

# 2025-2026 IVY CUP INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH CONTEST

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### Quiz Bank For High School Group



#### ***Part I Surprise Me (2 minutes)***

The Surprise Me Talent Show could be any form, such as storytelling, speech, singing, dubbing, and drama, etc. Each participant needs to present English skills in the show.

The costumes and any props/materials involved in the performance should be prepared by the participants.

The judge may ask you some questions before/after the talent show. Please answer the questions in complete sentences in English.

Here are some examples below. The samples are for reference only.

#### **A. Participant's talent show, costumes and personal information.**

- What's your name?
- My name is Catherine.
- How old are you?
- I am 5 years old.

#### **B. Questions from Part I Surprise Me (Q&A)**

The judge will ask you some questions. Please answer the questions in complete sentences in English.

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***Part I Surprise Me (Q&A)***

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| 1. -What' s your favorite subject/course?    -Do you think people who major in this subject/course can find a job easily when they graduate?                |
| 2. -Do you like your hometown?    -Can you tell me about some recent changes in your hometown?  |
| 3. - Why is it important to be punctual?    -Do you wear a watch? Why?  |
| 4. -Do you live in a house or a flat?    - Which is your favorite room in your house/ flat? Why?    -Do you prefer to live in a city or in the countryside? |
| 5. - Why did you choose that song for your talent show?    -Why did/didn' t you choose to make props by yourself?   |
| 6. -Do you like pets? Why do people keep pets?    -Do you think zoos are still important today?   |
| 7. -What were your favorite childhood activities?    -Did you prefer outdoor activities or indoor activities?   |
| 8. -Do you like taking photos?    -What kind of camera do you have?    -Do you like to take photos outdoors or indoors?                                     |
| 9. -Do you like technology products? What is your favorite technology product at home? Why?   |
| 10. -Could you describe a decision that you regret? And why?  |
| 11. -Could you please describe an event that changed your life?   |
| 12. -Please describe a friend who helped you a lot.    -How did you become friends?   |
| 13. -Please describe a person who taught you an important skill.    -Have you taught anyone an important skill?   |
| 14. -Please describe an intelligent person that you know.    -Do you think intelligence is the key to success?  |
| 15. -What kinds of advertisements are popular in China? -Do you often buy advertised products?  |

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### ***Part II Convince Me (Global Vision Challenge )***

Participants need to answer 3 questions based on a 30-second video featuring global topics such as carbon neutral, Photovoltaic Energy, Gender Equality, Space Exploration, Cybersecurity, etc. The judges will score according to participants' confidence, logic and comprehensive abilities.

#### **Sample answer A**

##### **2.0 points**

Judge: This is the video about black holes. What would happen if you fell into a black hole?

Participant: Thanks for showing me the video. First, I believe a black hole does exist. But a person who journeys into one of the universe's most mysterious objects is not likely to fare so well. So I think I will burn up the moment I enter a black hole. It is because I believe there is what is called a firewall around black holes. That's all. Thank you.

#### **Sample answer B**

##### **1.5 points**

Judge: This is the video about black holes. What would happen if you fell into a black hole?

Participant: Thanks for showing me the video. First, I believe a black hole do exist. But a person who journey into one of the universe's most mysterious objects is not likely to fare so well. So I think I will burns up the moment I enter a black hole. It is because I think there is what call a fire wall around black holes. That's all. thank you.

#### **Sample answer C**

##### **1.0 point**

Judge: This is the video about black holes. What would happen if you fell into a black hole?

Participant: Thanks for showing me the video. But a person who journeys into one of the universe's most mysterious objects is not likely to fare so well. So I think I will burn up the moment I enter a black hole. It is because I think there is what called a fire wall around black holes. That's all. thank you.

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### **Sample answer D**

**0.5 points**

Judge: This is the video about black holes. What would happen if you fell into a black hole?

Participant: Thanks for the video. I believe that I will burn up the moment I enter a black hole. It is because I think there is what called a fire wall around black holes.

### **Sample answer E**

**0.0 points**

Judge: This is the video about black holes. What would happen if you fell into a black hole?

Participant: Thanks for the video. I don't know.

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**Global Issues**

**Carbon Neutral**

**Sustainable  
Development**

**Gender  
Equality**

**Space Exploration**

**Cybersecurity**

**Metaverse**

**Electric Vehicle**

**Artificial  
Intelligence**

**Demographic  
Problem**

**Infectious Diseases**

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<b>Carbon Neutral</b>	
1	What is Carbon Neutral?
2	How to achieve the goal of Carbon Neutral?
3	Could you name a company that could help us to achieve the goal of Carbon Neutral? And what has the company done?
4	What changes do you think the Carbon Neutral could bring to us?
5	What do you think of Carbon Neutral?

