**English B – Five Themes (Class of 2025)**

--IB Language B - Five Prescribed Themes (used for NEW Curriculum’s Paper 1 + Paper 2 + Individual Orals)

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| Theme | Guiding principle | Optional recommended topics | Possible questions |
| Identities | Explore the nature of the self and what it is to be human. | • Lifestyles  • Health and well-being – overcome adversity, frustration, mental health  • Beliefs and values  • Subcultures – gun culture, ~~gender identity in education and pronouns~~, ~~gender neutral restroom~~, ~~transgender athlete~~  • Language and identity | • What constitutes an identity?  • What do you do during your spare time?  • How does the hobby shape who you are?  • How did you alleviate your stress?  • How do we express our identity?  • What ideas and images do we associate with a healthy lifestyle?  • How do language and culture  contribute to form our identity?  • share with us some of your hobbies that shape who are today.  ~~• tell me about your perspectives regarding the diverse expressions of genders.~~  • what are your pronouns?  • how do you understand third-culture kids? What are some benefits and drawbacks growing up as a third culture kid?  • How do you understand code-switching? |
| Experiences | Explore and tell the stories of the events, experiences and journeys that shape our lives. | • Leisure activities  • Holidays and travel  • Life stories  • Rites of passage  • Customs and traditions  • Migration – immigration, urbanization, gentrification   * ~~refugee~~ | • How does travel broaden our horizons?  • How does our past shape our present and our future?  • ~~How and why do different cultures mark important moments in life?~~  • How would living in another culture affect our worldview?  • why do you want to study in a foreign country?  • what prompts people to leave their country of origin and live in another country?  • what are pros and cons of urbanization/gentrification?  • what is gentrification and how you understand the process? |
| Human Ingenuity | Explore the ways in which human creativity and innovation affect our world. | • ~~Entertainment – formula for humor, comedians~~  • Artistic expressions  • Communication and media  • Technology – location tracking, privacy, national security  • Scientific innovation – design thinking | • How do developments in science and technology influence our lives?  • How do the arts help us understand the world?  • How has ChatGPT changed your learning experiences?  • Do you use any social media and how do you like it?  • What can we learn about a culture through its artistic expression?  • What are your perspectives on electric vehicles?  • How does the media change the way we relate to each other? |
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| Social Organization | Explore the ways in which groups of people organize themselves, or are organized, through common systems or interests. | • Social relationships  • Community – ~~Super Bowl~~  • Social engagement  • Education – student debt crisis, university admission process, ~~university research~~  • The working world – tourism island role play  • Law and order | • What is the individual’s role in the community?  • Tell me about your experiences volunteering at your local community?  • ~~What role do rules and regulations play in the formation of a society?~~  • How do different stakeholders collaborate to make a community stronger?  • What opportunities and challenges do workplace in this AI era bring? How would this change organizations?  • Could you compare the education institutes in China and a foreign one that you have studied in? |
| Sharing the Planet | Explore the challenges and opportunities faced by individuals and communities in the modern world. | • The environment – climate change, ~~Pacific Garbage patch, microplastics~~  ~~• Human rights~~  • Peace and conflict – cancel culture, BLM and police brutality, gender identity in education and pronouns, gender neutral restroom, ~~gender awareness,~~ Will Smith (gender, body positivity, violence)  • Equality  • Globalization  • Ethics  • Urban + rural environment | • What environmental and social issues present challenges to the world, and how can these challenges be overcome?  • What ethical issues arise from living in the modern world, and how do we resolve them?  • What challenges and benefits does globalization bring? How do you view the trend of deglobalization in our current world?  • what is gentrification and how you understand the process?  • What challenges and benefits result from changes in urban and rural environments?  • how do you view the gender imbalance issue in your environment? |