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Guidelines For High School Group



Part I Surprise Me (2 minutes)

The *Surprise Me* Talent Show could be any form, such as storytelling, speech, singing, dubbing, and drama, etc. Each participant needs to present English skills in the show.

The costumes and any props/materials involved in the performance should be prepared by the participants.

The judge may ask you some questions about your talent show or your personal information before/after the talent show. Please answer the questions in complete sentences in English.

Here are some examples below. The samples are for reference only.

If you cannot hear the question clearly, please ask the judges to repeat it for you.

Part I Surprise Me (Q&A)

1. -What's your favorite subject/course? -Do you think people who major in this subject/course can find a job easily when they graduate?

2. -Do you like your hometown? -Can you tell me about some recent changes in your hometown?

3. - Why is it important to be punctual? -Do you wear a watch? Why?

4. -Do you live in a house or a flat? - Which is your favorite room in your house/ flat? Why? -Do you prefer to live in a city or in the countryside?

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5. - Why did you choose that song for your talent show? -Why did/didn't you choose to make props by yourself?
6. -Do you like pets? Why do people keep pets? -Do you think zoos are still important today?
7. -What were your favorite childhood activities? -Did you prefer outdoor activities or indoor activities?
8. -Do you like taking photos? -What kind of camera do you have? -Do you like to take photos outdoors or indoors?
9. -Do you like technology products? What is your favorite technology product at home? Why?
10. -Could you describe a decision that you regret? And why?
11. -Could you please describe an event that changed your life?
12. -Please describe a friend who helped you a lot. -How did you become friends?
13. -Please describe a person who taught you an important skill. -Have you taught anyone an important skill?
14. -Please describe an intelligent person that you know. -Do you think intelligence is the key to success?
15. -What kinds of advertisements are popular in China? -Do you often buy advertised products?

Part II Convince Me (Global Vision Challenge)

Participants need to answer 3 questions based on a 30-second video featuring global topics such as carbon neutral, Photovoltaic Energy, Gender Equality, Space Exploration, Cybersecurity, etc. The judges will score according to participants' confidence, logic and comprehensive abilities.

Sample answer A

2.0 points

Judge: This is the video about black holes. What would happen if you fell into a black hole?

Participant: Thanks for showing me the video. First, I believe a black hole does exist. But a person who journeys into one of the

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universe's most mysterious objects is not likely to fare so well. So I think I will burn up the moment I enter a black hole. It is because I believe there is what is called a firewall around black holes. That's all. Thank you.

Sample answer B

1.5 points

Judge: This is the video about black holes. What would happen if you fell into a black hole?

Participant: Thanks for showing me the video. First, I believe a black hole do exist. But a person who journey into one of the universe's most mysterious objects is not likely to fare so well. So I think I will burns up the moment I enter a black hole. It is because I think there is what call a fire wall around black holes. That's all. thank you.

Sample answer C

1.0 point

Judge: This is the video about black holes. What would happen if you fell into a black hole?

Participant: Thanks for showing me the video. But a person who journeys into one of the universe's most mysterious objects is not likely to fare so well. So I think I will burn up the moment I enter a black hole. It is because I think there is what called a fire wall around black holes. That's all. thank you.

Sample answer D

0.5 points

Judge: This is the video about black holes. What would happen if you fell into a black hole?

Participant: Thanks for the video. I believe that I will burn up the moment I enter a black hole. It is because I think there is what called a fire wall around black holes.

Sample answer E

0.0 points

Judge: This is the video about black holes. What would happen if you fell into a black hole?

Participant: Thanks for the video. I don't know.

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Global Issues

**Carbon
Neutral**

**Sustainable
Development**

**Gender
Equality**

**Space
Exploration**

Cybersecurity

Metaverse

Electric Vehicle

**Artificial
Intelligence**

**Demographic
Problem**

Infectious Diseases

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Carbon Neutral	
1	What is Carbon Neutral?
2	How to achieve the goal of Carbon Neutral?
3	How does carbon neutrality help mitigate climate change?
4	What changes do you think the Carbon Neutral could bring to us?
5	Will achieving carbon neutrality cost a lot of money?

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Sustainable Development

1	What is sustainable development, and why is it important?
2	How can communities and individuals contribute to sustainable development in their everyday lives?
3	How can international cooperation and knowledge sharing contribute to finding sustainable solutions to the challenges posed by nuclear-contaminated water?
4	How does the release of nuclear-contaminated water into the environment impact local ecosystems?
5	How can technology and innovation be harnessed to advance sustainable development goals?

