



**ANSWER
KEY**

BÖLÜM 1**1a**

1. Stroke kills over 100 Americans every year.
2. Poor infrastructure affects many aspects of daily life.
3. Lack of motivation adversely influences cognitive performance.
4. Multitasking usually does more harm than good.
5. Severe anxiety decreases your ability to focus.
6. Overfishing threatens marine ecosystems.
7. Aspirin usually alleviates pain.
8. Economic growth alleviates poverty.
9. One family flees their home every minute.
10. Gender discrimination exacerbates inequality.
11. Music education enhances the quality of school life.

1b

1. This cosmetic product does not pose any danger to human health.
2. Home-schooling does not hamper socialization.
3. She does not exercise as much as she should.
4. He does not have any sense of shame.
5. Experience alone does not lead to success.
6. The ability to speak well does not make you smart.
7. A sizable portion of humanity does not have access to quality education.

1c

1. Millions of people live under the poverty line.
2. People have different ways of coping with stress.
3. Some of the elderly take better care of themselves than others.
4. Uneducated people face particular problems at the workplace.

5. Wrong educational policies lead to a range of problems.
6. Food allergies trigger particular mental illnesses.

1d

1. Some students do not prefer to take part in group work.
2. Students in rural areas do not have sufficient educational facilities.
3. Many people do not have time to exercise and keep active.
4. People in underdeveloped countries do not have access to clean water and sufficient food.
5. Some teachers do not offer opportunities for learners to study outside of the classroom.
6. Most people do not enjoy being alone.
7. Many animals do not survive forest fires.
8. Some teachers do not approve of students using smart phones in the classroom.

1e

1. The crime rate in cities has soared tremendously.
2. The number of female students in schools has increased considerably in recent decades.
3. The number of asylum seekers has increased markedly in recent years.
4. The number of people living in Istanbul has multiplied recently.
5. The prices of imported goods have peaked in recent months.
6. The amount of agricultural land has decreased slightly.
7. Thanks to automation, the amount of waste has plummeted greatly.
8. The rate of precipitation in Turkey has decreased over the last few years.

1f

1. According to some, the surge of refugees will adversely influence the economies of the host countries.
2. I believe that we will overcome the current economic problems in a short while.
3. Over the next few years, the inflation will remain relatively low and the interest rates will remain stable.
4. If their parents constantly criticize their behavior, children will have low self-confidence.
5. Access to sanitation and hygiene will prevent water-borne epidemics.
6. The Ministry of National Education will soon recruit ten thousand more teachers.
7. I am sure that passing their exams will enhance students' self-esteem.
8. Probably, draught and aridity will not last long.
9. Even if fines are increased, many people will not obey the traffic rules.
10. The government is working on a solution which will not hinder the education of refugee children.
11. Increasing English preparatory classes to two years will not be a feasible option.
12. I think the new I-phone X will not satisfy the expectations of the customers.
13. Robots will not replace teachers.
14. The investments in underdeveloped countries will not catch up with the investments in developed countries in the short term.
15. The new law concerning gun ownership will not prevent crime.
16. Increasing taxes will not boost economy because people will not prefer to purchase expensive goods.
17. Technology will exacerbate the unemployment problem because in many industries machines will replace humans.
18. Neither Barcelona nor Real Madrid will win the Champions League this year because PSG will

eliminate both.

19. Fashion will occupy a more important place in people's lives because dressing style will indicate the socio-economic status of the individual.

1g

1. All children are capable of learning two or more languages.
2. Everybody is aware of the effects of smoking on health, but most smokers are reluctant to quit smoking because they think this will lead to weight gain.
3. Excessive consumerism is on the rise in the whole world.
4. Hard work, determination and perseverance are key factors to be successful at school and in the workplace.
5. Turkey is one of the fastest growing economies of the world.
6. In the business world, the ability to persuade others is as important as being knowledgeable.
7. Lack of regular exercise is one of the main causes of weight gain.
8. Low motivation and lack of familial support are potential causes of student failure.
9. Better intergovernmental cooperation is particularly important to prepare for future natural disasters.
10. Protecting democratic structures is particularly important for countries' future. (It is particularly important to protect democratic structures for countries' future)
11. The European Union is by far the largest exporter in the world.
12. Many people in developing countries are vulnerable to various diseases.

1h

1. Some students are not interested in physics or math; on the other hand, others are crazy about these lessons.
2. Universities are not available in all cities.
3. The success of a company is not dependent on its investments; it depends on the qualities of its workers.
4. Millions of people in Istanbul are reliant upon public transportation to commute to and from work.
5. It is not impossible to prevent wars and conflicts. (The prevention of wars and conflicts is not impossible.)
6. Overconsumption of alcohol is not good for your body.
7. In many countries, voting is not compulsory.
8. According to a survey, most of the people in their fifties are not worried about their financial situation.
9. Some infections are not necessarily hazardous.

1i

1. There is an urgent need for humanitarian aid in Yemen.
2. There is a noticeable effect of socio-economic status on student success.
3. There is always room for improvement; yet, at the same time there are various challenges.
4. There is an increasing need for international cooperation.
5. There is little hope for the end of war in Syria.

1j

1. Technology is creating more job opportunities for people rather than destroying jobs.
2. Many governments all over the world are planning to ban the sale of diesel cars.
3. The ability to use technology is gradually gaining more importance in the business world.

4. The increasing rate of carbon dioxide is enhancing global warming.
5. The rise of the social media is complicating the relationship between newspapers and readers.
6. The increasing global demand for food and consumer goods is accelerating deforestation.
7. Toxic oil spills are threatening the survival of marine animals.
8. Today most customers are focusing on the brands of products rather than their quality.
9. Students are taking part in international exchange programs more than ever before.
10. Builders are constructing increasingly higher buildings in Istanbul.

1k

1. In the past people generally stayed in one place throughout their life.
2. Before the Industrial Revolution, people worked in their own farms or in the workplaces in their villages.
3. Before technology became widespread, students in rural areas were dependent on their teachers and course books as the source of information.
4. For centuries, our ancestors used herbal methods to cure their ailments.
5. At secondary school I met my friends and played basketball with them almost every day.
6. Millions of soldiers died in the world wars; these wars showed that global crises cannot be solved through war.
7. At high school, I got education in the USA for one year through an exchange program.
8. A few years ago, most phones lacked online browsers.
9. At high school, I focused completely on my studies to get high grades and neglected physical exercise.

1l

1. Every business needs to embrace social media.
2. In order to be successful, all students need to allocate enough time to their classes.
3. In today's world everybody needs to know at least one foreign language when they have graduated from university.
4. Governments need to cooperate and take precautions to produce solutions for climate change.
5. Leaders need to set an example for their team through their behavior.
6. Each citizen needs to take responsibility to increase savings.
7. All people need to be aware that peace is possible.
8. Addicts need to address the root issues that influence their addiction.
9. Schools need to provide their students with necessary resources.
10. Museum entrance fees need to be cheaper.
11. All children need to take physical education, art, and music classes.
12. In case of an accident, everybody needs to remain calm.

1m

1. People should decrease their intake of saturated fat in order to remain healthy.
2. Everybody should carefully consider the likelihood of an earthquake and take measures accordingly.
3. All citizens should follow the laws so that there will not be chaos.
4. Students should follow the instructions of their teachers and do their homework regularly.
5. Every child should take pre-school education.
6. Companies should pay the salaries of their employees regularly.

7. We should not discriminate against people from different ethnicities, nations, or religions.
8. Employers should not discriminate on the basis of gender.
9. We should not underestimate the potential of any student.
10. We should sleep at least seven hours a day in order to remain healthy and work efficiently.
11. We should protect street animals. Particularly on hot summer days, we should leave some water for them in front of our houses.
12. You should not neglect your responsibilities towards your parents.
13. Life is full of challenges; we should always be resolved and determined.
14. Regardless of the pessimistic state of affairs, marketers should not be hopeless about the future.
15. Even if they fail in their exams, students should not be demoralized.

1n

1. In the past people had to work hard. However, today people work even harder even though they think that they do not have to.
2. Women had to struggle for the right to vote in many countries.
3. We all have to take responsibility to solve local and global problems.
4. Every country has to protect the basic rights of their citizens.
5. High school students have to work hard if they want to be admitted to a good university.
6. I have to write a good essay to pass the test.
7. Everybody will have to deal with depression at some point in their lives.
8. Businesses will have to pay more attention to customer demands if they want to be successful.

1ö

1. You must not violate traffic rules; otherwise, you put your life at risk.
2. Companies must not violate worker rights because this is against the law.
3. Women must not smoke or consume alcohol when they are pregnant.
4. If you are allergic to dairy products, you must not drink milk.
5. In many countries people do not have to vote, yet in some countries voting is compulsory.
6. Since religious education is not compulsory, students do not have to take this class.
7. Since I have saved money throughout my university education, I do not have to begin working immediately after I have graduated.

1p

1. Watching too much television or looking at the computer screen for long hours can damage children's eyes.
2. As long as we use sustainable methods, industrial growth and environmental protection can go hand in hand.
3. Parents and educators can work together against the negative effects of cyber bullying on children.
4. Studying and working at the same time can help the young develop self-confidence.
5. Unless we work together, we can never overcome the pollution problem.
6. Most people cannot put up with the noise in their neighborhood caused by construction work.
7. Some students cannot solve math or physics questions; on the other hand, others cannot handle reading texts.
8. Children under 18 cannot purchase alcoholic beverages.

1r

1. Working at a part-time job and earning extra money may contribute to the spending habits of the young.
2. Sometimes newspaper articles may be misleading, too. Therefore, it may be a good idea to confirm the news you have read from another source.
3. Working at a big company may enable us to gain valuable experiences and obtain a wider perspective in a competitive environment.
4. Sometimes we may not feel comfortable when borrowing something or asking for a favor from friends.
5. Severe competition may adversely affect the psychology of the competitors.
6. A company may lose large sums of money because of the incompetency of an employee.
7. A child who acquires literacy at a later age may have difficulty catching up with their peers in other classes as well.

1s

1. Traditionally girls are expected to help their mother to cook in the kitchen.
2. In many countries, education is considered as an important means of economic, social, and cultural development.
3. If the young are not given the right to vote, they may feel that their ideas are not taken into account.
4. Every year thousands of refugees who are forced to flee their homes seek refuge in other countries.
5. Children are most affected by domestic violence.
6. Even babies are targeted by advertisements. Children are exposed to advertisements in the school garden.
7. Smoking is not allowed in public spaces.

8. Most of the students are not expected to pass the LYS.
9. Education is not confined to schools only.
10. Teachers are not allowed to come to school in casual clothes.
11. Chomsky is regarded as one of the most eminent philosophers of the 20th century.
12. Marquez is known to be a prolific writer.

1t

1. Education can be described as having two main purposes: giving individuals the opportunity to improve themselves and producing the skills needed by the society.
2. More money can be earned in the private sector in comparison to the state sector.
3. Global crises, which affect many countries, such as illegal migration and terrorism can only be overcome via joint effort and international cooperation.
4. If drivers and pedestrians stick to the rules, most accidents can be avoided.
5. The role of technology in numerous fields from education to trade cannot be ignored.
6. If the quality of education is not enhanced and if private enterprise is not encouraged, the unemployment problem cannot be overcome.
7. The right to freedom of thought cannot be violated.

1u

1. Elective courses at schools should be based on the choices of students and their families.
2. The property and housing rights of all citizens should be protected by the government.
3. Some put forward that neuroimaging techniques should be put into use in courts.
4. Children should not be forced to work by their families. Government support should be provided to the families who cannot afford the educational expenses of their children.

5. Competition should not be encouraged among children. Instead, children should be taught the importance of cooperation.

1v

1. Providing students with more opportunities to take part in sports activities helps them to become more active individuals.
2. Acquiring a foreign language guarantees that you will have advantage over other candidates in a job interview.
3. Eliminating the pay gap between men and women should be a priority for governments.
4. Encouraging tourism is a key contributor to the economies of developing countries.
5. Making voting compulsory violates the democratic rights of individuals.
6. Living in the countryside is much more difficult than living in a city.
7. Investing in the future is crucial for all countries.
8. Avoiding the negative impacts of technology is nearly impossible.
9. Having a regular schedule helps students be successful.
10. Living abroad offers various advantages.
11. Understanding the current global political concerns may be difficult for ordinary citizens.
12. Investing in defense is a priority for all countries.
13. Neglecting education means that future generations will be at a disadvantage.
14. Staying at a dormitory during college increases your chance to socialize with other students.
15. Preparing meals at home takes a lot of time. On the other hand, ordering fast-food costs you only a minute.
16. Keeping in touch with our friends is much easier now.
17. Giving students little awards motivates them.
18. Drinking around two liters of water every day helps you remain healthy.

19. Studying and working at the same time may adversely influence students' school performance and grades.
20. Studying only the day before the exam is useless.
21. Traveling abroad allows you to learn about different cultures.
22. Spending money on unnecessary things is quite a common behavior among the young.
23. Smoking harms your health.

1w

1. People who lack literacy skills generally have difficulty finding employment.
2. Leaders who do not consult to their team members are less successful than leaders who listen to others' ideas.
3. People who live in rural areas have fewer resources but are usually happier.
4. The salaries of the employees who earn less than 40.000 dollars a year will be raised.
5. Millions of people who have fled their homes due to war are waiting for help from national and international organizations.
6. Even if the students who cheat in exams become successful at school, they have difficulty in their business life.
7. Parents who do not monitor their children's internet use may face dramatic consequences. Children who spend most of their time playing computer games may experience physical and psychological problems.

1x

1. Schools which make use of technological devices are more successful.
2. Companies which use animal tests should inform the public about these tests.
3. Other governments should send humanitarian aid to the countries which suffer from poverty.

