General Questions

Kultura i historia Wielkiej Brytanii i Stanów Zjednoczonych:

- 1. Britain thinks that it is still an important country. Do you agree?
- 2. Do you think Britain should abolish the Monarchy? Why / Why not?
- 3. Is immigration an issue in the UK and why?
- 4. Discuss the notion that American Institutions such as its Legal System or Education system, for example, are biased.
- 5. Discuss the powers of the American President in regards to Domestic and Foreign Affairs. How do they differ?

Literatura angielska

- 1. The code of values promoted by early English literature (Old and Middle English)
- 2. Major themes and conventions of Elizabethan theatre refer to William Shakespeare.
- 3. Social debate in 19th century literature refer to at least two examples (poetry and novel).

Literatura amerykańska

- 1. The American Dream fantasy or reality? Discuss the validity of this concept in a novel and/or poem(s) of your own choice.
- 2. Love, marriage, sexuality and female solidarity in women's literature: on the basis of a novel and/or poem(s) of your own choice, discuss one of the above motifs.

Językoznawstwo

- 1. Functions of human language.
- 2. Morphology of English words (types of morphemes, inflectional vs derivational morphemes, types of morphemic words)
- 3. Types of semantic relations (homonymy vs polysemy; synonymy, antonymy, hyponymy, meronymy; homophones and homographs)
- 4. Sentence structure: categories of constituents and their functions.
- 5. Relations of language with social, cultural, interpersonal and linguistic context (including deixis, speech acts and rules of politeness)

Komunikacja społeczna, socjolingwistyka, media w kulturze:

- 1. Are Language and Culture really linked? Illustrate your answer with examples in favour of the link or against.
- 2. What is the concept of 'Us" and 'Them" and how it can influence the way a person or a group of people interact?
- 3. The spread of English imperialism and/or hegemony? Discuss.
- 4. What are the challenges of multilingual Europe? How might they affect language planning?
- 5. Given that media are dominated by powerful corporate organizations, to what extent is it inevitable that content will reinforce the powerful interests they represent?