**THEMATIC INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR ENG 101**

**TEACHER’S COPY**

**During the interview**

* **Start the interview by asking general warm-up questions.**
* **Next, choose 2-4 questions from the parts below depending on time.**
* **The interview will last about 5 -7 minutes.**

**Unit 1: Changing the Self**

1. Talk about the biggest change in your life? Explain.
2. What would you like to change about yourself?
3. What would you like to change about your appearance?
4. Do you think plastic surgery is acceptable? Why/Why not?
5. What factors shape people’s opinions about the concept of beauty?
6. What are the effects of the media on people’s opinions about the concept of beauty?
7. What kinds of people are obsessed with changing themselves constantly? Why/why not?
8. Is plastic surgery a remedy for aging or should people age naturally?
9. Should people in show business undergo plastic surgery?
10. How important do you think beauty is in business life?
11. What are the possible effects of beauty contests on teenagers?

**Unit 2: Changing Communications**

1. Can people find true friendships through online communication technologies? Why/Why not?
2. What might be the possible drawbacks of forming online identities different from your real identity?
3. In what way is online communication different from face-to-face communication? How?
4. How important is social media in your life? Why?
5. Have you ever had any bad experiences related with online social networking?
6. How powerful is social media in changing today’s world?
7. Describe the communication methods of the next millennium.
8. What attracts people to online social networking?
9. If you were to choose an avatar to represent you on the Internet how would it be? Describe.
10. Describe the characteristics of an Internet addict. How can they overcome this addiction?
11. Do social networking sites encourage people to have good interpersonal skills?
12. Are social networking sites a threat for individual privacy?
13. Are social networking sites benefiting friendships/career networking?
14. Are social networking sites a major distraction from education?
15. Should employers/schools ban the use of social networking sites?
16. Should social networking sites not accept users under eighteen?
17. How can social networking sites benefit formal education?

**Unit 3: Changing Habits**

1. Do you prefer reading traditional or electronic books? Why?
2. Why do you think people prefer traditional/electronic books?
3. ‘Book is dead’. Do you agree/disagree? Why/Why not?
4. How do you see the future of TV viewing?
5. How ethical do you think using file-sharing programs is?
6. ‘Internet is now a global video recorder.’ Do you agree? Why/Why not?
7. Compare the TV programs of your childhood with those of today.
8. How important is TV in your life? / How important should TV be in people’s lives?
9. Do you watch any TV series? Do you watch them online or on TV? Why?
10. How much do you care about copyright?
11. Do you think piracy should be punished? Why?/How?

**Unit 4: Changing Generations**

1. How do you think children are affected by the violence in TV programs?
2. Do you think today’s TV programs desensitize people? How/Why?
3. Who should regulate what children watch on TV?
4. Do you think parenting today is more difficult than parenting in the past? How/Why?
5. What are the differences between games children play now and in the past?
6. Why are there more people pursuing graduate studies today than in the past?
7. What are the differences between families of the past and ones of today?
8. What could be the reasons for the changing role of women in society?