4. Many graduates do not have the skills which are required in the business world.
5. There is a need for new legal regulations regarding the factories which dump waste into seas.
6. International organizations should find a new solution for animals which face extinction.

1y

1. The children of parents from low socio-economic backgrounds are more likely to fail at school.
2. The prices of dairy products are likely to increase next year.
3. Those who have committed a crime once are more likely to commit a crime again than those who have never been involved in crime.
4. Robots are highly likely to replace many workers.
5. If companies do not keep up with technological advances, they are likely to go bankrupt.
6. Minority groups are less likely to find employment than individuals from the majority group.

BÖLÜM 2**2a**

1. The oppression of women is a global phenomenon which does not exist in just one culture or religion.
2. Global warming does not influence just one region. On the contrary, climate change is a global phenomenon which affects numerous areas such as water and food security and migration.
3. In global economic conditions, even the smallest companies have to work hard to develop a modern technology infrastructure.

4. All plant and animal species on the planet will have to deal with climate change.
5. In this age of technology, workers no longer have to go to their offices to work efficiently.
6. Formerly, students needed to apply before the beginning of each academic year.
7. Eating healthy takes a lot of time. On the other hand, you can eat fast food even while working. In addition to this, preparing meals is too boring for me.
8. We need to restrict industry in certain regions in order to protect species.
9. Technology has allowed us to reach information in a matter of minutes.
10. With the help of technology, many workers no longer have to do tasks that require labor.
11. One of the causes of unemployment is that technology has replaced human labor.
12. When a member of the family is unemployed, this adversely influences all family members financially and emotionally.

2b

1. International education allows students to improve themselves in a number of ways.
2. Learning how to live in a different culture gives students self-confidence.
3. Another advantage of studying abroad is the new perspective that students obtain.
4. Another benefit of international education is that it offers a new perspective to students.
5. In a similar vein, the cultural awareness that international education offers makes students global citizens.
6. If we use technology more, the need for paper will decrease significantly.
7. If people begin showing interest in e-books, the popularity of published books may decrease considerably.
8. If more students had taken part in exchange programs last year, the university would not have cancelled this program.
9. If I had more information about the Japanese culture, I could help you with your homework, but unfortunately, I know hardly anything about Japan.
10. If global warming were not an important threat at the moment, we would not be so worried about climate.
11. Space has always attracted scientists' attention. In a similar vein, the public too is interested in space explorations and supports the investments made for this. However, still if NASA had not invested so much in advertisements, they could not have obtained adequate funding for research.
12. If teachers do not encourage students to speak in the classroom, students may not find the chance to speak outside of the classroom, either. Students need to feel that their ideas are valued.
13. If I had chosen to go to the university in my hometown, educational expenses could have been lower. However, since I had a part-time job, I did not have financial problems at university.
14. If people want a more liveable world, they should be careful not to harm the environment.
15. Of course there are various advantages of being a member of European Union. If Turkey was one of the member states, it would have a more extensive commercial relationship with other member countries.
16. If Trump had not been elected as the president of the United States, the migrant policy of the USA could have been a lot more open.
17. If the French Revolution had not taken place, empires would have remained strong at least for a while.
18. We would be dependent solely on newspaper and television if there were no social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter.
19. Had it not rained yesterday, we would have finished painting the walls.
20. Should my boss call, please take a message.

21. Were people to practice these simple behaviors, they could become healthier.
22. Were the firms to act socially responsibly, there would not be so many problems.
23. Had they known about the fundraiser, they would have made a donation.
24. Republicans say the jihadist fighters of Islamic State would never have gained footing had Obama reached an agreement with the Iraqi government.

2d

1. Animal tests are frequently conducted with the purpose of examining the safety of new drugs.
2. According to the opponents of animal testing, such tests pose serious moral problems.
3. Since most of these experiments cause the animals to suffer, they should be forbidden.
4. Numerous alternative test methods have been developed. Therefore, conducting experiments on animals is not the only way to test drugs.
5. Animals have basic rights, just like humans. For instance, torturing them is not only unethical but also illegal. If an experiment violates the rights of animals, this is an unacceptable situation.
6. Those in favor of animal experimentation state that these experiments offer numerous benefits. According to them, the benefits of these experiments outweigh the possible hazards that they cause.
7. At the same time, proponents of animal experiments emphasize that this improves the health of both humans and animals. These tests do not do unrecoverable damage to animals. Moreover, strict regulations already prevent mistreatment to animals.
8. Slavery and ethnic discrimination cannot be justified in any way.
9. Over the course of forty years, nearly 20 percent of rain forests has been destroyed due to deforestation. With the destruction of these forests, climate can be affected on a global scale.
10. Freedom of religion and conscience means that nobody can be forced to act contrary to their beliefs.
11. Reading is an important skill that children need to develop.
12. More cost-efficient healthcare systems must be developed.
13. In order to ensure the wellbeing of nature, more green buildings should be constructed.
14. The significance of listening comprehension skills has generally been ignored by language teachers and learners.
15. Economic benefits and costs have to be properly evaluated.
16. The right to adequate food needs to be legally defined.
17. I think the number of downloads can be restricted to ensure fair use.
18. A shop and several vehicles were destroyed in the fire on Friday evening.
19. During the World War II, more than fifty works of art were looted in the Netherlands.
20. For example, in the region where I live some tombs have been looted in the hope of finding valuable items.
21. More than one hundred workers have been sacked since the company cannot make enough profit.
22. It is estimated that hundreds of people will suffer from this infection.
23. Homelessness cannot be overcome without constructing affordable houses.
24. The education system should be radically changed.
25. Self-employed people should be supported by the government.
26. If industrial activities are centralized in certain regions, there will be fewer job opportunities in underdeveloped regions; therefore, agriculture and industry should be encouraged in rural areas.
27. Family planning should be implemented widely and effectively.

28. Today a great number of rivers around the world have been polluted as a result of human intervention.

2e

1. Many people think that teaching foreign languages to children is not beneficial. According to them, this may adversely impact the child's first language acquisition. However, research shows quite the opposite. A number of recent studies indicate that learning another language offers benefits not only financially but also cognitively.
2. Students who have learned another language show superior performance even in some academic tests.
3. Children who can speak more than one language develop empathy towards others. In addition to this, they generally have better career opportunities.
4. Monolingual individuals have more difficulty adapting to the global society in comparison to bilinguals.
5. Being proficient in other languages is quite important, particularly for employees.
6. Companies desire to expand their business networks and be involved in new markets. Therefore, employers tend to recruit people who know different languages and know about different cultures.
7. Living in another country for business offers great opportunities to people.
8. Learning a second language allows students to access more information in their fields. Naturally not all books or articles are translated into Turkish. English is the most commonly used language in the areas of economics, science, trade or arts. Therefore, learning at least English can offer students the chance to acquire a considerably larger amount of information. For instance, the book 'Outsiders' by S. E. Hinton has not yet been translated into Turkish. A friend of mine had advised me to read this book. I was able to read this marvelous book as I know English. I am sure that there are thousands of similar books. It is obvious that being monolingual restricts our experiences.
9. The benefits of knowing a second language are numerous and its effects on individuals' lives are immeasurable.
10. In addition to its financial benefits, being multilingual also offers cognitive benefits. For example, some studies have shown that bilinguals are more successful at suppressing irrelevant information and focusing on the correct information.
11. Besides English, languages such as German, Chinese and Japanese should be included in the curriculum.
12. I believe that the Internet strengthens democracy in the modern society.
13. Many people claim that children must certainly attend kindergarten in order for them to acquire emotional and behavioral skills.
14. Compulsory military service is thought to be beneficial for countries, because according to some, this experience teaches the young discipline and certain social values.
15. Analysts think that the decline in global trade will have financial consequences. For this reason, economic growth is expected to remain stable.
16. Traffic fatalities are estimated to cost millions of dollars each year. At the same time, experts state that accidents account for 5 percent of the deaths in the country.
17. It is generally agreed that the amount of litter people create is a worldwide problem today.
18. It has to be conceded that working conditions are deteriorating day by day and even worker unions cannot produce solutions for this.
19. Many educators believe that multiple choice questions are not a good way to assess student knowledge.

20. The Internet is believed to be the most important invention of the 20th century. I have to concede that the internet has made significant contributions in numerous fields from education to trade. On the other hand, we have to be aware of potential pitfalls. For instance, many people believe what they have read on the internet without making further research. However, since people are free to write anything online and there are no restrictions, a sizable portion of the content on the internet is not correct.
21. Many people agree that cycling is beneficial for health. However, most people still prefer using public transportation such as the bus or the metro instead of riding a bike. This preference, of course, has reasonable causes. For example, some people work at a place far away from their home and going there by bike may take too much time. Another reason is the lack of cycling lanes. I think municipalities need to encourage the use of bicycles. Placing bicycles that people can hire on certain locations or constructing cycling lanes may be useful.
22. Most people agree that playing a musical instrument is important. An increasing number of studies indicate that this view is correct. For example, creative thinking skills of musicians are usually more advanced compared to other people. Besides, music also develops the ability to empathise with others. Therefore, it is logical to argue that music classes need to be given more importance in the curriculum.
23. It has been repeatedly indicated in the media that the legislation regarding children's rights needs to be regulated. Also, many people state that more severe punishments are necessary to prevent child abuse.

2f

1. It is estimated that tropical forests cover at least 8 percent of the land area of the world.

2. The Amazon basin includes the largest rain forest in the world, which covers around 40 percent of South America.
3. Forests provide shelter to numerous bird species, mammals and reptiles.
4. Since forests generate oxygen, we cannot afford to lose them.
5. Forests offer vital economic and environmental benefits.
6. In a general sense, it can be argued that all people depend more or less on forests, at least for products such as paper.
7. People living in forests are heavily dependent on forests for their livelihood.
8. There are some serious problems concerning forest management.
9. Most of the threatened and endangered species live in forests; deforestation will decrease the chance of survival of these species.
10. Deforestation has serious negative impacts on the environment. One of these impacts is the destruction of the habitats of millions of species.

2g

1. A range of factors such as uncontrolled construction and mining activities lead to water pollution.
2. Fresh water has vital importance for both humans and animals. Water is indispensable for the existence of life on earth. Therefore, water contamination threatens all species.
3. Most of the water that we use for cooking, drinking, or bathing is supplied from rivers and lakes. The pollution of these sources will adversely influence our daily lives. Prevalence of infections and increase in illnesses are potential outcomes.
4. Dirty water is one of the main health concerns in the world and poses threats for both human life and marine ecosystems.

5. A great number of water sources are becoming more and more polluted. Factory waste makes enormous contributions to this problem, because many industrial processes have the potential to generate hazardous waste.
6. We need to raise awareness about water pollution. When pollutants enter marine ecosystems, they pollute our food as well.
7. One way to prevent water pollution is to develop policies to protect water resources. The pollution originating from industrial and agricultural sources can be decreased by stricter regulations.
8. Another way to fight against water pollution is to raise awareness in the whole world about the reasons and consequences of water pollution.
9. Another reason of water pollution is oil spills. These spills are threatening local species.

2h

1. Poverty has devastating consequences for those who are affected by this condition. Of course, poverty has numerous reasons. Particularly the countries which cannot keep up with industrialization and technological advances suffer from poverty. However, regardless of its causes, its consequences are always devastating.
2. In a similar vein, poor students are more likely to drop out of school and have difficulty finding employment.
3. It is thought that divorce and domestic violence are more common in poor families. However, I do not believe that this is necessarily true. According to my personal observations, divorce is more common among the rich. Moreover, domestic violence is not directly related to poverty. This is related to the moral values people have and the education they have got.
4. The poor are likely to suffer from stress due to poverty.

5. Poor people do not have sufficient access to services such as healthcare and education. As a consequence of this, the poor are likely to experience health problems such as infant mortality or infectious diseases. Furthermore, since poor students have limited access to books and other educational resources, their academic success is generally relatively low.
6. Governments should decrease the cost of education for families. Besides, education should be free for the children of poor families. In this way these children can obtain a high socio-economic status in their adulthood.
7. A new financial system needs to be developed in order to remove the income inequality between the rich and the poor.

BÖLÜM 3

3a

1. It is obvious that when new metro lines have been constructed, the traffic problem in Istanbul will be alleviated.
2. Now that technology has eliminated the restrictions of time and space in education, teacher-student relations have taken a new form. Teachers are no longer just a figure at school.
3. Now that climate change has reached dangerous and alarming levels, no country can ignore this problem.
4. As soon as the new curriculum was put into practice, it brought a range of problems with it. However, it is anticipated that after certain amendments it will be more modern than the previous curriculum.
5. You should make your decisions after thoroughly thinking about them. As long as you do this, probably you will not regret them.
6. While you are working with other people, it is essential that you pay importance to their ideas.

7. He had to struggle with a lot of difficulties until he was able to find a job. However, eventually he found a better job than he had expected.
8. When you establish a new business, you cannot reach many customers initially. Gradually you become more widely known in the market. As long as you do not give up at hard times, it is highly likely that you will succeed.
9. He had never been to a big city before he started high school. Initially he had difficulty adapting to it. Gradually he got used to city life. After university, he did not want to leave this city.
10. After increasing incidences of violence, most of the public abandoned the region. They sought asylum in other countries. When they arrived in their new countries, their lives changed completely.

