

## Britské lingvoreálie

### Examination topics

1. a) **Britain: Geography.** Basic geographic facts about the U.K, relief, climate, rivers, population.  
b) **The media.** British radio and television. National and regional broadcasting. BBC. Media ownership and freedom of expression.
2. a) **The four nations.** The British versus the English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish. The importance of not being English.  
b) **Law and order.** Courts and trials. Common law. The legal profession. The police.
3. a) **British people.** The sense of identity. Regional and local identity. Ethnic identity. Minorities. Immigration.  
b) **International relations.** 20<sup>th</sup> century wars and conflicts Britain was involved in. Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. Roots and development of the Irish Question. Terrorism.
4. a) **Free time and socializing.** Leisure activities. Clubbing. Pubs and restaurants. Alcohol.  
b) **Agriculture and environment.** Agriculture, fisheries and forestry. Environment protection. National Parks. Nuclear energy. Pollution.
5. a) **The system of government.** Government and its role in the past and at present. The Prime Minister. Cabinet.  
b) **History. Events that shaped modern Britain.** The Stuarts. The Civil War, Restoration and the Glorious Revolution. The 18<sup>th</sup> century. Victorian Britain. The 20<sup>th</sup> century.
6. a) **The system of government.** Parliament - its role in the past and at present. Elections and candidates. Political parties and their origin.  
b) **Sports.** Sports and sporting tradition. Sport events and famous sportsmen.
7. a) **International relations.** Britain's foreign policy. The European Union. Colonialism. The Empire and the Commonwealth of Nations.  
b) **Social services.** The personal social services. The benefits system. Housing and architecture. Charities.
8. a) **History. Events that shaped modern Britain.** Prehistory. Celtic, Roman and Anglo-Saxon Britain. The Viking invasions. Tudor absolutism and Reformation.  
b) **Regional geography of Britain.** The eight regions – character and sights. Counties and shires.
9. a) **The economy.** Economic history. Economic policy, structure and performance. Financial institutions. Invisible economy.  
b) **The arts.** Visual arts, film, music, theatre. Famous personalities.
10. a) **Social services.** The Welfare State and its origin. Health care. The NHS. Hospitals, surgeries and personnel. The medical profession. Falling ill.  
b) **Food and drink.** British cuisine. Popular meals. Cooking tradition. Eating out.
11. a) **Transport.** Air, rail and road transport. Shipping. The Channel Tunnel.  
b) **Religion and society.** The structure of society and class distinctions. Religion and its role in the society.
12. a) **The media.** British press, newspapers and magazines. Quality papers and tabloids. National and regional press.  
b) **The system of government.** The monarchy. The Royal Family. Local government. Devolution. Civil Service.
13. a) **Education.** School history. State schools and independent schools. School organization and examinations.  
b) **The economy.** Trade, workforce and employment. Industrial Relations. Economy and everyday life – attitude to money. Shopping.
14. a) **Holidays and leisure.** Holidays, special days and leisure activities. Customs, traditions and festivals.  
b) **Education.** Higher education. Universities. Vocational training. Further and lifelong education. Attitudes to education. British thinkers, scientists and innovators.