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### Sustainable Development

1	What is sustainable development, and why is it important?
2	How can communities and individuals contribute to sustainable development in their everyday lives?
3	How can international cooperation and knowledge sharing contribute to finding sustainable solutions to the challenges posed by nuclear-contaminated water into the environment impact local ecosystems?
4	How does the release of nuclear-contaminated water into environment impact local ecosystems?
5	How can technology and innovation be harnessed to advance sustainable development goals?

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### Gender Equality

1 What do you know about gender equality and women rights?

2 Is gender equality a concern for men? Why? Or why not?

3 Why is gender equality important?

4 What are the obstacles to achieve gender equality?

5 What are the ways to remove gender discrimination?



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### Space Exploration

1	Which private company has launched the first spaceship?
2	Could you please talk about the advantages of space exploration?
3	Could you please talk about the impacts on space of space exploration?
4	Do you think space exploration could help with the population explosion?
5	What would you do if you could explore the space?

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### Cybersecurity

1	What is Cybersecurity?
2	What are the goals of cybersecurity?
3	What skills are needed for job in cybersecurity?
4	What is the future of cybersecurity?
5	You receive an email from your bank telling you there is a problem with your account. The email provides instructions and a link so you can log into your account and fix the problem. What should you do?

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<b>Metaverse</b>	
1	What does "Metaverse" mean?
2	What's the difference between the metaverse and the internet?
3	What are the important traits of the metaverse?
4	Is the metaverse real? Why? Why not?
5	How will metaverse influence your school life?

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Electric Vehicle	
1	What brands of electric cars do you know? And what's your favorite?
2	What to consider before buying an electric car?
3	What do you think is the biggest advantage of electric vehicle?
4	What are the new problems that EVs might bring to us?
5	In what ways that gasoline motor cars are better than EVs?

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### Artificial Intelligence

1	What is the full name of AI?
2	What are the examples of AI in your real life?
3	Do you think AI is important? Why or why not?
4	What impacts does AI have on your daily life?
5	Could you tell us some disadvantages of AI?

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<b>Demographic Problem</b>	
1	What are the reasons for aging problems?
2	What would happen if we have an aging problem?
3	What countries are having serious aging problems?
4	What is the biggest problem do you think if there are too many people on the earth?
5	Do you think human beings can be immortal?

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**Infectious Diseases**

1	What effect does the virus have on our bodies?
2	What is the epidemic virus in these two years?
3	Do you think viruses are terrible? Why?
4	What do you think humans can do to defeat the virus?
5	Have you ever been sick with a virus?

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The following websites are reputable and authoritative sources, offering comprehensive information and materials to facilitate a thorough comprehension of these global issues.

### Carbon Neutral

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): <https://www.ipcc.ch/>

Carbon Trust: <https://www.carbontrust.com/>

Carbon Disclosure Project: <https://www.cdp.net/>

### Photovoltaic Energy

National Renewable Energy Laboratory: <https://www.nrel.gov/>

Solar Energy Industries Association: <https://www.seia.org/>

International Energy Agency - Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme: <https://iea-pvps.org/>

### Gender Equality

United Nations Women: <https://www.unwomen.org/>

The World Bank Group - Gender: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/gender>

UNICEF - Gender Equality: <https://www.unicef.org/gender-equality>

### Space Exploration:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): <https://www.nasa.gov/>

European Space Agency: <https://www.esa.int/>

The Planetary Society: <https://www.planetary.org/>

### Cybersecurity

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) - Cybersecurity: <https://www.nist.gov/topics/cybersecurity>

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency: <https://www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity>

SANS Institute - Cybersecurity: <https://www.sans.org/>

### Metaverse

Metaverse Roadmap: <https://metaverseroadmap.org/>

The Immersive Education Initiative: <https://immersiveschools.org/>

IEEE Standards Association - Virtual and Augmented Reality: <https://sagroups.ieee.org/vr-ar/>



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### Electric Vehicle

US Department of Energy - Electric Vehicles: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/electricvehicles/electric-vehicles>

International Energy Agency - Electric Vehicles: <https://www.iea.org/reports/global-ev-outlook-2021>

The Electric Vehicle Association of America: <https://www.evaa.org/>

### Artificial Intelligence

The Partnership on AI: <https://www.partnershiponai.org/>

IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics of Autonomous and Intelligent Systems: <https://ethicsinaction.ieee.org/>

World Economic Forum - Artificial Intelligence: <https://www.weforum.org/ai/>

### Demographic Problem

United Nations Population Fund: <https://www.unfpa.org/>

Population Reference Bureau: <https://www.prb.org/>

World Health Organization - Reproductive Health and Research: <https://www.who.int/teams/sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-research/>

### Infectious disease

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/>

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: <https://www.niaid.nih.gov/>