3b

1. Due to economic growth and population increase, human-induced greenhouse emissions have reached the highest level in history.
 2. Technology has caused changes even in the relationships and interaction among family members. Thus, family values have undergone changes in order to adapt to these novelties.
 3. Tourism should be encouraged since it makes important contributions to the country's economy.
 4. The agriculture sector is in a dire state because of the draught. In recent years, many farmers have been forced to migrate to cities since they cannot make ends meet. Most of these people could not find jobs in cities. Therefore, the government needs to develop policies to help people who are in a similar situation.
 5. Many employees have been sacked because of the economic crisis. As a result, the unemployment rate has reached higher levels.
6. Parents want their children to be successful. For this reason, they follow their children's academic studies and expect their course grades to be high. This puts great pressure on students. As a consequence, many students feel depressed if they cannot succeed and this, in turn, causes the situation to deteriorate.
 7. Today many employees suffer from exhaustion because they cannot achieve work-life balance. Research has shown that working 9 to 5 decreases efficiency. Therefore, governments and private institutions should regulate working hours. Moreover, because of the internet, employees are always accessible. For instance, getting work-related mails while at home is a common situation. Thus, sometimes people are busy with work even when they are at home.
 8. I missed the plane as I woke up late.
 9. Large sums of money are invested in space research. If an inhabitable planet were discovered, this would offer new possibilities for humankind. There are various factors that threaten our world. These days global warming is the most debated one of these. Therefore, having an alternative to Earth would mean good news for the continuation of our species.
 10. Istanbul used to offer great opportunities to people in the past. However, today it poses numerous challenges for its residents as its population has risen rapidly. Since job opportunities are limited, unemployment is one of the major problems.
 11. Because of increased mobility, people are no longer restricted to their countries. We are able to reach every corner of the world with relative ease thanks to planes. As a result of this, people from diverse backgrounds and cultures find more communication opportunities.
 12. Teachers are not able to allocate enough time to each student because classes are overcrowded.
 13. The government has to offer more subsidies in order to encourage people to use wind power

because wind power provides benefits to everyone and it is a viable solution to decrease dependence on fossil fuels.

14. Countries need to decrease military spending because this has evolved into an arms race. The well-being of a country's population declines further due to increasing military spending. For example, Sudan currently has a considerable amount of debt as a result of its previous military investments. In addition, conflicts lead to more suffering due to the destruction of infrastructure and agricultural yields.
15. None of the candidates accepted the company's job offer due to the low salary.
16. Children are exposed to violent content on TV and the internet. It is commonly agreed that their inclination to violence increases as a consequence of this.
17. Skin cancer generally develops because of too much exposure of the skin to the sun.
18. Due to the lack of adequate funding, modern educational programs are not implemented in some schools.
19. I am truly happy as I have been able to complete this section.

3c

1. S/he should have studied more in order to pass the test.
2. We have to find permanent solutions so that future generations will not face the same problems.
3. We should establish departments that will inform refugees in order for them to access job opportunities more easily.
4. He applied for all potential jobs so that he was able to find a high-paying job.
5. Governments need to establish global collaborations so as to minimize both regional and international conflicts.

6. There are a lot of things that need to be done in order to solve the traffic problem completely. However, the Metrobus had to be constructed so as to decrease congestion in the short term.
7. Social and extracurricular activities should be encouraged in schools for the purpose of boosting students' motivation.
8. Improving the educational level of citizens is a must so as to benefit from democracy in the best possible way. People's participation in political processes should be encouraged so that they can make more informed decisions. Moreover, children need to be educated at schools about democracy and governance. For example, at some schools at the beginning of each semester student representatives are elected so that students can have awareness about elections, and posters are placed on school walls so that students take part in these elections.
9. Playing loud music after midnight has been forbidden so as to decrease noise pollution.
10. In order to save endangered species, the habitats of these species need to be expanded. In addition, stricter implementation of laws is a must in order to discourage people from illegal hunting.
11. Entrepreneurs should not be afraid of taking risks so as to be successful.
12. For the purpose of clarity, I will explain this issue with an example.
13. Teachers need to encourage intensive and extensive reading so that students' vocabulary knowledge can improve.
14. S/he did not sleep last night in order to submit the project on time.
15. Some companies offer big discounts in order to increase their sales. As a result of these discounts, they generally sell more products and make profit.
16. Some restaurants may use spoiled and unhealthy ingredients for the purpose of decreasing costs. More inspection should be done so as to minimize such practices.

3d

1. While people only rarely had the opportunity to talk with someone outside of their own community prior to the advent of technology and social network sites, today people from all around the world are able to communicate easily with one another thanks to social media sites such as Facebook.
2. Classical music and pop music listeners differ from each other in a number of ways. In classical music concerts, it is not a common practice for the audience to sing along with the performers. Quite the contrary, even talking may be considered disrespectful. On the other hand, in pop music concerts, performers encourage the audience to sing along.
3. Despite the recent economic and political turmoil, the average standard of living has not declined much.
4. In previous years, students were obliged to wear uniforms, but this law was altered a few years ago. Now, students do not have to wear uniforms. On the one hand, this encourages students' feelings of freedom and independence. On the other hand, the socio-economic differences between students becomes more visible.
5. Learning a second language requires a large amount of time and effort. On the other hand, knowing a foreign language offers numerous benefits and opportunities.
6. The rate of unemployment is quite high among people coming from low socio-economic backgrounds. In contrast, the children of families with high incomes do not have such a problem.
7. Environmental pollution poses a problem for all people. However, particular communities are influenced more by this in comparison to others. Those living in rural areas or factory workers suffer from pollution at higher levels, because a considerable number of these people reside in areas near damp sites or breathe harmful gases.
8. Although proponents of an increase in the minimum wage claim that this will increase productivity, it cannot be ignored that this will have various adverse effects on the economy. For instance, many companies will prefer to decrease the number of employees in order to reduce costs. It is obvious that the rate of unemployment will rise as a result of this.
9. Almost all people experience depression at some point in their lives. It is certainly true that the treatment of depression is difficult. Nonetheless, when the symptoms are detected early, it can be prevented without resorting to medication.
10. In spite of government subsidies, there has been a significant decline in agricultural and livestock activities in rural areas in recent years.
11. New educational methods require that teachers use technology in their classes and it is stated that this will offer numerous benefits. Despite this, a large number of teachers insist on using traditional methods. Particularly for relatively old teachers, it may be difficult to use technological devices. However, this problem can be solved through in-service training.
12. Some students fail because they do not invest adequate time and effort in their studies. On the other hand, some may not be able to show the desired performance even though they study hard. In this case, teachers need to understand that students have diverse skills and needs. The students who do not study may do so because the courses do not attract their interest. Those who study but fail, on the other hand, may be talented in other fields. For example, a student may not be able to solve math problems, yet maybe s/he will become a famous writer in the future.
13. Despite the advances in medicine, many people die because of preventable diseases, because healthcare services are expensive and thus not everybody has access to hospitals and medication.

14. All around the world, a large number of teenagers have difficulty in finding jobs even though they have adequate qualifications.
15. Thanks to advanced technology, mobility has increased. Despite this, particularly people in underdeveloped countries and people from low socio-economic status in developed countries cannot go abroad because they cannot afford it.
16. In spite of their high price, many people show great interest in Apple products. For example, even though their phones are new, they still want to purchase the latest iPhone.
17. According to some, a peaceful world is attainable. However, I do not agree with this idea. Despite some people's optimism, there are conflicts between different groups in many places of the world.

3e

1. Natural disasters are inevitable and cause enormous damage. For instance, thousands of people were evacuated as a result of the hurricanes in the USA last year. Most of these people had difficulty finding accommodation. Moreover, their children could not get education for some time.
2. Social media has considerably changed people's communication habits. Apart from that, it has influenced a number of areas from education to trade. For example, customers write reviews about companies and products on Facebook or Twitter and these reviews are viewed by millions of users.
3. I have learned quite a lot of words. Furthermore, I think I will be able to write essays soon.

3f

1. As a result of excessive consumption, thousands of people suffer from illnesses such as diabetes and obesity.
2. Video games may be harmful for children. For instance, when they play violent games, children's propensity to violence may increase.

3h

1. I think it is not a good idea for students to get married before they graduate. First of all, they may experience financial problems. Moreover, it may be difficult for them to allocate time both to their courses and to their families. Likewise, those who get married before finding a job will face various challenges, too.
2. Every year, thousands of children die because of poor nutrition. That is to say, a great number of people around the world do not have access to basic needs such as food and water. Similarly, these people have difficulty accessing educational and healthcare services.
3. Money does not always bring happiness. In other words, you do not have to be rich to be happy.

3k

1. There are various benefits of giving criminals longer prison terms. One of these benefits is that criminals are rehabilitated during the time when they are imprisoned. In fact, this is the main purpose of the presence of punishments. However, I have to concede that some criminals commit crimes again after they leave the prison. On the other hand, it is also true that most criminals refrain from crime in order to avoid imprisonment. In addition to this, even if harsh punishments do not completely eradicate crime, they will greatly reduce it because people will think twice before committing a crime.

According to some, on the other hand, imprisonment does not serve the purpose of rehabilitation; on the contrary, it increases the propensity to crime because criminals live with other criminals in prison and are influenced by one another. Therefore, when possible, a better punishment is community service. Community service offers criminals the opportunity to contribute to the society and thus may improve

their character, personality, and attitude. Moreover, in this way governments can invest more in social services rather than spending money on prisons. Governments should use their resources to eradicate the factors that lead to crime, not to punish people.

2. Playing computer games may improve children's cognitive skills. In the past, games were much simpler, yet today game designers have even created virtual worlds. Therefore, many games require abstract and creative thinking skills. For example, in a game, in order to be successful, users need to solve complex problems, analyze data, or cooperate with other players. However, there are some concerns about spending too much time on computer games. The most important of these is children's exposure to violent content. Moreover, players have to make war, fight or kill to reach a particular target. For this reason, parents have to control the games their children play and restrict the time they spend on the computer so that children will not suffer from serious consequences. Otherwise, children's propensity to violence may increase.
3. Students may be allowed to use their phones in the classroom on the condition that (provided that) they do not use them for irrelevant activities such as texting or logging in to Facebook. In the past when teachers wanted students to research a particular topic, they used to send them to the library. However, today such activities can be done in class thanks to phones.
4. There are many national and international charities that support people in need. You can support people who have been affected by poverty, natural disasters or other similar problems directly or via charities. When you provide direct support, you can ensure that your money really reaches those who need

it. In contrast, in most cases you do not know where and how charities spend your money. Of course, most of such organizations are reliable, yet even if their number is low, some other organizations use your money for their own interest or to make profit.

5. It has to be compulsory for citizens to pay taxes to the government for various reasons. Thanks to the taxes citizens pay, the government is able to offer services at all corners of the country such as roads and bridges, hospitals, and parks. If citizens did not have to pay taxes, all of these services would have to be supplied by the private sector, and therefore, the cost of these to the public would be higher. In addition, taxes allow the country's economy to be stable because the government can pay its debts thanks to taxes.
6. It is becoming increasingly more important to be knowledgeable about different fields. Even though most experts focus on a single field, the number of those who work in different fields is on the rise. Since many fields require interdisciplinary studies, today it is essential to be knowledgeable about more than one field. For example, if you are an educator, you need to utilize technology well in order to contribute more to your students.
7. Sales and promotions offered by companies enable people who cannot afford high prices to purchase quality products. On the other hand, when the discounts are too high, this may cause confusion among the customers. In this case, the customers may question the quality, safety or reliability of the products of this company. This, in turn, may decrease people's desire to purchase this brand. Likewise, a customer who has bought the products at a high price may feel disappointed when they see the same product being sold at a cheaper price. Therefore, they may avoid buying the products of this company.

8. Even though the marriage age is on the rise in general, in many countries, particularly in underdeveloped ones, the marriage of children under 18 is still widely practiced. A great number of couples in a similar situation are made to marry without the right to choose. Some of them are forced into marriage by their parents; on the other hand, some others choose to get married because they are not aware of marriage responsibilities. Those who get married at an early age generally have less education and work at lower-status jobs. Thus, it becomes inevitable for these couples to experience financial problems in the future.
9. If a new service is to be brought to my neighborhood, I would prefer a hospital. There are a nice park, a shopping mall, and the metro (in the place) where I live. These make our lives considerably easy. However, there is no hospital near us. Another reason why I prefer a hospital is that it is far more important than a park or metro. For example, when you are seriously hurt, you need medical services immediately. If the ambulance takes too long to arrive, this may even cause you to lose your life. For these reasons, I would prefer a hospital to be constructed in my neighborhood rather than any other service.

BÖLÜM 4

4.1. help sb/sth (to) do sth

1. Calcium helps bones to become stronger.
2. Doing sports regularly helps adults to control their weight.
3. Parents should help their children to get education in their own areas of interest.
4. The Internet helps us to access information easily and fast.
5. Emergency exits help employees to safely evacuate the building.

4.2. cause sb/sth to do sth

1. Water scarcity causes some plant species to go extinct.
2. Economic instability causes the young to experience more concern about the future.
3. Stress, which weakens the immune system, causes the body to become vulnerable to diseases.
4. A globalizing economy causes countries to be more reliant on each other.
(ya da, A globalizing economy causes countries to be more connected to each other. ☺)
5. Remaining hungry for a long time may cause people to hallucinate.

4.3. encourage sb to do sth

1. Commercials encourage people to live and consume in certain ways.
2. Parents should encourage their children at an early age to read more.
3. Even small profits encourage entrepreneurs/ investors to take more risks.
4. Teachers need to encourage students to do group work in order to strengthen the cooperation/solidarity between them.
5. Recent scientific studies have encouraged governments to be more sensitive about the environment.

4.4. allow sb/sth to do sth

1. Getting enough nutrition in summer months allows some animals to survive the winter more easily.
2. Thermal clothes allow people to stay outside for longer periods in cold weather.
3. A few simple measures that municipalities will take can allow the citizens with disabilities to travel easily.
4. Icy roads did not allow the drivers to drive safely.
5. The atmospheric conditions on Mars do not allow astronauts to breathe without a mask.

4.5. enable sb/sth to do sth

1. These special glasses enable you to see at night.
2. The wheel enabled people to carry heavy loads easily.
3. Smart phones enable users to be connected to the Internet any time anywhere.
4. The invention of the airplane has enabled people to travel easily across continents.
5. The developments in the field of medicine over the last two centuries have enabled human lifespan to extend considerably.

