future plans, etc.)

II. A fragment of a text containing medical vocabulary: reading aloud and answering the questions to the text

III. Discussion of one of the topics from the list below:

1. Can you give advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad?
2. How has the development of technology changed our lives?
3. What problems do tourists commonly have? What problems did you encounter?
4. What interesting places would you recommend to someone visiting your country?
5. What qualities make an ideal teacher? Has any teacher ever inspired you?
6. How is family life changing in your country?
7. What are the most common stereotypes concerning your country and people?
8. What qualities are essential to become a good medical doctor/ nurse?
9. Can you give a brief characteristics of your generation?
10. How have smartphones changed our lives? Can younger students have them 'on' during school lessons in your country?
11. Why don't we generally like Mondays? What would you recommend to combat this feeling?
12. What is your perception of "change"? Is it a motivator or rather a paralysing factor for you?
13. What is the biggest festivity in your country? How do citizens/ you celebrate this Day?
14. Why shouldn't we skip breakfast? What is the most typical breakfast in your country composed of and what is your favourite breakfast?
15. What do you find fascinating about doctor's/ nurse's work, especially these days, that has attracted you to choose it as your future career?

16. Do you have any bad habits? What annoys you most about yourself? Is it easy or difficult to get rid of a bad habit?
17. At what age did you begin studying English? What do you find most difficult to learn in English? What tools can help you learn a foreign language? What languages would you like to learn in the future?
18. How often do you feel stressed? In which situations? Some people say that a certain amount of stress is a good thing. Do you think this is true?
19. How would you describe your personality? Are you happy with your personality? Do countries have personalities? What is the dominant personality of the country you live in?
20. What is your definition of success? Name someone you consider successful. What makes them successful?
21. What are the 5 most important decisions in a person's life?
22. Because of AI, working will soon be unnecessary. Do you agree?
23. Do you think teenagers today have it "too easy"? Is it a good idea to give teenagers a lot of freedom? What do you think are some of the greatest problems facing teenagers today?
24. Do you enjoy meeting new people? What are the first things you notice when you meet someone? What is a favourite topic for new acquaintances of your age in your country?
25. What are the biggest challenges that the current youth/ students face? Name three-four of them and briefly comment on each one.
26. What are, in your opinion, the most disturbing/ alarming social problems of the modern world?
27. Could you name some of medical specialisations? Which one would you be interested in, now at the beginning of your studies, and why?
28. What is the role of media in shaping people's opinion? Present your standpoint.
29. 'Doctor - patient communication' – from your perspective and personal experience, is it satisfactory or does it still sometimes leave a lot to be desired? Should students of medicine have separate classes devoted to this issue?

30. Are there any sport disciplines that you consider too dangerous, too risky? Would you ban them? Would you say that apart from causing extreme personal tragedies they also “generate” new patients for the healthcare system?
31. What is your favourite movie, the one you could watch over and over again and would never get bored? Tell its story and describe briefly its main characters and features.
- Or maybe ‘film’ is not your favourite artistic genre, what is it then?
32. The Mediterranean diet is considered to be a very healthy one. Why? What are its main components? Do you, yourself, like it?
33. What do you most vividly remember from the Covid-19 pandemic? As a very young person then, what did you find most difficult during that time?
34. What would be a trip of your dreams? Where would its destination be? Why?
35. Solitude is said to be a plague of today’s world. Refer to this problem. What is the reason for such a state of affairs?
36. Are you, personally, an optimist, a pessimist, a realist or maybe a positive realist? Which attitude towards life, in your opinion, serves us best and why?
37. More and more people, these days, search a psychologic or psychiatric support. What makes life too complex to cope with it today? Is it, in your view, more a problem of prosperous societies?
38. Some people suffer from or are even tormented by phobias. Name three - four possible phobias and characterise them briefly.
39. In Poland, students finishing high school / secondary level education and wanting to continue studies have to take an exam in mathematics. Is a maths exam also obligatory in your country for pre-university/ pre-college pupils? What is your opinion about it?
40. Are heated political arguments during parties, family/ friends’ meetings a norm in your country? What is the system of governance in the country of your origin? Describe it in a few words.