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Gender Equality

1	What do you know about gender equality and women rights?
2	What are they ways to prompt gender quality in daily life?
3	In your country, how do the roles of men and women differ in the family?
4	What are the obstacles to achieve gender equality?
5	What are the ways to remove gender discrimination?

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Space Exploration

1	Which private company has launched the first spaceship?
2	What are the dangers of space exploration?
3	Could you please talk about the impacts on space of space exploration?
4	Why is space exploration so difficult?
5	What would you do if you could explore the space?

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Cybersecurity

1	How will you describe a computer hacker?
2	What are black hat hackers?
3	What skills are needed for job in cybersecurity?
4	What is the future of cybersecurity?
5	You receive an email from your bank telling you there is a problem with your account. The email provides instructions and a link so you can log into your account and fix the problem. What should you do?

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Metaverse	
1	What are some of the risks associated with investing in the Metaverse?
2	What's the difference between the metaverse and the internet?
3	Can you identify the components of the modern metaverse environments?
4	What is the Facebook metaverse?
5	How will metaverse influence your school life?

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Electric Vehicle	
1	How much distance normal EV can cover once it is fully charged now?
2	What to consider before buying an electric car?
3	What do you think is the biggest advantage of electric vehicle?
4	What are the new problems that EVs might bring to us?
5	How to avoid thermal runaway in an electric vehicle?

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Artificial Intelligence	
1	What are the leading companies in artificial intelligence?
2	Which do you think is the best artificial intelligence inventions?
3	Can artificial intelligence have morals?
4	What impacts does AI have on your daily life?
5	Could you tell us some disadvantages of AI?

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Demographic Problem	
1	What are the reasons for aging problems?
2	How demographics drive the economy?
3	How demographics drive the economy?
4	How can we solve the problem of population growth?
5	Do you think human beings can be immortal?

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Infectious Diseases

1	What effect does the virus have on our bodies?
2	What is the epidemic virus in these two years?
3	Do you think viruses are terrible? Why?
4	What do you think is the most serious infectious disease?
5	Why is it important to study infectious disease?

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The following websites are reputable and authoritative sources, offering comprehensive information and materials to facilitate a thorough comprehension of these global issues.

Carbon Neutral

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): <https://www.ipcc.ch/>

Carbon Trust: <https://www.carbontrust.com/>

Carbon Disclosure Project: <https://www.cdp.net/>

Sustainable Development

Britannica: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/sustainable-development>

sustainable development goal: <https://www.undp.org/sustainable-development-goals>

The U.S. Commitment to SDGs: <https://www.usaid.gov/sdgs>

Gender Equality

United Nations Women: <https://www.unwomen.org/>

The World Bank Group - Gender: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/gender>

UNICEF - Gender Equality: <https://www.unicef.org/gender-equality>

Space Exploration:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): <https://www.nasa.gov/>

European Space Agency: <https://www.esa.int/>

The Planetary Society: <https://www.planetary.org/>

Cybersecurity

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) - Cybersecurity: <https://www.nist.gov/topics/cybersecurity>

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency: <https://www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity>

SANS Institute - Cybersecurity: <https://www.sans.org/>

Metaverse

Metaverse Roadmap: <https://metaverseroadmap.org/>

The Immersive Education Initiative: <https://immersiveschools.org/>

IEEE Standards Association - Virtual and Augmented Reality: <https://sagroups.ieee.org/vr-ar/>

Electric Vehicle

US Department of Energy - Electric Vehicles: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/electricvehicles/electric-vehicles>

International Energy Agency - Electric Vehicles: <https://www.iea.org/reports/global-ev-outlook-2021>

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The Electric Vehicle Association of America: <https://www.evaa.org/> High School

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Artificial Intelligence

The Partnership on AI: <https://www.partnershiponai.org/>

IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics of Autonomous and Intelligent Systems: <https://ethicsinaction.ieee.org/>

World Economic Forum - Artificial Intelligence: <https://www.weforum.org/ai/>

Demographic Problem

United Nations Population Fund: <https://www.unfpa.org/>

Population Reference Bureau: <https://www.prb.org/>

World Health Organization - Reproductive Health and Research: <https://www.who.int/teams/sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-research/>

Infectious disease

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/>

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: <https://www.niaid.nih.gov/>