4.6. force sb/sth to do sth

1. The high rate of unemployment in the country is forcing people to migrate to other countries.
2. In underdeveloped countries, poverty forces children to start working at an early age.
3. Heavy rains have forced some people to abandon their homes.
4. Protests done by large masses may force governments to find solutions faster.
5. The technological advances in the last two decades have forced the banking sector to renew itself.

4.7. provide sb/sth with sth

1. Their mothers provide kittens with milk until they are about two months old.
2. The government should provide citizens with low income with free education and health service.
3. Many developed countries provide households with solar power systems.
4. Major rivers provide the farmlands around them with easy irrigation opportunities.
5. Learning a second language provides people with the ability to view events from a different perspective.

4.8. contribute to sth

1. Foreign investors contribute to the country's economy by creating new job opportunities.
2. Distance education programs contribute to the accessibility of education.
3. Having a regular diet contributes to the strengthening of the immune system.
4. Physiotherapy contributes to the healing of some illnesses.
5. A dark environment can contribute significantly to your sleep quality.

4.9. tend to do sth / have a tendency to do sth

1. Those who do not sleep regularly tend to eat irregularly.
2. Corporations today have a tendency to produce increasingly more electric cars.
3. Some people tend to believe that the capitalist system is not the best choice.
4. In some countries people have a tendency to have greater interest in football.
5. Many British tend to believe that speaking English only will be enough for them.

4.10. have difficulty (in) doing sth

1. Some people have difficulty in adapting to a new environment.
2. Most of the working people say that they have difficulty sparing time for doing sports.
3. Many bird species are endangered because they have difficulty finding a new habitat.
4. If patients do not get sufficient support, they may have difficulty in overcoming depression.
5. The elderly may sometimes have difficulty using ever-renewed smart phones.

4.11. take measures/precautions

1. When there is snow, local authorities have to take measures to prevent traffic accidents.
2. They have taken measures to prevent overfishing on international waters.
3. You need to take precautions to increase the lifetime of the electronic devices you use.
4. The government should take measures to help refugees.
5. It is a must to take precautions to provide a comfortable working environment for employees.

4.12. prevent sb/sth from doing sth

1. Serious injuries may prevent players from training for a long time.
2. Oppressive regimes prevent people from accessing impartial information and news.
3. A timely intervention can prevent the disease from spreading.
4. The world's magnetic field prevents harmful rays from reaching the earth.
5. The inability to predict the time and place of earthquakes early enough prevents people from being prepared for the earthquake.

4.13. play a vital role in sth

1. Sunlight plays a vital role in plants' growth.
2. Environmental conditions play a vital role in directing how animals will evolve.
3. Effective public speeches play a vital role in political campaigns.
4. Deep freezing technology plays a vital role in the long-term storage of food.
5. Unfortunately, gender still plays a vital role in getting accepted to a job in some fields.

4.14. have a huge impact/effect/influence on sth

1. Motivation has a huge effect on whether or not you will be successful in a particular job.
2. The environment where you learn a second language has a huge influence on how fast you will acquire this language.
3. According to scientists, genetics has a huge impact on the diseases to which we are vulnerable.
4. According to experts, coffee does not have a huge effect on sleep.
5. Regular exercise can have a huge impact on weight control.

4.15. have an adverse impact/effect/influence on sth

1. Staying under the sun for a long time has an adverse effect on the skin.
2. Some medicines can have an adverse impact on patients.
3. The poor screenplay of the movie had an adverse influence on its box office success.
4. The dirty air we breathe in big cities has adverse impacts on our health.
5. Not paying enough importance to after sales support has an adverse effect on the sales.

4.16. adversely impact/affect/influence sth

1. The massive increase in the prices has adversely influenced car sales.
2. Being exposed to loud noise for a long time adversely impacts ear health.
3. According to experts, excessive weight adversely affects heart health.
4. Domestic violence adversely influences children's psychological development.
5. Driving for a long time can adversely affect driving safety.

4.17. provide a lot of/a number of/ numerous/various/a wealth of benefits for sb/sth

1. Having a regular sleep habit provides numerous benefits for human health.
2. Scientists think that yoga can provide various benefits for people who work under stress.
3. Donating blood regularly has a lot of benefits for the immune system.
4. Some people believe that having shower with cold water has a number of benefits for body health.
5. Working women can provide a wealth of benefits for the country's economy.

4.18. offer a lot of/a number of/numerous/ various/a range of benefits/ advantages to sth/sb

1. The experiences gained during internship offer a lot of advantages to people in their future work life.
2. Having command of digital devices offers various advantages to today's workers.
3. According to nutritionists, herbal teas offer a range of benefits to digestion.
4. Cloud storage systems can offer numerous advantages to those who want to store information safely.
5. Banks can offer a number of advantages to those who want to make savings for retirement.

4.19. do a lot of/a great amount of/a great deal of harm to sb/sth

1. Overconsumption does a great amount of harm to the environment.
2. Low turnout at elections does a lot of harm to democratic political systems.
3. Experiments which are conducted on animals can do a lot of harm to animals.
4. Many people think that genetically modified foods do a great deal of harm to human health.

5. Inadequate investment in education does a lot of harm to a country's future.

4.20. be/become a key aspect/component of sth

1. Understanding the problem is a key aspect of solving it.
2. Establishing empathy is a key component of communication.
3. Using a language is one of the key aspects of acquiring that language.
4. According to experts, nutrition is a key component of a healthy life.
5. Coordination is a key aspect of successful group work.

4.21. be/become an indispensable part of sth

1. The Internet has become an indispensable part of our lives.
2. Selecting the right spices is an indispensable part of cooking.
3. Regular exercise is an indispensable part of a healthy life.
4. Shopping malls have become an indispensable part of modern life.
5. In the past, horses were an indispensable part of personal transportation.

4.22. it is important (for sb/sth) to do sth

1. In many cultures it is important to spare time for the family.
2. It is important for some animal species to live as a herd so that they can hunt better.
3. It is important for people to consume protein to remain healthy.
4. For public order, it is important for people to treat each other respectfully.
5. It is important for the government to establish the balance between security and the right to privacy.

4.23. it is necessary (for sb/sth) to do sth

1. In order to be successful, it is necessary for managers to approach the employees in a constructive manner.
2. It is necessary to remain calm during natural disasters in order to make the right decisions.
3. It is necessary for brands to value their customers in order to leave a good impression.
4. It is necessary to give students basic psychology courses in teacher education.
5. It is necessary for the government to prevent the production of drugs for the safety of the young.

4.24. be likely to do sth

1. The children of divorced families are more likely to suffer from psychological problems in comparison to other children.
2. If people's average level of education is not raised, societal problems are likely to continue.
3. As long as the world's natural resources are sufficient, human population is likely to increase even more.
4. According to scientists, water resources are quite likely to decrease gradually in the next 50 years.
5. Unless stricter financial measures are taken, people's purchasing power is likely to decline.

4.25. it is (highly) likely that...

1. It is likely that smart phone technology will develop even further in the following years.
2. It is highly likely that we will have alternative transportation devices in the near future.
3. If thieves are not caught, it is likely that this will encourage other criminals.
4. It is highly likely that we will need alternative energy sources in the future.
5. It is highly likely that the impacts of global warming will become gradually more evident.

4.26. (one of) the reason(s) why ... is that/ because

1. One of the reasons why work motivation is low is because employees generally have to follow strict working hours.
2. The reason why the young cannot access a good education is that in general education is expensive.
3. The reason why some animals are poisonous is that they have evolved this way in order to protect themselves.
4. The main reason why many people suffer from back pain is that they sit at a desk for long hours.
5. One of the reasons why children are not allowed to watch some movies is that these movies involve violence.

4.27. it is a good idea for sb to do sth

1. Because of the increasing terrorist attacks, it is a good idea for governments to intensify security measures.
2. It is a good idea for parents to encourage their children to do sports.
3. It is not a good idea for athletes to neglect training even for a short time.
4. It is a good idea for miners to wear masks at all times.
5. I think it is a good idea for municipalities to carry out maintenance work for the city infrastructure.

4.28. it takes time and effort to do sth

1. It takes time and effort to become a professional photographer.
2. It takes time and effort to restore damaged forests.
3. It takes time and effort to write a novel, yet if you do not have the talent, these will not suffice.
4. It has taken enormous time and effort to bring technology to its current level.
5. It must have taken time and effort for ancient Egyptians to construct the pyramids.

4.29. I have to concede that

1. Having a lot of money is important, yet I have to concede that this does not solve every problem.
2. I do not find animal experiments ethical, but I have to concede that scientists have acquired valuable information thanks to these experiments.
3. I am not a vegetarian, yet I have to concede that vegetarians have valid reasons.
4. I like European cities, but I have to concede that these cities greatly resemble each other.
5. I think that the cinema sector is continually developing and flourishing, yet I have to concede that still only a few good movies are produced per year.

4.30. pay (great) attention to

1. Teachers need to pay attention to their students' interests and act accordingly while they are planning their lessons.
2. Local authorities should pay great attention to the activities of production facilities that produce waste materials.
3. According to doctors, those who suffer from health conditions should pay attention to their intake of salt.
4. Some people do not pay attention to traffic rules while driving, but even a small mistake can lead to serious consequences.
5. People do not usually pay attention to what is inside the snacks that they eat, but some of these might be ingredients that are harmful for human health.

4.31. (one of) the main purpose(s) of sth is to

1. The main purpose of the capitalist system is to encourage people to consume more.
2. One of the main purposes of psychotherapy is to identify the underlying causes of the patient's problem.

3. The main purpose of all companies is to make profit, yet non-governmental organizations do not seek profit.
4. The main purpose of hunting that is done by people today is not to meet nutritional needs.
5. The main purpose of democracy is to provide a fair governance for everybody.

4.32. have/obtain access to

1. In certain places around the world, people still do not have access to means of communication.
2. In every county, you have to be a citizen of that country to obtain access to certain rights.
3. Many entrepreneurs complain that they do not have access to sufficient resources to make larger investments.
4. Some intelligence services aim to have access to the secret information of other countries.
5. Security systems confirm the identities of people who want to obtain access to a particular domain.

4.33. is among the most important factors

1. Advertising is among the most important factors that determine the success of a product.
2. According to experts, punishments that are not deterrent are among the most important factors that prevent the crime rate from decreasing.
3. According to a study, their social circle is among the most important factors in people's life satisfaction.
4. System security is among the most important factors that banks are concerned about.
5. Climate is among the most important factors that determine the fruit and vegetables that can grow in a region.

4.34. lack of / shortage of sth

1. The shortage of labor force in the service sector is an important problem in developed countries.
2. One of the reasons why a company does not grow may be the shortage of financial resources.
3. Lack of a critical perspective may lead to serious problems in a society.
4. The shortage of transportation facilities may prevent a city from becoming popular among tourists.
5. Lack of advanced medical tools influences the interventions that can be carried out at a hospital.

4.35. have/play a pivotal/essential/important/significant role in sth

1. Dietary habits play a significant role in determining a person's longevity.
2. In some cultures, family meetings play a pivotal role in reinforcing social relations.
3. Warm-up exercises have an important role in physical exercise.
4. Regularly held rituals have an essential role in some religions.
5. Reading to the child at early ages has a pivotal role in children's literacy acquisition.

4.36. pose (serious) threats/problems/challenges/dangers to/for

1. Plastic waste thrown into nature poses a serious threat for environment.
2. Buildings that are not constructed robustly pose a serious danger for people's life.
3. Environmental conditions pose serious challenges for those conducting research in polar regions.
4. Extreme temperatures pose a serious threat for human health.
5. Violent content on the Internet poses a serious problem for children's psychological development.

4.37. it is becoming increasingly important (for sb) to do sth

1. It is becoming increasingly important for everyone to do a lot of tasks online.
2. It is becoming increasingly important to take measures against air pollution.
3. It is becoming increasingly important for everyone to know at least two languages.
4. It is becoming increasingly important for the young to be popular on social media platforms.
5. It is becoming increasingly important for companies to transfer their businesses to online platforms.

4.38. the ability to do sth

1. The ability to work with others is a talent that employers look for.
2. The most fundamental trait that sets humans apart from other species is the ability to recognize patterns.
3. The majority of predatory animals are able to survive thanks to their ability to hunt .
4. Reaching the response that you look for requires the ability to ask the right questions.
5. The ability to withstand adversities is an ability that people will need at different stages of their lives.

4.39. the argument/idea that ... is flawed/wrong

1. The argument that life can only exist in favorable conditions is flawed, because it can exist even in very different forms and extreme conditions.
2. The argument that the Earth is flat is wrong, and in fact ridiculous.
3. The idea that you can lose weight by taking medicine is flawed; this idea has been

imposed on people as a result of advertising and marketing campaigns.

4. The idea that you can be happier by having more is wrong.
5. The idea that travelling by plane is not as safe as travelling on land is wrong.

4.40. agree/disagree with the argument/idea that ...

1. Many people agree with the argument that family ties are increasingly weakening.
2. I do not agree with the idea that alternative medicine can heal many diseases.
3. Some people agree with the argument that technological advances will bring the end of humanity.
4. Experts agree with the argument that children should be accepted as individuals.
5. Most people do not agree with the idea that there may be life on other planets.

4.41. admittedly

1. Admittedly, chemistry is not a field that attracts many people, but still everybody knows the names of a few famous chemists.
2. Admittedly, the education systems in most underdeveloped countries have never been very good.
3. Admittedly, politicians in many countries earn far more money than they really deserve.
4. Admittedly, we all are deceived by advertisements and purchase things that we do not need.
5. Admittedly, the world is getting increasingly more globalized.

