**City Olympiad 2024/2025**

# Speaking

# for 10th Form Students

**1. Celebrities have a lot of influence nationally and internationally.**

• Of which Ukrainian celebrity are you most proud?

• What are some of this celebrity’s accomplishments?

• How does this person bring pride to your nation and culture?

**2. The choices we make in our youth can greatly affect our adult lives.**

• What decision have you made in your life that you think will be the most important to your future?

• If you could, would you change the decision you made? Why? Why not?

• What future decisions do you foresee needing to make?

**3. Change is an essential part of the development of a community, especially in today’s rapidly changing world.**

• In your community, what are the most notable changes you have seen in the last year?

• Have these changes been positive or negative?

• What do you think should be changed? Why?

**4. Being a teenager comes with many challenges. It’s a time of self-discovery, but also a period of uncertainty and pressure.**  
• What do you find the most challenging about being a teenager?  
• How have you changed as a person over the last few years?  
• What advice would you give to someone younger than you about growing up?

**5. Henry David Thoreau said, “What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.”**

• What is your biggest goal in life? How do you plan to achieve that goal?

• What are your “short-term” and “long-term goals?

• Once you have finally achieved your life goal, what will you do then?

**6. John Maxwell said, “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”**

• What is a leader? When you think of a leader, who is the first person to come to your mind?

• What are the qualities or characteristics that every leader should have?

• Are some people natural leaders and other people natural followers? Why?

**7. Bruce Lee said, “Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself, do not go out and look for a successful personality and duplicate it”.**

• What are some characteristics of your personality?

• Would you like to be different?

• In what way has your personality changed during your lifetime? Why has it changed?

**8. Sherry Anderson said, “Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.”**

• Why do people volunteer? Would you like to work as a volunteer?

• Have you ever benefited from someone’s volunteer work?

• What situations need volunteer workers?

**9. Tinie Tempah said, “At the end of the day, I’m a human being and I just think that’s what it is. Challenging stereotypes by just being who I am.”**

• What is a stereotype? What are some stereotypes?

• Do you believe other cultures have stereotypes about your country? What might they be?

• Why do you think people stereotype? How can stereotypes be damaging?

**10. Mark Twain once said, “If you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything.”**

• Do you think it is important to always tell the truth?

• In, what situations is it forgivable - or even better - to lie?

• Have you ever told a big lie? Why?

**11. Bill Gates said, ‘The advance of technology is based on making it fit in so that you don’t really even notice it, so it’s part of everyday life.”**

• Are new technologies always a good thing?

• Are all technologies necessary? Is a new technology sometimes worse than the original?

• What technologies do you use every day? Could you live without them? In what way?

**12. Someone offers you a chance to see your future. Do you take this chance?**

• How might knowing your future affect your decision-making for the rest of your life?

• Do you think that knowing the future would make it possible to change it? How?

• Do you believe it is better to be prepared or to be surprised in life? Why?

**13. In your opinion, what are the main characteristics of a good school? Do they have to do with physical things, or with the atmosphere, the teachers, and the students?**

• What characteristics are most important to you?

• What can make a school bad?

• How can you help make your school better?

**14. Having goals in life is important, because it keeps you focused and allows you to set priorities.**

• What are some goals you have set for yourself?

• Have you made steps towards accomplishing these goals?

• What are some obstacles you have faced and overcome while trying to reach your goals?

**15. Tell about the best city or place that you have visited.**

• What is it about this place that makes it significant to you?

• Describe this place and its points of interest.

• What suggestions would you have for other people who wish to travel to this location?

**16. When planning for the future, it is important to make clear, definite goals. What are your main goals for life?**

• What might happen in the future if you do not make plans and set goals now?

• If your future does not fulfill your plans or hopes, how will you react?

• Which people and sources of information can help you decide about your future?

**17. Describe the village, town, city or country where you live.**

• What is unique about your village, town, city or country?

• When friends from other places visit you, where do you take them?

• What offbeat places - places not on the typical tourist list - would you suggest that a tourist in your village/town/city/country visit? Why?

**18. Peer pressure can be difficult to resist, especially for teenagers who want to fit in. It’s important to stay true to yourself and make your own choices.**  
• Have you ever faced peer pressure? How did you handle it?  
• Why do teenagers often give in to peer pressure?  
• What advice would you give to someone who is struggling with peer pressure?

**19. Consider the following quote, from Augustine of Hippo: “The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page.”**

• Do agree with this quote? Why, or why not?

• Have you had the opportunity to travel? Do you enjoy traveling?

• In your opinion, what are the benefits of travel?

**20. A lot of people fear public speaking (speaking in front of a large audience).**

• Do you get nervous when you have to speak in front of a crowd? Explain.

• Would you rather write a fifty-page essay, or deliver a 30-minute speech? Explain your choice.

• What are some ways that you - or someone who fears public speaking - could work to overcome the fear?