

ЗАВДАННЯ ДЛЯ II ЕТАПУ ОЛІМПІАДИ З АНГЛІЙСЬКОЇ МОВИ 2023-2024 НАВЧАЛЬНИЙ РІК

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PSYCHOLOGY OF TWITTER

Twitter is a social networking application that does only one thing – allows the sharing of 140 character messages (called “tweets”). Why the 140 character limit? So you can send text updates from your cell phone as well as the net. If you haven’t used or even heard of Twitter, don’t worry, you’re not alone. Twitter is a service used more widely the younger you are.

The best way to imagine Twitter is as a 24/7 online conversation that never ends, even when you’re away from the computer. Since tweets are so short, they better take on instant messaging, except instead of talking to a single person, you’re talking to the world and the world talks back!

Online conversation really began on the web with the arrival of blogs. It opened up web-based, two-way conversation, allowing feedback on what one wrote online. Twitter is doing the same thing for online chat. Chat is the informal streaming conversation done in real-time. The important difference that Twitter brings to the party is that its chat room is readily accessible to anyone, the conversation is automatically stored forever, it’s all readily searchable.

Because of this, Twitter has some unique pros and cons.

On the pros side, Twitter is yet another way to communicate online. But more importantly, Twitter acts as a new public, global conversation medium. Like blogging before it, it has the potential to bring conversational chat out of the dark back rooms and into the public light. This is a key point, because humans are social creatures who are engaged primarily in conversational talking. We simply know how to talk, and Twitter is the first text service to adequately mimic this behavior in an online medium.

On the cons side, Twitter celebrates *public* conversation. Once you tweet something, it’s out there in the world forever (and stored to be searchable in the future on Twitter’s servers). The good news is that unlike Facebook, when you delete your Twitter account, your Twitter history is also gone.

Twitter can also bring about a feeling that you’re “missing something” when you’re not online and see your Twitter feed. Normal human conversations have a beginning, a middle, and an end. Twitter has none of these things – it’s continuous and nonstop, even when you’re gone. Many of us will have to learn that it’s okay to step away from the conversation and come back to it at another time.

Many people are beginning to experience information overload. Between blogs, news headlines, e-mails, Facebook status updates, and now Twitter, many people are starting to look like zombies trying to process all the information being pushed to them. Good information helps us lead more productive lives, stay informed, etc. Bad information results in a waste of our time and mental resources. But tools like Twitter don’t differentiate, all the while pushing dozens (or hundreds!) of updates to our eyes everyday.

Twitter is helpful for those who find it so, but it’s not for everyone (just like blogs, Facebook, and even an iPhone). Whether it holds value for you and improves your everyday life and information flow is something you’ll only find out if you try it yourself.

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Перевірка аудіювання

Listen to the story and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Twitter allows to send messages only from computer.
2. Tweets have a limited number of characters.
3. Older people use twitter more often than younger people.
4. Twitter allows 24/7 conversation.
5. The first two-way conversation appeared in blogs.

Statements 11 through 20 (on your answer sheet circle the correct letter A, B, or C).

1. According to the text Twitter is used
 - A by all of the internet users.
 - B in case of emergency.
 - C mostly by the younger people.
2. The length of on- line conversation
 - A is limited by the moderators.
 - B is unlimited.
 - C can be changed according to the time zone.
3. The difference between Twitter and the real life conversation is that
 - A it allows to get response from a lot of people round the world.
 - B it helps to hide true emotions of the message sender.
 - C it is faster than the real life conversation.
4. Twitter is more advanced than blogging because
 - A it demands no feedback.
 - B the information is saved up and can be searched.
 - C it allows to send voice messages.
5. Twitter feels like a natural way of communication because
 - A talking is an inborn ability of the man.
 - B people prefer writing messages to real life conversation.
 - C real life conversation takes more time than texting.

Тип II

Визначення рівня мовленнєвої компетентності

Для вибору учням пропонується 20 тематик ситуативного спілкування.

1. A hero is traditionally a person who, in the face of danger, adversity or weakness, displays courage and the will for self-sacrifice for some greater good for humanity.
 - What traits define a hero for you?
 - Does being in the right place in the right time make a hero or are people born that way?
 - Who is your hero and why do you look up to them?
2. Many different languages are used around the world, even within a single country.
 - What other languages would you want to learn to speak and why?
 - How can language help connect people from different parts of the world?

