

Программа собеседования при восстановлении или переводе студентов на 3 курс факультета межкультурной коммуникации по дисциплине «Страноведение» (1 ин.яз.)

Вопросы по 5 учебному семестру

1. Define the term “Anglosphere” and expand on the majority of the English-speaking countries in the world. Name the countries where English is an official /co-official / unofficial language. Speak about the Commonwealth of Nations, the main functions and chief institutions of this organization.

2. Give the general overview of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and expand on its geographical location, physical features, climate, the administrative divisions within the UK, major cities, and the national symbols of the UK’s constituent countries, and the icons of British life.

3. Indicate the position of the United Kingdom in the world arena, and expand on Britain’s home nations, crown dependencies, overseas territories. Speak about the government of the United Kingdom.

4. Expand on the history of formation of the United Kingdom, and indicate the important dates and historical events. Follow up the process of devolution for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

5. Expand on the British modern society, and speak about the national identity and nationality in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Define the notion “Britishness”, and show its relation to the British national character. Give the typical characteristics of the British people, their habits, customs and traditions.

6. Define the status of the English language in the United Kingdom’s constituent countries. Speak about the RP, main dialects and accents throughout the UK. Name the national languages of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and define their status within a country.

7. Follow up the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the United Kingdom. Expand on the peculiarities of the British landscape, national parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty across the United Kingdom.

8. Give the general overview of England, and expand on its geographical location, physical features, climate, national symbols, and the important historical dates. Define the capital of England and major cities.

9. Compare Southern England to Midlands, and to Northern England, and expand on the correspondent regions and counties, their characteristics, major cities, outstanding landmarks, and the historical and cultural legacy.

10. Expand on the cultural issues typically associated with England: Foggy Albion, the white cliffs of Dover, English castles, Oxbridge, the Industrial Revolution. Name some notable English people - famous writers and poets, scientists, politicians, explorers.

11. Give the general overview of Scotland, and expand on its geographical location, physical features, climate, national symbols, and the important historical dates. Define the capital of Scotland and major cities. Speak about the diversity of off-shore islands and the abundance of natural resources in the country.

12. Expand on the cultural issues typically associated with Scotland: Loch Ness and the Monster legend, bagpipes and the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, clans and tartans as nation's pride, the Highlands and the dramatic scenery of the region, whisky production, and national cuisine. Name some notable Scottish people - famous writers and poets, scientists, politicians, explorers.

13. Give the general overview of Wales, and expand on its geographical location, physical features, climate, national symbols, and the important historical dates. Define the capital of Wales and major cities. Speak about the diversity of national parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty within the country, and significance of the South Wales coastal area.

14. Expand on the cultural issues typically associated with Wales: the Welsh national language, the annual Eisteddfod song festival, rugby as the national sport, the ancient and modern capitals of Wales, the Snowdon Mountain and Snowdonia National Park.

15. Give the general overview of Northern Ireland, and expand on its geographical location, physical features, climate, national symbols, and the important historical dates. Define the capital of Northern Ireland and major cities.

16. Expand on the cultural issues typically associated with Northern Ireland: mystical myths, memorable legends, ancient folklore, and celebrated saints; the Giant's Causeway as the eighth wonder of the world, The Causeway Coastal Route, the Titanic Quarter and the Museum of Titanic in Belfast.

17. Give the general overview of the Republic of Ireland, and expand on its geographical location, physical features, climate, national symbols, and the important historical dates. Define the capital of the Republic of Ireland and major cities.

18. Expand on the cultural issues typically associated with the Republic of Ireland: Malin Head - the most northern point of Ireland, Brow Head – the most southern point of Ireland, Dingle – the most beautiful place on Earth, Killarney National Park, Guinness Storehouse in Dublin, Cliffs of Moher - the most visited attraction in Ireland, the Riverdance – the traditional Irish dance show.

Вопросы по 6 учебному семестру

1. Give the general overview of the United States of America, and expand on its geographical location, physical features, climate, the capital and major cities, the national symbols of the United States of America, and the icons of American life.

2. Expand on the history of formation of the United States, and indicate the important dates and historical events that shaped the nation. Speak about the government of the United States and the position of the United States in the world arena. Name some outstanding American presidents.

3. Speak about the United States of America as a land of inventors and innovative technologies, and name some notable American people, their impact into the creation of nation. Follow up typically American beliefs and values, national holidays and famous traditions.