4.42. as far as sb/sth is concerned

1. As far as English as the medium of instruction is concerned, schools in Turkey appear to be relatively unsuccessful.

2. As far as markets where the risk is high are concerned, no investor can be entirely sure that their investments will be successful.
3. As far as the privacy of personal information is concerned, most people feel worried while doing online shopping.
4. As far as public transportation is concerned, big cities have to find long-term and sustainable solutions.
5. As far as democracy is concerned, people in many countries are still deprived of some basic rights.

4.43. as far as I am concerned / as far as I know / to my knowledge

1. As far as I know, Elon Musk's company has already started making plans for the first travel to Mars, and they have taken important concrete steps recently.
2. To my knowledge, ancient people used to live in small tribes.
3. To my knowledge, life on Earth began in water and then spread to the land.
4. As far as I know, it is not absolutely necessary to go abroad to learn a foreign language.
5. As far as I know, people acquire many personality traits from their environment in childhood years.

4.44. the opportunity/chance to do sth

1. In underdeveloped countries, thousands of adults do not have the opportunity to acquire literacy skills.
2. The Internet offers people the opportunity to follow classes from leading universities such as Stanford and Harvard.
3. I have never had the chance to travel to foreign countries, but I have been to many different cities in Turkey.

4. Because the ticket prices are too expensive, many people cannot have the chance to listen to their favorite singer live.
5. Unfortunately, I did not have the opportunity to develop my speaking skills in English during primary school.

4.45. All this takes us to the conclusion that

1. All this takes us to the conclusion that the most important factors that determine a university's quality are its facilities and the qualifications of its faculty.
2. All this takes us to the conclusion that uniforms are necessary for various reasons such as equality and discipline.
3. All this takes us to the conclusion that the political and economic power of English has made it a global language.
4. All this takes us to the conclusion that medicines are used more than required in the treatment of illnesses.
5. All this takes us to the conclusion that many special days are used by companies as a means of marketing.

4.46. address the question/problem/ challenge/issue of sth (address a question/problem/challenge/issue)

1. There are different opinions in the US about how to address the problem of gun violence.
2. There is a need for international cooperation to address the issue of human trafficking across borders.
3. It is a must to take specific precautions in order to address the question of illegal drugs.
4. Intercultural interaction is the best way to address the problem of increasing racism and xenophobia.
5. Sometimes experts address the issue of child abuse on TV programs.

4.47. different opinions regarding/ about

1. Research is being conducted in order to alter the genetic make-up of some animal and plant species in accordance with human needs, but there are different opinions about whether this is ethical.
2. There are different opinions about whether artificial intelligence will pose a danger for humans in the future.
3. There are different opinions among scientists regarding whether interplanetary travel is possible.
4. There are different opinions among authorities about whether stricter measures should be taken against carbon dioxide emissions.
5. There are different opinions among educators regarding whether smart phones should be used in classrooms.

4.48. as a matter of fact

1. Social media sites have acquired an important place in people's lives. As a matter of fact, people today spend a considerable amount of time on these sites.
2. The rate of reading in Turkey is rather low. As a matter of fact, many people never read books at all.
3. Sharks are not really dangerous for people. As a matter of fact, statistics show that sharks rarely attack humans.
4. According to the findings, mammoths were quite big animals. As a matter of fact, their average height was above three meters.
5. Today, the number of people who commit suicide is rather high across the world. As a matter of fact, the number of people who lose their lives by committing suicide is more than that of those who are killed in wars.

4.49. some ... while others ...**while some ... others**

1. While some companies try to employ an equal number of men and women workers, others do not have a certain policy about gender equality in their recruitment processes.
2. While some prefer to live in cities, others think that life is much more comfortable in the countryside.
3. While some view global warming as the most important problem of our age, others do not even believe that climate change is real.
4. While some put forward that animal experiments are absolutely necessary, others claim that most of these experiments violate fundamental animal rights.
5. While some countries follow very sensitive policies about the protection of the environment, others do not even take this matter seriously.

BÖLÜM 5**5.1.**

1. Issues that are important for the young are not represented in politics.
2. Many young people are interested in issues of climate crisis and justice.
3. In educational issues as well, children and young people have different opinions from adults.
4. The underrepresentation of the young in politics may mean that issues that are mainly related to the young are relatively neglected in political debates.
5. This probably stems from the differences in priorities. (This probably stems from the fact that their priorities are different.)
6. Children and young people are seeking long-term solutions because they will have to deal with the problems that are not solved today for a longer time.
7. Although the young have to obey the laws, they have no say in law-making processes.
8. Democracy requires that all groups are equally represented.
9. Giving young people the right to vote will make them feel that their opinions are valued. Thus, their interest in social and political issues concerning themselves, their country and the world will increase.
10. Young people can be offered the necessary education to ensure that they understand political processes. However, it is a fact that such educations are not given to adults, either. Therefore, we can also question how accurate and reasonable the decisions adults give are. Only because people have reached a certain age does not mean that they can make rational decisions. Moreover, it is also claimed that an average voter is not adequately equipped in political matters.

11. Young people can overcome numerous difficult tasks. Malala Yusufzay was only 17 years old when she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. This young person, who advocates education rights of girls in her country, proves that age is not the most important factor in making the right decisions.
12. When young people violate laws, they have to face the consequences of this. The concept of juvenile delinquency and the presence of juvenile courts mean that children are aware that they will be held accountable for the decisions that they make. If the young are mature enough to be held responsible for their actions, they should have the right to vote as well.

5.2.

1. The present rate of consumption has reached an alarming level.
 2. We can observe the adverse consequences of excessive consumption in diverse areas of our lives. For instance, there has been a significant rise in the number of obese people in recent decades.
 3. Human activities are one of the main causes of deforestation. Every year millions of trees are cut down to be used in various areas of production.
 4. Research points to a close relationship between the culture of consumerism and the increasing rates of obesity.
 5. There are various negative impacts caused by the consumerist society of our age.
 6. If we changed our consumption habits and could reduce our level of consumption, we could significantly improve the lives of people in poverty-stricken regions.
7. The disposal of plastics and other waste into oceans leads to the contamination of the habitats of marine animals. As a result, some of these animals face extinction and the number of others decline dramatically. Today people's daily consumption habits cause unprecedented damage to diverse ecosystems around the world.
 8. Global climate change is probably the most serious of the effects of excessive consumerism.
 9. Excessive consumerism has negative influences in terms of individuals' financial and psychological situation as well.
 10. Millions of people are in debt to banks because of the loans they have taken. The reason why people borrow even though they know that they will have difficulty paying back is because consumption habits have been imposed to them.
 11. Consumption allows for faster growth; thus, people can meet their needs more easily.
 12. Big corporations are developing projects to increase environmentally-friendly products and to keep damage to the environment at low levels.
 13. Another reason why consumerism is harmful is that it adversely affects people's financial and emotional well-being. On the one hand, when more goods are produced, people can access whatever they want as long as they can afford it. On the other hand, people are constantly exposed to advertisements and want to purchase similar products. If they do not have enough money, they get loans from banks and generally cannot pay them back. Moreover, in addition to their financial situation, people's emotional health is influenced negatively, too. Since they get accustomed to having everything at their disposal, when they cannot obtain something, they get upset and even depressed.

5.3.

1. It seems possible that in the long term artificial intelligence systems will be cognitively more advanced than humans.
2. Revolutionary discoveries such as artificial intelligence may help us end wars, diseases and poverty. On the other hand, when they are used with malicious intents, they can lead to more serious wars or mass casualties.
3. While some seem assured that artificial intelligence that resembles human intelligence or exceeds it will be useful, another group including the famous entrepreneur and scientist Elon Musk are of the opinion that artificial intelligence may lead to serious unforeseeable harm. I agree that such technology will offer obvious benefits, yet we cannot disregard its potential to lead to enormous destruction, either deliberately or accidentally.
4. In the hands of the wrong person, these weapons may lead to mass fatalities.
5. Artificial intelligence will certainly offer numerous benefits in space explorations. Intelligent robots have the capability to endure the hostile environments in diverse planets. In this respect, robots can initially be used in areas that may pose risks for humans.
6. We can benefit from artificial intelligence in many areas from education to archeology. For example, such machines can be used in exploring the depths of oceans. These devices will certainly prove useful in overcoming the limitations people have.
7. One of the main disadvantages of artificial intelligence is the cost of maintenance and repair.
8. In case of a breakdown, recovering lost codes and re-instating the system might require too much time and money.
9. The replacement of humans with machines may lead to large scale unemployment. Even today, unemployment is a problem that many countries suffer from and it has economic and

social consequences. In addition, if intelligent machines become a part particularly of daily life, people may become too dependent on them. This may lead people not only to become lazy but also to lose their creativity.

5.4.

1. Technology has revolutionized almost all aspects of modern life.
2. Technology has caused various industries to go bankrupt, yet the main cause of this is that these industries have failed to transform their businesses to online platforms. Technology has a range of areas of use that businesses can harness, and technology has enormous potential to strengthen businesses. To illustrate, technology can be used to communicate effectively, market products and advertise them, or to increase production and sales.
3. Today almost everybody has constant access to the Internet thanks to smart phones. In the past, small businesses were known only in their local community and since TV commercials were expensive they had difficulty introducing their products to a large customer base. However, thanks to the Internet people can easily hear about small businesses and local products.
4. Technology can recognize trends that may be overlooked by humans. For instance, thanks to technology, companies can record the statistics of someone who does online shopping and track which products they prefer or when they shop. On a larger scale, businesses can achieve demand and supply balance more successfully by following which products people are interested in. Moreover, technology enables managers to develop a more accurate understanding of the future. That is because they become aware of trends. A more precise picture of the future allows managers to make smarter decisions. Smarter decisions, in turn, lead to increased sales.

5. The impact of technology on employment is positive in some respects but negative in others. Companies that invest in technology have to face high costs in the initial stages. This may lead to various problems in the short term. However, with the increased use of technological tools, the number of workers companies need will fall. This means that the company's spending will decrease considerably in the long term. On the other hand, this situation, which is beneficial for companies, is an undesirable situation for individuals and the society at large. Since unemployment will undermine individual and social well-being, it may even affect product sales. In this respect, there is a delicate balance that companies need to be careful about.
6. An increasingly larger number of people are doing online shopping from their homes instead of going to stores.
7. Companies that insist on using traditional methods of commerce are bound to go bankrupt in the long run.
8. It is claimed that in the near future the biggest company will be one that offers online education.

5.5.

1. Group work allows students to develop stronger relationships with each other.
2. Group work improves the cooperation and negotiation skills of the participants. Thanks to group work, while students are learning their subject areas, at the same time they acquire important information regarding team work.
3. There are a range of important contributions of team work to students. Essentially it enables

students to repeat course content together; thus, what they have learned in school is consolidated. Of course, students can also review course content individually, yet group work generally creates a more serious sense of responsibility. Besides this, when stronger and weaker students work in the same group, students can both interact more with their peers and listen to the course content from them.

4. Individuals usually have different aims and motivations. Similarly, students may have different expectations from school and their classes. For example, while some do their best to learn as much as possible and get good grades, for others passing a course is a sufficient success.
5. Some students want to study autonomously. For them, group work is a waste of time and effort because they think that they can study more efficiently on their own.
6. During group work, some students might take on the leadership role. This may be demotivating for others. On the other hand, some students in the group may avoid studying and neglect their responsibilities. However, in fact, the main purpose of group work is to enable all students to work actively.
7. I personally prefer studying alone. There are various reasons for this. First of all, I feel that in group work my ideas are restricted because it is never possible for me to complete the projects as I wish in group work. I agree that it is important to be open to different opinions, but in group work I have to accept suggestions I normally would not like, just not to offend others.
8. Thanks to team work, students learn to appreciate different ideas and opinions. This is a skill that they will need a lot in business life as well because those who work at a company are expected to exchange ideas and collaborate with each other at all times.
9. Regardless of the job we have, cooperation will be an important part of our job.

5.6.

1. The buildings that have historical importance should be preserved because seeing these buildings reminds people of the past and history of their nation.
2. Cities need to protect old buildings only if these structures are beautiful and aesthetically important, in other words if they are attractive for the local people and tourists.
3. If historic buildings are used for a modern purpose at the same time and if they meet strict safety codes, they should be preserved as long as possible. However, if they do not offer benefits to the public in any way, it does not make sense to preserve them for the sake of preserving.
4. It is thought that preservation of historic buildings is important because they reflect the lifestyle and culture of our ancestors. Preserving them shows how much importance we attach to our historical heritage.
5. Of course the preservation of historic buildings has a number of benefits. However, this should not be an obstacle in front of modernization. While the original character of historic buildings is preserved through restoration work, they can at the same time be used for modern purposes. For example, Acropolis in Greece is used for both touristic and cultural purposes. As long as people are careful not to damage the structures, it is a pretty good idea to organize concerts in such places. Besides, children and young people can learn about their history by visiting historic buildings. This offers more permanent learning than reading books only.
6. One of the main reasons why old buildings are demolished is that in general these buildings are not safe. In other words, they are vulnerable to natural disasters such as earthquakes and storms as their maintenance is ignored. Moreover, in cities the inclination is towards using the available space most efficiently. Therefore, high multiple-storey buildings are preferred. Old houses, however, not only pose

safety problems but also prevent the efficient use of space, if they do not have any historical significance.

7. On the other hand, historic buildings are important for future generations. These buildings are not only touristic sites, but can, at the same time, be used for educational purposes. For example, when the conquest of Istanbul is being covered in class, taking students to the Rumeli Fortress would ensure more permanent learning.

5.7.

1. Population ageing happens when the average longevity of the citizens in a country has increased or when the number of annual births has decreased. This may have various benefits for countries, yet its disadvantages outweigh the advantages.
2. The social and economic consequences of the ageing population is becoming increasingly more evident in many developed countries. Since average life expectancy has risen, governments are faced with many issues including a decrease in the working population, increasing healthcare costs, and unsustainable retirement pensions. These issues may greatly undermine the high standards of living in developed economies.
3. One of the main disadvantages of an ageing population is an increase in the number of retirees in proportion to the working population. The increase in the proportion of the elderly poses the question of how these people will be financed after retirement. The retirement pensions that impose an additional cost on the government are in fact a burden on the working population as well. That is because in such a case taxes increase. This, in turn, adversely influences the average quality of life.