– How would the world be different if only one language was spoken throughout the world?

3. Some argue that “street smarts” are more important than “book smarts”.

- What are the most important lessons you’ve learned outside of school?
- Do the lessons we need in the life come mostly from school, or not?
- What does it mean to have a “full” education?

4. Ukrainian students typically wear uniforms to school but not all children are happy about this.

- Do you think schools should require students to wear uniforms?
- Is there a way to wear a uniform and still be fashionable?
- What image of yourself do you try to convey through your clothes?

5. Scientist Charles Babbage proposed the idea of the computer in the 19th century, but no one imagined how much the device would change our lives.

- How do you think technology will change in the next 100 years?
- What technology would you like to see that does not yet exist?
- What are some ways technology can negatively impact our lives?

6. Everyone likes to relax in different ways. Some people even have a special place that only they know about.

- What special place do you like to go to for relaxation?
- What does it look like?
- What do you do there?

7. Music influences people in different ways.

- What type of music influences you the most? How?
- Which musician has had the greatest impact on you? Why?
- How is the music of your generation different from the music your parents listened to?

8. Imagine that you are given the opportunity to turn back time.

- What time in your life would you want to re-experience?
- Is there anything you would change in your past?
- How do you think your present life would be affected by your journey to the past?

9. Describe the house of your dreams.

- What does your house look like?
- What is your favourite room and what is in it?
- Where in the world would your house be located?

10. Some students are proud of their school and really enjoy studying there, while others don’t like their school and would prefer to study somewhere else.

- What are the qualities of a good school in your opinion?
- What must the teacher be like? The students?
- What else influences student’s opinions of their school (discos, school lunches, etc.)

11. One complaint many students don’t have enough control over their own education.

- If you could teach a new class not normally taught in schools, what would it be?
 - How would you convince the teachers and director that students need this class?
12. Ukraine is a big country with many different geographical features, climates and traditions. What do you like about your country?
- What can you say about the weather here? Do you like the weather?
 - What are some of your favourite national traditions and customs?
 - What are your favourite cities? Where are they located?
13. One of your friends recently decided to drop out of school. What would you say to a friend who wanted to quit school?
- What reasons would you give them for staying in school?
 - What problems could they have later in life if they stop going to school now?
 - Why is it important to finish school?
14. Traditionally, holidays are spent with family and friends.
- If you could create your own holiday, what it can be called?
 - On what day of the year would it be celebrated?
 - With whom would you celebrate the holiday?
15. Every culture has different tradition patterns for naming people. For example, most Ukrainians have very traditional names, but in America, people sometimes have unconventional names. Some celebrities even give their children names like “Apple” or “Moon Unit”.
- Why did your parents choose your name?
 - Should people be able to choose their own names? If so, how old should someone be before changing their name?
 - If you could change your name, what it would be and why?
16. Fantasy books such as Twilight series have been popular for some years now.
- Why do people like fantasy books? Are they targeted on one age group?
 - In your opinion, what is the most interesting genre of books? Explain what makes it more interesting to you than the others?
 - If you can bring a character from a fantasy book to life, who would it be and why?
17. A person you know is planning to visit your town or city
- During what season would you recommend him or her to visit and why?
 - What do you think this person would like or dislike about spending time in your town or city? Why?
 - What areas of interest would you show her or him first?
18. Imagine you get to move into your own apartment tomorrow.
- What five things would you put in your apartment first?
 - Do you think you would keep your apartment clean or messy?
 - Would you invite anyone to live with you or would you stay there alone? Why?
19. Imagine that you are given enough money to start life there alone
- What type of business would you choose to open and what would you call it?

- What would you need to open your own business in term of space, employees, and supplies?
 - How would you advertise your new business?
20. Your family is going to adopt new pet. Everybody has a chance to state their opinion.
- What kind of pets would not be good for your family?
 - How would you convince the rest of your family your idea is perfect for all of them?
 - What kind of care would this pet need?

Тип III

Творча письмова робота

Оберіть одне тему й дайте розгорнуту відповідь.

1. Zoos are seen as necessary but sometimes poor alternatives to a natural environment. Discuss some of the arguments for and/or against keeping animals in zoos.

2. Should teachers have to wear uniforms or have a dress code? Write an essay to support your choice and to persuade the other students to vote for your choice.