4. Expand on the four main regions of the United States of America and their distinctive characteristics. Define the term “the Lower 48”, name non-contiguous states, outlying territories and areas in the USA. Underline the status of the District of Columbia, its political and governmental significance.

5. Expand on New England, one of the most peculiar regions of the Northeast USA, and consider its geographical location, physical features, climate, the important historical dates, cultural and economic aspects of the region's development. Follow the New England's must-see list: Boston as the Cradle of Liberty with its Freedom Trail, Cape Cod, the Knowledge Corridor, the Appalachian Trail, the Pioneer Valley.

6. Expand on Mid-Atlantic, one of the most distinctive regions of the Northeast USA, and consider its geographical location, physical features, climate, the important historical dates, cultural and economic aspects of the region's development. Follow the Mid-Atlantic's must-see list: Washington D.C. – the nation's capital, New York City – the nation's financial center, Philadelphia – the birthplace of the nation.

7. Expand on North Central (the Great Lakes), one of the most picturesque regions of the Midwest USA, and consider its geographical location, physical features, climate, the important historical dates, cultural and economic aspects of the region's development. Follow the America's Heartland's must-see list: the Great Lakes, Niagara Falls, national parks and the abundant natural resources of the region, major cities of the area such as Chicago – the City of Big Shoulders, Detroit – Motor City, St. Louis – the Gateway to the West.

8. Expand on the Great Plains, one of the largest prairie grasslands of the Midwest USA, and consider its geographical location, physical features, climate, the important historical dates, cultural and economic aspects of the region's development. Follow the Great Plains must-see list: the iconic Mount Rushmore National Memorial, the Black Hills, Badlands National Park, and the Crazy Horse Memorial.

9. Give the general overview of the South of the USA, and expand on its geographical location, physical features, climate, and the important historical dates. Speak about major cities, outstanding landmarks, and the historical and cultural legacy of the South.

10. Follow up the American Civil War, and the post-war effects for America and the whole world. Speak about the reconstruction periods, segregation, discrimination, and fight for the civil rights in the South. Give a brief outline of the most important historical events in the South of the USA.

11. Expand on Florida, the American Sunshine State, and consider its geographical location, physical features, climate, the important historical dates, cultural and economic aspects of the region's development. Follow Florida's must-see list: Walt Disney World Resort, Miami and its luxurious beaches, Key Largo and Key West attractions, Cape Canaveral.

12. Expand on Texas, the second largest American state, and consider its geographical location, physical features, climate, the important historical dates, cultural and economic aspects of the region's development. Follow Texas's must-see list: Big Bend National Park, Austin music scene and arts festivals, Dallas's Dealey Plaza, NASA's Space Center Houston.

13. Expand on the Rocky Mountains, one of the most spectacular mountain environments of the American West, and consider its geographical location, physical features, climate, the important historical dates, cultural and economic aspects of the region's development. Follow the Rocky Mountain's must-see list: the Continental

Divide, national parks and the abundant natural resources of the Rockies, Colorado state as the Roof of the Nation, Denver – the “Mile-High city”.

14. Expand on the Pacific Northwest region, one of the most scenic regions of the American West, and consider its geographical location, physical features, climate, the important historical dates, cultural and economic aspects of the region’s development. Follow the Pacific Northwest region’s must-see list: the Pacific Coastline Scenic Byway road, Mount Olympus and The Olympic National Park, the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, Seattle – the Emerald City, the Portland Penny.

15. Expand on California, the American Golden State, and consider its geographical location, physical features, climate, the important historical dates, cultural and economic aspects of the region’s development. Follow California’s must-see list: Silicon Valley, the gold rush, San Francisco and the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, Los Angeles as the City of Angels and enigmatic Hollywood.

16. Give the general overview of Alaska and Hawaii – the non-contiguous states of the USA, and expand on their geographical location, physical features, climate, and the important historical dates. Speak about major cities and islands, outstanding landmarks, and the historical and cultural legacy of both Alaska and Hawaii. Consider the wild beauty and abundant natural resources in Alaska as well as Hawaiian beach paradise.

17. Give the general overview of Canada, and expand on its geographical location, physical features, climate, the capital and major cities, the national symbols of Canada, and the icons of Canadian life.

18. Expand on the distinct Canadian regions, and expand on their geographical location, physical features, climate, and the important historical dates. Speak about major cities, outstanding landmarks, and the historical and cultural legacy of the Canadian provinces and territories.