4. When there are not enough young people to work, the economy, which cannot find staff for essential jobs, will face a range of problems. Some of the possible negative consequences are a decrease in productivity, higher business costs, and failure in competing in the international market.
5. On the other hand, a decrease in the birth rate has various advantages for economy. First of all, as a result of developing technology, the need for human labor is constantly decreasing. Today machines can do tasks that were done by many people in the past in a shorter time and in a more efficient way. Therefore, in developed economies human labor is needed less in comparison to the past. In this situation, an increasing population is a burden for the economy, not an asset. When the birth rate is low, the cost of education, of healthcare and of other social services aimed for children will decrease.
6. An ageing population increases competition for jobs, particularly when the retirement age is extended. When the elderly do not get retired, there will be fewer employment opportunities for the young. Older workers may not be as successful in adapting to novelties as the young. As a consequence of this, there will be fewer novelties and change in companies. Modern companies have to compete at a global scale because thanks to the internet, regardless of their size, all organizations can reach customers from all over the world. Fewer young employees may mean lower capacity to compete.

5.8.

1. When governments want to increase tourism, they do enormous investments to preserve the local heritage, improve infrastructure and offer better opportunities. This not only attracts tourists but also raises the local public's quality of life.

2. When people from diverse backgrounds come together, a cosmopolitan culture emerges. Tourists obtain information about the culture, history or lifestyle of the host country. On the other hand, the local public can find the opportunity to get to know people from various countries. For this to happen, in general the tourists and the local public need to know a common language. Therefore, another positive impact of increasing tourism is that people learn new languages.
3. The tourism industry makes considerable contributions to the economic growth of countries. One of the most detectable advantages is the jobs that tourism creates. For instance, tour guides, hotel staff, or restaurants can raise their income thanks to tourism. The money that tourists spend for their other needs also improves the local economy. Clothing, medical services or transportation expenses are some of these.
4. Water is one of the most vital natural resources. The tourism industry generally uses water resources excessively for hotels, swimming pools, golf courses, etc. This may result in water shortage or a decrease in water resources. For instance, for the maintenance of golf courses, fresh water is used. The popularity of golf tourism has risen in recent years and the number of golf courses has expanded rapidly. Golf courses require large amounts of water every day. This in turn may lead to the depletion of fresh water sources. Moreover, the amount of waste water increases, as well.
5. Tourism may create an enormous pressure on local resources such as energy, food or other raw materials, which are already in short supply. The excessive consumption or transportation of these resources may exacerbate the negative impacts of tourism on the environment.
6. In response to the global increase in the number of international passengers, transportation by air, land or railways is constantly increasing. One of the consequences of this is that tourism

accounts for more than 60 percent of air travel. Another important cause of carbon dioxide emissions is, therefore, tourism.

7. The clearing of forest land for ski resorts, accommodation or similar facilities is another problem related to tourism.

5.9.

1. Punishments have been used throughout centuries to deter people from committing crimes. However, at the same time, it has always been questioned whether punishment is an effective method. According to some, education is a better method in preventing crime because it is more moral and humane. Besides, education is thought to alleviate the propensity to crime, even if it does not eradicate it.
2. Many of the criminals do not consider the punishment for the crime they have committed, and they are not even aware of what the punishment is. However, they know that each crime has a punishment. Many criminals feel remorse when they are tried in court and learn their punishment. In fact, severe punishments are a good deterrent. What is important is to ensure that everybody has grasped the fact that punishments will be harsh. Even though they may sometimes seem too harsh, severe punishments are by far the best way to prevent crime.
3. Harsh punishments will not only decrease potential illegal activities but they will also strengthen people's faith in law and order.
4. Harsh punishments are a reaction that has nothing to do with the prevention of crime. Punishment aims that criminals will not repeat their crimes again. In contrast, education is much more effective in sustaining a low crime rate. Moral education improves the public's understanding of justice, and implanting moral values in children helps them avoid crime in the future.
5. Increasing the severity of punishments will contribute to the government's ability to keep the crime rate low. When potential criminals see that law-breakers regret it, they will think twice before doing anything wrong. This, in turn, will lead to a decline in the rate of crime.
6. Rather than increasing the severity of punishments, a better course of action is to find out the root causes of crime and try to eradicate these. There are various reasons that motivate criminal activities. Some of these are a low level of education, poverty, having been exposed to crime and violence in childhood, or the place of residence. Moreover, there are a considerable number of people whose propensity to crime continues after they have left the prison. This indicates that the idea of imprisonment does not withhold these criminals from acting illegally again.
7. For instance, let's take capital punishment. This is the most severe punishment that can be given to a criminal. However, when we examine the countries where capital punishment is implemented, it becomes obvious that even this punishment does not deter people from committing crime. If harsh punishments were deterrent enough, we would expect the crimes that require capital punishment not to be committed in these countries, yet this is not the case. In this case, it is not realistic to expect that increasing punishments only will create a society devoid of crime.

BÖLÜM 7

KONU 1:

What factors contribute to obesity?

Obesity is becoming increasingly common and it is also becoming a problem that is more difficult to overcome. Statistics indicate that in many places over the world the number of obese people is increasing. There are a number of factors that trigger this rise. However, obesity results mainly from people's eating habits and lifestyles as well as the activities of fast-food companies.

The main cause of obesity is wrong food and lifestyle choices. In fact, most people are aware of what leads to weight gain: if they eat too much or if their diet has high fat or sugar content, most probably they will put on weight. However, they say that since they work hard and cannot find time to cook meals, they have to prefer snacks and fast-food. I do not think this is a good excuse to quit a healthy diet. It must be possible to control your weight only by refraining from biscuits and snacks and by ordering healthy food rather than fast-food at mealtime. Moreover, although they know that lack of exercise encourages obesity, many people do not do sports regularly. Even walking half an hour everyday may make a significant contribution to staying fit and healthy.

The responsibility for the increasing rates of obesity lies in part on fast-food companies. In general, fast-food restaurants sell food with high fat content in large portions. Of course, these companies aim to make profit and try to keep the cost down and earn more money from big portions. However, I believe that practices that threaten the public health should not be welcome. At least, they should offer healthier alternatives at their restaurants and write the calorie content of the foods in a way that customers will realize. In recent years, it is written on cigarette boxes that smoking is harmful to health. Similarly, it needs to be stated on fast-food products that if they

are consumed excessively they can lead to health problems.

In brief, obesity poses a serious threat to human health. Mainly individual eating habits and lifestyle choices, and the activities of fast-food companies are responsible for the increasing rates of obesity. Since fast-food restaurants are everywhere today, we may not realize that this is a problem, yet it is very important to increase awareness on this issue.

KONU 2:

Some people prefer to live in a small town. Others prefer to live in a big city. Which place would you prefer to live in? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

I was born and raised in a big city, but because my parents moved to where we live now from a small town, I have also had the opportunity to visit their hometown and spend some time there, especially on summer holidays. Therefore, I more or less know the positive and negative sides of both the city and the countryside. Although there are advantages of living in a small town such as tranquillity and closeness to nature, I prefer to live in a big city because there are more facilities and life is more exciting there.

The facilities and services in big cities are generally more in number and are of higher quality in comparison to rural areas. That is why living there is more convenient and comfortable than living in the countryside. For example, I really enjoy reading books and spending time in bookstores and libraries. When I went to my father's hometown, I was disappointed upon seeing that there were only one bookstore and one library. Moreover, there were only a few novels at the bookstore and almost all of the other books were exam preparation materials. In contrast, there are tens of bookstores and libraries in big cities that you can visit, and therefore you can easily find any books you want. A more important issue is health services. In big cities, medical facilities, hospitals and emergency services are more available and more advanced. Generally, transportation from a village to a hospital in the city centre is quite restricted. In an emergency situation, I would not want to be somewhere far away from a hospital.

In addition, life in cities is more exciting and colourful. In small towns, there are not many recreational activities and most of the time you have to do the same things. In villages or in small

cities, there are no or few facilities such as the cinema, theatre, or concerts. For instance, last year, we spent our summer holiday in a small city where there was only one cinema theatre. In the meanwhile, the last "Ice Age" film was released but because it was not shown in this theatre I could not watch it even though I really wanted to. When we returned to Istanbul, the film had left theatres. I bought a DVD later and watched it on TV, but this is not as entertaining as watching it in a cinema. Likewise, concerts are rare in small cities and usually little-known singers come to these cities. On the contrary, you can have the chance to listen to internationally recognized singers in big cities. For these reasons, I believe that living in a big city is more enjoyable.

Briefly, my preference is to live in a big city because it offers access to numerous facilities and there are more activities for your free time there.

KONU 3:

The World Health Organization has revealed that life expectancy worldwide has increased by about five years in the last 15 years. In general, people are living longer now. Discuss the causes of this phenomenon. Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay.

Today people live longer than ever before. Increased longevity is observed particularly in developed countries. However, even if not as dramatic as in developed countries, even in underdeveloped countries life expectancy has increased. There are various factors that have led to this, yet the main reasons are improved healthcare services and greater access to these services as well as better nutrition.

First of all, developments in science and technology have improved our lives in many respects, and pharmaceutical and medical applications are no exception. In the past people died at a young age due to simple things such as infection or a trivial virus. Today we have antibiotics, vaccines and other medicines to treat these illnesses. Similarly, cardiovascular diseases used to contribute significantly to high mortality; however, today thanks to advancing medicine, such diseases are no longer unavoidable. What is more, since the number of hospitals and educated doctors has increased all around the world, people are able to access healthcare services more easily compared with the past. More people are treated in state hospitals at relatively lower costs.

Another reason why people live longer today is that the quality of nutrition has increased over time. Thanks to modern transportation and food processing technologies, we can find any food we want at groceries. Moreover, because the average standard of living and income have risen, most of the people can afford these foods. Another factor that has contributed to the better nutrition of people is that they now make more conscious choices

about their eating habits. For example, people learn which foods are healthy and which are unhealthy from the television programs on health. Today everybody knows that they need to eat low-fat foods and more fruit and vegetables. Thus, they are able to stay healthy. This, in turn, helps them live longer.

To conclude, improved healthcare services and healthy eating habits allow us to live longer. Probably owing to the developments in medicine and increasing awareness, people will live much longer in the future.

KONU 4:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Businesses should do anything they can to make a profit.

When an entrepreneur has initiated a business, of course, one of the most important motivations is to make profit. However, doing this at the expense of anything is not a right attitude. All companies have legal obligations. Breaches of certain obligations have serious consequences for companies. In a similar vein, businesses have moral responsibilities, as well. I think that legal sanctions are necessary and that businesses should not engage in unethical activities for the purpose of profit.

If businesses could do anything they need to make profit, this might lead to the violation of the rights of employees and customers that are currently protected by law. For instance, companies are prohibited from employing child workers; if that were not so, businesses could possibly exploit child labour. In such a case, probably children would be forced to work with low wages and do manual labour. Another example is the protection of customer rights. Companies have to write the ingredients of food products on the package, or if a customer experiences a problem shortly after purchasing a product, the company has to replace this product with a new one. Companies experience loss of profit because of these practices, yet it cannot be argued that these practices are not necessary.

In a similar vein, businesses have moral responsibilities. It is morally wrong to share or sell customers' personal information, to violate the privacy of customers, or to tell lies to customers. To illustrate, sometimes after doing shopping from a store, we get messages from another store we have never visited before. This means that our contact details have been shared. I do not know whether this is legal or not, but it surely is unethical. In addition

to their responsibilities towards their customers, companies should also behave responsibly towards the environment. For example, when waste is not disposed of in an appropriate way, this may cause great damage to the environment, seas, drinking water or the habitats of animals.

In short, companies cannot do anything to make profit. There has to be some restrictions on the activities of businesses. The exploitation of child labour, the violation of customers' rights and privacy, or the contamination of the environment cannot be justified on any grounds.

KONU 5:**Boys and girls should attend separate schools.****To what extent do you agree or disagree with the above statement?**

Recently, the old-age debate about mixed-gender education (co-education) versus single-sex education has once more taken its place in the education agenda. Even though the number of schools offering single-sex education has greatly decreased in the last century, such schools exist and it is stated that these schools produce positive results. While I advocate co-education, I have to concede that single-sex education has various benefits, too.

On the one hand, students' learning performance may increase in single-sex schools. I know that there are studies that have revealed that schools offering single-sex education are more successful than co-education schools. Many education specialists believe that boys and girls have distinct learning needs and that in single-sex schools teachers can use some specific techniques specifically designed to suit the gender of their school. For example, while girls prefer collaborative and discussion-based learning, boys tend to dominate discussions and group work. For this reason, teachers can enhance students' learning experiences by using gender-specific teaching techniques.

On the other hand, one of the main concerns about single sex education is that it could make it harder for girls and boys to relate to one another in a work or social environment later in life. As a matter of fact, the purpose of education is not only to teach academic skills to children; at the same time, education needs to allow them to socialize and interact with the members of the opposite sex. It is likely that the students educated in single-sex schools will view the opposite sex in an entirely unrealistic way. Moreover, in mixed-sex classes boys and girls learn to work together. If boys and

girls really think differently and learn in distinct ways, they can get to know each other's viewpoints and learning styles thanks to group work. These differences do not prevent them from getting education in the same classroom; quite the contrary, because a diverse range of techniques will be used in classes, the quality of teaching improves and the interaction between genders develops more.

