**QUESTIONS YOU MAY BE ASKED ABOUT THE NOTIONS**

**Myths and Heroes**

1. What myths do you know?
2. What types of heroes do you know?
3. Are myths and heroes important to our society?
4. Why are myths and heroes important to our society?
5. Could we live without myths or heroes?
6. Is a world without myths and heroes sustainable? Would you survive without them?
7. Do you think myths and heroes can teach us lessons? Can you give examples?
8. Why and how can sportsmen or women, actors, show-business stars, artists, be considered heroes?
9. Don't you think the word ‘hero’ is being over-used nowadays, that it has become almost a cliché?
10. In what way are modern-day heroes different from those of the past?
11. What role do you think the media play in the making of heroes nowadays? Give examples
12. Is there a difference between a hero and a role model?
13. Some people say that people like Mandela, Zinedine Zidane or even anonymous firefighters can be considered as heroes. Do you agree? Do you think they can influence the development of a young person’s personality?
14. What qualities do you expect from a hero?
15. What does it take to be a hero?
16. Would you say heroism is essentially about risk-taking? Which other features would you focus on to define 'heroism'?
17. Can you think of an anti-hero? Can you talk about his/her behaviour?
18. Would you consider the group “Anonymous” as heroes or anti-heroes? Explain
19. Do you have a personal hero? Who? Why do you admire him/her?
20. Would you like to be a hero? What type? Why?
21. Do you consider MLK a hero? Why? What about Malala or Mandela?
22. According to you is there a difference between an everyday hero such as a member of your family or a fireman and a great historical figure such as Mandela or MLK?
23. Could you name a person who, in your opinion, best exemplifies courage/ wisdom/ loyalty/ honesty?
24. If a hero does something wrong, is he/she still a hero? (Ex Mandela and illegal actions)
25. What difference do you make between a hero and a superhero?
26. If you were a superhero, what super powers would you like to have?
27. Who was your hero when you were a child? What about now? So what?
28. What does it reveal basically about us?
29. Do you think the ‘American Dream’ is a myth or a reality?
30. Is the ‘European Dream’ the new myth replacing the 'American Dream'?

**Power : where and how**

1. Where can we find power? Who uses power and when?
2. What forms of power do you know?
3. Is there a fascination for power? Explain
4. Why and how do people need to exercise their power on others?
5. How do people exercise their power? What tools can they use?
6. How can we limit excessive authority?
7. Can you give an example of a power struggle?
8. Can you give examples of abusive power?
9. How can we fight abusive power?
10. Would you regard a boycott as a good means of pressure on a brand, authorities …?
11. What counter powers can be used against abusive power?
12. What in your opinion is the most dangerous form of power? And why?
13. Do you consider yourself under any form of control? By whom or by what?
14. Do you think we are manipulated? ( by politicians, by the media, by ads…)
15. Do you consider consumerism a form of power? How? Are you personally under its influence?
16. Some say that advertising exerts too much power on customers. What about yourself? Do you think you are influenced by advertising? How?
17. To what extent do you respect institutions? Which ones do you consider important? Useless? Dangerous?
18. Is there any law that you find unfair?
19. Do you think voting should be made compulsory?
20. Can you think of a law which should be voted for?
21. What kind of power does the monarchy have in the UK?
22. To what extent can education be a key to power? To empowerment?
23. Do you think protest songs can have any power?
24. Do you think words can be more powerful than weapons? How and why?
25. Should there be limits to the power of the press? Or the media at large?
26. Are we being over-informed? Do we really need instant news?
27. Do you think the freedom of speech should be limitless? What if it was a matter of national security?
28. Would you say The Internet has become a dangerous form of power? Explain
29. Would you say power is equally shared between men and women nowadays?
30. Do you think men and women have the same forms of power nowadays? Explain

**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 you think of negative sides?
5. What are the pros and cons of progress?
6. What makes progress such a divisive issue? Could you give examples of advances/ innovations that led to a hot debate/ that set people apart?
7. What do you think are the most important inventions/innovations of the past?
8. Do you consider the Internet and new technologies as a progress? Why or why not?
9. How has the Internet changed today’s world?
10. How have social networks changed people’s relationships?
11. Do you consider consumer society a progress? In what way?
12. Can you give examples of movements or laws that lead to an evolution of people’s mentalities?
13. Do you think people can change their mentalities thanks to or because of a law only?
14. How can education make men progress?
15. What about women’s situation? Are women’s rights regressing or progressing?

Give examples

1. In your opinion, what was the major technological or scientific breakthrough that made Man progress?
2. What, according to you, was the most dangerous discovery of all? Why?
3. Would you say we are living in a progressive society? Are we really moving forward or backward?
4. Do you think people were happier before or now? How and why?
5. What do your parents or grand-parents miss from the past? What do they say is better now?
6. Some say that we are destroying our planet? Do you agree? What should be done to protect the earth?
7. How do you imagine the city of the future?
8. Do you think e-learning is a form of progress?
9. Would you say saviour siblings are a form of progress?
10. Should we limit researchers who try to create life? How?
11. Do you think AI is the future of man?
12. Do you think robots will help or destroy mankind?
13. Do you like science-fiction? Why or why not?
14. Would you say science-fiction writers are visionaries? Give examples.
15. Can we put an end to progress? Can we control it? How?

**Spaces and Exchanges**

1. What kinds 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 or worse?
3. How have modern technologies and the Internet in particular made our private lives public?
4. What impact does globalisation have on exchanges?
5. Why has the English language become so important to communicate/exchange?
6. Do you think borders still serve a purpose today? Do you dream of a world without borders- like John Lennon in his song ‘*Imagine*’- or do think borders are necessary to protect a nation’s identity?
7. To what extent can globalisation be an asset?
8. Have you ever travelled abroad? Which countries have you visited?
9. Would you like to travel abroad? Which country would you like to live in? Why?
10. What did you learn from your trips abroad?
11. ‘Travelling broadens the mind’, as the saying goes: how can you benefit from travelling abroad?
12. Is ‘being on the move’ a must today?
13. Does the word ‘home’ still make sense in this globalized world or is it losing its meaning?
14. Do you think space-travel will become reality one day? Would you like to talk to aliens from outer spaces?
15. Would you like to go on a gap year? Why? Why not? Do you think gap years should be made compulsory for all students?
16. What about volunteering? Would you be ready to become a volunteer on a mission?

Which one ? Explain

1. Do you think eco-tourism is a new form of exchange or simple trade?
2. Would you like to emigrate to another country? Where to? Why? Why not?
3. What do immigrants bring to their new country? Are they always an asset?
4. Are immigrants a blessing or a curse?
5. Why do so many immigrants take so many risks to get to Europe? What should European countries do?
6. What do you think of this crave for gated communities?
7. Do you think sports can favour exchange between nations? Give examples
8. How is Art a form of exchange?
9. Can you think of places where Art would favour people’s communication and exchange?
10. What is your definition of the best School ever? A place where …
11. Would you say the virtual world is the place to be?