Briefly, I think that the advantages of mixed-gender education will outweigh those of single-sex education. In mixed-gender classrooms, boys and girls can get to know each other better and learn from one another. Possibly, their academic success may slightly decrease. However, equipping students with academic skills is not the only aim of schools; schools should also develop children socially and individually.

KONU 6:

Some people prefer to spend most of their time alone. Others like to be with friends most of the time. Do you prefer to spend your time alone or with friends? Use specific reasons to support your answer.

Many people prefer to spend their time with their friends rather than being alone so much so that the society generally imposes this and when you say that you like spending time alone, most people are surprised by this. On the other hand, I am sure there are times in everybody's life when they want to be on their own. While I appreciate the beauty of spending time with my friends and others, more often than not I prefer to be alone.

One of the reasons why I prefer to be on my own is the activities I am interested in. In this respect, it may be argued that I am an introvert. For example, I like reading books a lot and I choose to do this in a quiet place where there is nobody. While I am reading my novels or short stories, I even silence my phone or turn it off completely. When I begin reading a book, I focus on the story and enter the world created in the book. It is almost impossible for me to read books when I am with my friends. Just like I love reading stories, I also like writing stories. When I am alone, I can concentrate better and at these times I feel that I am more creative. For these reasons, I spend most of my time on my own.

On the other hand, it is not that I do not enjoy spending time with my friends, chatting with them, or attending different activities with them; on the contrary, one of my greatest pleasures is to talk with my friends. We always share with each other our achievements, sorrows and the interesting things we have done. For instance, when I have written a story, I first ask my friends to read it and comment on it. I take their criticisms into account and try to develop myself. Likewise, particularly when they have a secret, my friends immediately share it with me. I suppose the reason for this is that I am

very good at keeping secrets. Moreover, as we like cinema a lot, we go to the cinema at least once a week and talk about the movies afterwards, which is very entertaining for me.

Friends add colour to our lives and contribute to our development. Therefore, spending time with them is quite valuable. However, I prefer to spend most of my time alone because reading a book or writing are not things that you can do with others, and these are my favourite pastime activities.

KONU 7:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is better to have broad knowledge of many academic subjects than to specialize in one specific subject. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

As the extent and depth of our knowledge increase, it has become more common and popular in scientific fields to focus on specific subjects rather than studying different subjects. For instance, scientists are now working on subfields such as sociology of childhood, educational sociology or urban sociology. This situation is the same in virtually all disciplines. It goes without saying that specialization has advantages such as having more in-depth knowledge and discovering the details of particular subjects. However, I think having knowledge on different academic subjects increases the quality of studies and allows scientists to find more comprehensive solutions to problems. Moreover, studying on distinct fields is much more intriguing, particularly for younger generations.

First of all, having knowledge about many subjects improves our perspective and approaches. Recently many scientists emphasize the importance of interdisciplinary studies. The reason for this is that focusing on specific areas prevents scientists from noticing different aspects of events, phenomena or subjects. What is more, at times they even have difficulty answering the questions in their field without cooperation. For instance, in the field of neurolinguistics, it does not suffice to know about language acquisition or language-specific properties. At the same time, you need to know how to use brain scanners such as fMRI and how to interpret their output. If you are not sufficiently equipped in these subjects, you are obliged to work with other scientists. However, this may not be possible for practical reasons such as finding a common time.

Moreover, when you constantly work on the

same subject, this will probably start to be boring after some time. Especially when we consider Generation Y, it is obvious that specialization will pose various problems. The young from Generation Y have difficulty in concentrating on a single topic for a long time. Instead, they prefer multitasking, and are interested in a wide range of subjects. The Internet offers them the chance to jump from one topic to another. Since they are accustomed to thinking in this way, reading, listening to, or studying the same thing does not attract their interest. For these reasons, it is more attractive for them to have knowledge on distinct academic subjects. Being knowledgeable on a variety of subjects both makes them more creative and productive, and prevents their boredom.

To sum up, I think that it is better to study different subjects rather than specializing in a particular subject, because this both helps you solve problems on your own and keeps your interest alive.

KONU 8:

Some people say that physical exercise should be a required part of every school day. Other people believe that students should spend the whole school day on academic studies. Which opinion do you agree with?

Even though physical exercise is essential, I do not think it is the school's duty to offer physical education to their students. If physical exercise becomes a part of school programs and is included in the curriculum, this means that students will have to get grades for this class. Moreover, the school will have to invest in the necessary facilities and equipment. To me, this seems to be a waste of time and resources because students are usually able to do physical exercise on their own.

First of all, physical education may make fair grading difficult. If a school offers physical education classes, teachers will need to assess and grade students' performance in this class. It is not always easy to do this fairly. Some schools, particularly small ones and those in rural areas, may not be able to provide activities that will attract the interest of all students. In this case, some students may fail only because the school does not have the activities of which they are capable. For example, some students are good at swimming, and some at basketball. Since building a swimming pool is costly, the school may not be able to afford it. In this scenario, the students who are interested in swimming are at a disadvantage and they are likely to get lower grades.

This scenario is also related to the second point that I want to emphasize: physical education classes place an additional financial burden on schools. This is problematic because while private schools or the schools that have enough funding offer high quality facilities to their students, it may be difficult for the schools in poor neighbourhoods to offer the same opportunities. Besides causing inequalities, the investments that physical education classes

require cause the resources which the schools could otherwise allocate to other needs of their students to be wasted. Similarly, some schools may not have enough space for facilities such as playgrounds and gyms.

It is important to do a lot of physical exercise, yet offering physical education classes poses various problems for schools. It may be difficult to satisfy the needs of all students and to grade students fairly. At the same time, this incurs financial costs. It is a better idea for schools to use their resources for academic success.

KONU 9:

In some countries, people are no longer allowed to smoke in many public places and office buildings. Do you think this is a good rule or a bad rule?

Recently a large number of countries have implemented smoking bans and increasingly more countries are following suit. Many people support this ban since smoking causes serious damage to human health and this also poses a threat to secondary smokers. However, I do not think banning smoking is a long-term solution for people to quit smoking. I do not believe restricting the freedom of smokers and imposing others' choices on them is the right thing to do. Moreover, some argue that they have justifiable reasons for smoking.

Just like everyone else, smokers too have personal rights and freedoms. First of all, there are dozens of products that have not been banned even though they are harmful to public health, such as fast-food and products with high caffeine content. What is more, we know that smokers will not quit smoking only because smoking in public areas has been prohibited. In this case, the real problem is that smoking poses health risks to secondary smokers. However, although alcohol drinkers too sometimes cause physical and emotional damage to others, it is not forbidden to consume alcohol in public spaces. Therefore, a better solution is to designate certain areas for smokers, rather than completely banning smoking in public spaces and offices. Thus, not only will second-hand smokers not be harmed, but the freedoms of smokers will be protected.

Another issue that we need to consider in relation to the smoking ban is why people choose to smoke. Everybody is aware that smoking is harmful to human health; moreover, this imposes a significant burden on family finance. However, most of the smokers state that this helps them relax. For instance, some smokers smoke in order to concentrate on what they want to think about or

to forget about the saddening events in their lives. If this is the case, when these people do not smoke in their workplaces, for example, they may have difficulty in focusing, and this in turn may prevent them from working efficiently. Moreover, preventing people from relaxing when they need it may cause them to be influenced more by their personal problems.

In conclusion, even though the smoking ban has certain grounds, I do not think bans are the right approach. Banning smoking means that people's rights and freedoms are restricted, and it may lead to problems in their workplaces or personal lives.

KONU 10:

Online learning has steadily grown in popularity among college students. However, many argue that online learning is not as effective as traditional classroom learning. Which would you prefer: online or traditional learning?

Online education is gradually becoming an alternative to traditional classroom education. Because of the advances in e-learning and the shortcomings of traditional education, a considerable number of people favour online learning, which is cost-efficient and flexible. Inarguably, traditional education offers many advantages including having face-to-face communication and being under the guidance of a teacher. However, like many other people, I too would prefer online education due both to its flexibility and to its affordable price.

In the first place, online education is much more convenient and flexible in comparison to traditional education. When you get education in a traditional classroom, teachers provide you with a pre-fabricated program and books that have been chosen by the school or the state. In addition, you have to follow a particular curriculum and syllabus at schools. You spend time and effort on subjects which you are not at all interested in or which will not be beneficial to you in the future. In contrast, in online education, you can learn any subjects you want at any time. For instance, some people prefer to study in the evening or at night because they feel that they learn better at these hours. Traditional school education does not offer you this opportunity. Furthermore, if you are sure that you will never work in the field of physics, for example, you do not have to allocate time to this subject. Thanks to online courses and the articles and books available on the internet, you can easily access any books you are interested in.

Secondly, the costs of online education are far lower than those of traditional education. All you need are a computer and internet connection. On the other

hand, let's consider some of the costs incurred by traditional education: school tuitions, dorm fees or house rents, book expenses, transportation expenses as well as others. When you are taught in a state school, these costs may be relatively low; however, many people believe that the quality of education in state schools is lower in comparison to private schools. Online education does not require you to spend a lot of money; at the same time, it ensures quality education – provided that you have the necessary discipline and perseverance.

In brief, since online education is cheaper and more flexible than traditional education, I would prefer online education. However, in order to be successful through online education, being motivated and taking the responsibility of your own learning are prerequisites.

KONU 11:

Some famous athletes and entertainers earn millions of dollars every year. Do you think these people deserve such high salaries? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

At the first glance, capitalism seems like a system that is based on merit; after all, in this system if they work hard and take the right steps, everybody has the opportunity to be successful and accumulate wealth. But, is that really so? Is capitalism a just system? Some athletes and singers earn millions of dollars. Do these people really deserve such high salaries? As far as I am concerned, the amount of money paid to them is unacceptably and unnecessarily high.

First of all, everybody should be paid according to the difficulty of their jobs and their value to the society. We know that salaries have traditionally been dependent on the value of a person's work. Some may claim that athletes and entertainers should earn large sums of money because they help millions of people have fun and relax. However, the problem is not that they get 'high' salaries, but that they get 'astronomical' salaries. People who work in low-paying jobs spend a large part of the day in their workplaces and these jobs are usually quite hard and exhausting. Moreover, they make important contributions to the economy. Conversely, the jobs of sportspeople and entertainers are fun and easy. Despite this, while a factory worker has difficulty making ends meet, entertainers earn millions of dollars.

On the other hand, some argue that professional athletes get high salaries as their job is risky, yet this is neither realistic nor rational. Firstly, there are more risky jobs than playing soccer or boxing and the salaries of people working in such jobs are not nearly as high as the salaries of athletes. For example, police officers and firefighters risk their own lives to save others' lives, or the surgery a

doctor does is far more difficult than a basketball player's match. Secondly, even if we were to accept that professional athletes' job is risky, we cannot explain why entertainers earn so much. If, as some claim, high salaries are paid for high risk of injury, then the question is what kind of a risk entertainers face.

Briefly, the argument that athletes and entertainers earn large sums because they entertain people and their jobs are risky is not well-supported. When we consider that most people work in difficult jobs with low wages, it becomes clear that athletes and entertainers do not deserve the high salaries they earn.

KONU 12:

In the past 100 years, there have been many inventions such as antibiotics, airplanes, and computers. What do you think is the most important invention of the 20th century?

In the last century, there have been many important inventions in such fields as technology and medicine. Each of these inventions has greatly influenced and revolutionized people's lives. However, in my opinion, the most important of the inventions in the 20th century is the computer. The computer can be used in different areas for numerous purposes, yet the most fundamental benefits of the computer are that it eases access to information and that it improves communication.

Thanks to the computer, we are now able to reach information easily. This is quite important not only for our daily lives but also for business life. Formerly, it was difficult for people to reach books; if there was a library where they lived, they could find the book they were looking for there, but it is impossible for a library to store all books. On the other hand, as long as you have internet connection, you can reach information on almost all topics on the computer. For example, there are online encyclopaedias, and there you can find information on all areas from education to health or business. Moreover, the computer has proved useful for businesses as well. Government departments or banks are now able to store all information about their citizens or customers on computers. Therefore, not only do they not waste paper, but they also can easily reach the data they need. Besides, they are able to process these data rapidly. As is clear, the computer has found use in a diverse range of areas.

Another reason why the computer is a significant invention is that it has made communication easy. In the past, when people moved to another city or a country, they used to communicate with their families and friends via letters. However, this used to take quite a long time. When we compare letters

with Skype or other video conferencing systems, we can better appreciate the value of the computer. These systems allow people to see each other in real-time regardless of their location. What is more, thanks to social media and online blogs, people are able to meet different people and make new friends. In the past, people only knew people in their own social circle, neighbourhood or city, yet today thanks to the computer and the internet, it is possible to get into contact with millions of people instantly.

Briefly, although many inventions such as antibiotics or the plane are pretty important, I believe that the most important invention in the 20th century is the computer since it has eased communication and access to information.

KONU 13:

Every generation of people is different in important ways. How is your generation different from your parents' generation?

The main difference between my parent's generation and my generation is modern technology. While my parents were growing up, there were the television, the radio, the automobile or the plane, yet they did not have the amount of technology that we now have. Automobiles and planes were not so common, and they were pretty expensive. More importantly, they did not have personal computers and mobile phones or smart phones. These tools and fast transportation have dramatically changed our lives.

My parents did not grow up with the computer, but I did. Of course, they have computers now, yet they do not use the computer as much as I do; besides, they have difficulty using the features that I use. For example, I write all my assignments on the computer and store my folders and photos on the computer. However, my parents still prefer to use paper and keep their photos in an album. I use my computer to read newspapers and do all my research on the computer. On the contrary, my parents purchase printed newspapers and read printed books. Thanks to the computer, I am able reach information faster and more effectively than my parents.

Secondly, in my parents' childhood and youth, mobile phones did not exist, yet today they are common. They could not talk to their friends or relatives at any time they wanted. They could not even leave messages. I can do all of these things easily. Therefore, compared to my parents' generation, today people have a wider social circle and are able to keep in touch with others easily. Moreover, in addition to social life, mobile phones have also changed business life. For example, a single WhatsApp message is sufficient for a company to make an announcement to all of its employees.

Lastly, my parents did not have the travel opportunities that we have today. Planes and automobiles were neither common nor affordable. To illustrate, when my mother was at the university, it took her around 18 hours to travel from her hometown to Istanbul. Thus, it was rather difficult for her to frequently visit my grandmother and grandfather. However, today I am able to travel the same distance in less than two hours by plane.

Technology has led to great changes in our lives. Today, thanks to computers, smart phones and planes, it is far easier to access information, communicate with others, and travel over long distances.

KONU 14:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Television, newspapers, magazines, and other media pay too much attention to the personal lives of famous people such as public figures and celebrities.

Freedom of the press is considered as a basic right in democratic societies. The right of the public to reach information is an important right and freedom of the press is indispensable for this. However, this does not mean that the press can intervene in people's lives without any restrictions. Especially celebrities suffer from the excessive interest of the press and this violates their personal privacy. I think the intrusion of the media in people's private life without their consent cannot be justified.

First of all, we need to keep in mind that celebrities too are ordinary individuals. When the media violates people's private lives, they generally argue that the public has the right to know. The media should, of course, follow the events related to celebrities' jobs. For example, if Adele is coming to Istanbul for a concert, her fans would like to know this. Or if a singer has used the composition of another singer without permission, the media can investigate this as well because this is a crime and thus it enters the public realm. However, with whom a celebrity is in a relationship or where they are having their holiday is a matter that does not concern the public. For instance, a French magazine published naked photos of the Cambridge duchess Kate Middleton and was sued. This is certainly a violation of privacy. Kate Middleton is no different from any ordinary individual when she is on holiday.

In addition, the interest of the media prevents some celebrities from living their lives comfortably because they lead a secluded life so as not to be the focus of the press. The violation of rights by the media has risen to such absurd levels that they follow celebrities even in the restaurants they go. For example, once some journalists caught a

singer after she had taken alcohol and asked her meaningless questions by exploiting her situation. The next day, this interview was published and became an object of derision. The celebrities who do not want to experience such situations have to be very alert from the moment they step out of their houses.

Briefly, the public's right to know does not mean that the media can intrude into people's private lives. The excessive interest of the media both leads to the violation of celebrities' personal rights and prevents them from leading a comfortable life.

KONU 15:

Some people believe that the Earth is being harmed (damaged) by human activity. Others feel that human activity makes the Earth a better place to live. What is your opinion?

In the last few centuries the quality of human life has improved considerably. Particularly since the Industrial Revolution people have been able to produce more. Population increase, technological advances, or the decrease in mortality rates has been triggered by industrial developments. However, at the same time, these advances have caused serious damage to natural resources. As we improve our technology, we are using up more natural resources and causing greenhouse gas effects.

Human activities have done enormous harm to the natural environment and almost exhausted natural resources. Modern industries need increasingly more resources such as minerals, fuel, and water. Therefore, these resources are being depleted rapidly. Secondly, since fossil fuels are used in factories, waste threatens diverse ecosystems. As a result of this, a great number of animals are dying, and the ecological balance is being damaged. Moreover, people cut down trees to build houses or factories, and forestlands are gradually diminishing. Since the world population is increasing, it is true that we need more food and products, yet if we do not realize such problems and take measures immediately, even the survival of humans may be at risk.

By clearing land and forests, people not only adversely influence ecosystems, but they also cause greenhouse gas effects, which is a more serious problem. Deforestation and the increase in the consumption of fossil fuels cause carbon dioxide emissions to rise substantially and there are not enough trees to absorb the high amount of carbon dioxide. That is why the greenhouse gas effects have been more marked in recent years. Because

of this effect, the glaciers on the poles are melting rapidly and sea levels are estimated to rise after a while. If we cannot develop effective methods to eliminate greenhouse gas effects, not only human life but the whole life on Earth may come to an end.

Although we have advanced machinery, and although life seems more comfortable than ever before, we are faced with unprecedented dangers. There is an urgent need to take action, but many people do not appear to be aware of this. The depletion of natural resources and greenhouse gas effects may lead to the end of life on earth as we know it.

KONU 16:**Businesses should hire employees for their entire lives. Do you agree or disagree?**

The usual practice in some businesses is to recruit employees when they are young and keep them employed in the rest of their work lives. In other places, on the other hand, companies employ workers for a short period or part-time and make them redundant when the company does not need them any longer or is not satisfied with their performance. I do not think long-term employment is the right approach for companies in today's competitive market. Employee loyalty needs to be redefined now because businesses have to consider their employees' performance and ability to adapt to changes.

First of all, long-term employment is not a right approach because employees may not be able to display the same performance throughout their work lives. Businesses have to compete with a large number of competitors in order to succeed and avoid bankruptcy, and therefore they expect their workers to continually contribute to the company. When a company provides long-term employment to a worker, this worker needs to display a high performance all the time; otherwise, the company may face a range of problems. However, we can never know for sure whether an employee will work in the same way throughout his/her work life. For example, companies now have to market their products online, since most people prefer to shop online rather than going to a store. If the employees cannot keep up with technology and do not transform their business to an online platform, the company will probably not be able to compete with other companies.

In the past, loyalty was more important for companies, yet today we should not think about employee loyalty in its old meaning. In the old sense, loyalty meant that an employee spent their whole life at the same workplace. However, now it

means that employees do their best while they are in a company. If an employer causes things to go wrong, keeping them employed only because they have worked in that company for long years may threaten the company's interests. The young today know that if they are not good enough, they will not be able to find a job, and even if they do, they will be sacked in a short time. Just like everything else, the business world is changing as well; those who cannot keep up with change will lag behind.

In conclusion, employing workers for a lifetime is a remnant of old perspectives. Companies have to keep up with the changing forces of economy. In order to do this, they need to change their labour force when necessary.

KONU 17:

Some students like classes where teachers lecture (do all of the talking) in class. Other students prefer classes where the students do some of the talking. Which type of class do you prefer?

Traditionally the teacher delivers a lecture and the students listen to him/her passively. However, increasingly educators and pedagogues are emphasizing the importance of students' active participation in lessons. If students feel that they are able to contribute to lessons and relate lecture topics to their own lives, their learning can benefit from the activation of their own background knowledge. Nonetheless, although I agree that there are various benefits of active learning, I prefer lectures.

First of all, throughout my education life I have worked with teachers who lecture. Therefore, I am accustomed to learning with this method. When I sit silently on my desk and listen to the teacher, I feel that I am learning. Since I focus on the lesson and constantly take notes, I miss almost no points in the lecture. Some put forward that asking questions or making comments in the lecture increases learner motivation. Quite the contrary, when I have to talk, I lose my interest in the lecture. This may have to do with the education system. For instance, a teacher who had recently been appointed to our school asked our opinions about the subject in his second lesson, and nobody volunteered to comment. I think this is a habit; if we had taken part in classroom discussions since primary school, we could have developed this skill.

At the same time, I think that lecturing is more productive than active student participation. This may be different at college level, but until college, students are usually not knowledgeable enough to make informed comments on a subject. It is the teacher, not the students, who knows the subject. That is why it is more logical to spend the whole

class hour listening to the teacher. In this way, we can learn all the information that can be learned during the time that we spend in the classroom. On the other hand, listening to students would be a waste of time since they generally do not comprehend the course content entirely. It is obvious that teachers cannot know everything, yet they are more knowledgeable than students as they have gotten education on their subject for years and have focused only on that subject. They may make mistakes sometimes, but I do not think this will have serious consequences.

To conclude, I concede that active participation can enhance students' communication skills and self-confidence, yet I think the advantages of lectures outweigh those of student participation. Since I am used to lectures since primary school and since I do not believe students are usually knowledgeable enough about course subjects, I prefer to listen to the teacher rather than participate in lectures.

KONU 18:

You have the opportunity to visit a foreign country for two weeks. Which country would you like to visit? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice.

I have been to many countries abroad, but none has impressed me as much as Spain. You like some places because they are relaxing, some because their historical and architectural characteristics appeal to you, and others because they have a beautiful nature and clear seas. Sometimes, you are interested in the culture of a country, and sometimes you just like an artist born there or a football club in that country. You can find all of these in Spain; thus, if I had the opportunity, I would like to visit Spain again.

First of all, some cities in Spain are just like open-air museums; they have an impressive architecture. For instance, Sagrada Família in Barcelona is an unbelievable work. This structure, which was designed by Gaudí, has not been completed for centuries. An interesting aspect of this work is that it does not have any straight lines. As he did in his other works such as Casa Milà and Park Güell, Gaudí used only curved lines in this monument as well. Another work that has an astonishing architecture is the Alhambra Palace. This structure, whose walls are ornamented with calligraphy, will certainly impress everybody. In addition, the Joan Miró Museum and the National Art Museum of Catalonia host captivating drawings.

The second reason why I like Spain is that I am a fan of FC Barcelona. There is a fierce rivalry between Barcelona and Real Madrid. The matches between these two teams even has a special name: El Clásico. I would really like to visit Barcelona and watch a match in Nou Camp. The atmosphere in this stadium is unequalled: therefore, watching an El Clásico in this stadium may be a once in a lifetime experience. My interest is not only related to the stadium; Messi, who I think is the best football

player ever in the world, is playing for this club. It would be beautiful to witness his skills.

Lastly, Spain is surrounded by seas on three sides and there are beautiful beaches there. There are fascinating seas to swim all around the world, but Spain's beaches are full of people the whole day. Especially the young hang out with their friends on the beach at night, play music and sing songs, rather than going to their homes. They stay there until they watch the sunrise and go back to their homes only after that. Spain's beaches are the ideal place both to enjoy the ocean and to have fun. Therefore, it would be nice to visit Spain.

In short, if I have the chance to visit a country, I will go to Spain. The ocean, historic buildings, works of art, talented artists, beautiful restaurants, the best footballer in the world... All of these are in Spain.

KONU 19:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A person's childhood years (the time from birth to twelve years of age) are the most important years of a person's life.

Babies start learning the moment they are born; in fact, some studies indicate that infants respond to stimuli even when they are in the mother's womb. In childhood years, children learn their mother tongue, which is quite an important success, learn to read and write, and begin forming their personalities. Children's emotional, social, and physical development directly affects the adult that they will become. Therefore, childhood years are the most important years of a person's life.

Firstly, early years are the time when children learn about relationships and their own identity. They initially learn their mother and father, then their siblings, if they have any, and grandparents, and after that, the world around them. They also learn how to communicate with people, how they should treat them, and how they will respond to different behaviours. To illustrate, if parents treat a child harshly and engage in violence, the child may display similar behaviours when s/he has grown up, because these become the right behaviours for her/him. Similarly, in this period, children form a picture about themselves based on others' opinions about them. For instance, a child who is considered to be smart by her/his parents may think that s/he is smart, whether this is true or not. This, in turn, will have a considerable influence on the child's self-confidence in the future.

More importantly, childhood years are the years when language is acquired and formal education starts. In these years, if a child is not exposed to language for some reason, s/he cannot learn the language. There are such instances in history. Some children who did not have the opportunity to interact with people as they were confined to home by their parents were never able to learn a language

entirely. The importance of language for people's lives is obvious. Another skill that is acquired in these years is literacy. In the past, the proportion of illiterate people was fairly high, and people's employment opportunities were not dependent on literacy. However, today illiterates are at an obvious disadvantage in the business world. Moreover, it is highly likely that these people will face problems in their daily lives as well. For example, being able to read bus names and numbers is a skill that we take for granted, but is in fact very important.

Childhood years are the years when a person creates her/his personality and acquires essential skills such as language and literacy. People who are devoid of proper education and care in this period will probably face a lot of challenges in the future.

KONU 20:

Some think immigrants should accept the new culture as their own. Others think they should keep their own culture. What is your opinion on this?

A great number of people are migrating to other countries. As a consequence of increasing mobility, people are moving to their country of choice in order to get education, to work, or merely to create a new life for themselves. However, the main reason why the rate of migration has surged today is wars and conflicts. When people move to another country, this creates various challenges both for themselves and for the host country. One of these challenges is whether migrants will assimilate or not. Some put forward that migrants should protect their own culture. Since their traditions are a part of their identity, they can keep some of their traditions but adapting to the new culture is more beneficial for migrants.

The most important thing to do in the new culture is to learn the language. Otherwise, daily life will be quite difficult. However, migrants can protect their own language at the same time and teach it to their children. Generally, after three generations, children do not learn the language of their grandparents because they acquire the language of the community in which they are born and associate themselves with this community. Nonetheless, it is important for migrants to teach their language to their children because being bilingual offers social, economic, and cognitive advantages. For example, the children of the Turks who went to Germany in the second half of the 20th century speak German as their first language, and even though they also know Turkish, it becomes evident from their accent that they have learned this language later on. These children are able to speak both Turkish and German, and they learn English at school. Because they become multilinguals, their chances of success in the business market increase.

Adapting to the new culture also presents other advantages to migrants. Specifically, if migrants adopt the local culture, traditions, and lifestyle, they avoid conflicts with the local people and interact with them successfully. For instance, in the Western culture, people generally keep the distance while they are talking to each other. They do not like being too close. That is why it is easier for the migrants who adhere to this tradition to be accepted. Furthermore, because of their willingness to merge into the new culture, more often than not adaptable migrants are accepted faster than those who are reluctant to be integrated into the new society. Thus, they tend to have higher chances of success.

In brief, migrants can protect some of their values; protecting their native language offers various benefits. However, at the same time, they have to learn the language of the host country. In order to lead a happy life in the new culture, it is a must to acquire certain traditions. Therefore, migrants should not be stubborn against adapting to their new country.