1.1)In my opinion there is no purebred Belarusian because our motherland was part of different countries. For a long time Belarus was part of the USSR and was influenced by Soviet culture, but even this could not erase the national features of the Belarusian character. The first quality that comes to my mind is our legendary hospitality. We enjoy receiving guests and are perfect at it. A shining example proving it is the very fact that Belarus hols numerous international events. One of the characteristic features of the Belarusians, which is checked by all foreigners — is endless kindness. Belarusians will lay the table for you with a lot of dishes, he/she will always help and is ready to “give the last shirt” if you really need it. Belarusian people always remain faithful to traditions. Kolyady, Radonitsa, Kupalle, Dozhinki and many more! All these are unique Belarusian holidays, which Belarusians have carried into the 21st century. As for our peacefulness, it has been determined by endless wars which Belarusians did not start, but fell victim to. It's an interesting fact, that Belarusians are true potato eaters and the potato is even called “the second bread”.In conclusion i should say that if you want to make up a “portrait” of a typical Belarusian, you should cast aside stereotypes and look at it from the other side.

1.2)To be honest it's not an easy task to describe a typical British. I personally stick to the opinion, that there are no purebred British. It's obvious because Great Britain is a cosmopolitan country. People of different races, religions, nationalities populate it. In different books and numerous films you can see that the British are cold, reserved and somewhere aristocratic. At the same time they are often associated with good manners and great humour. British humour is well known for its use of sarcasm, dark comedy and irony. Drinking tea is seen as a key part of British culture. But other hot drinks, especially coffee, are also popular. To my mind, it is problematic to give a general idea of 67 million of on people, but it's interesting to watch what opinion of the country is being formed in society.

2)To my mind it's true. We differ a lot because of our own languages, customs, traditions and historical development. These are the factors which influence greatly the national character. I believe that we are somewhere similar, but still different. For example, the British are naturally polite and never tired of saying "Please", "Thank you", "I'm sorry"," "You're welcome", "Excuse me", "It's ok" and etc. We can find these features in Belarusians, but still we are considered to be tolerant, hospitable, welcoming and generous. If we speak about the British can't but mention tea and coffee breaks. It's a wonderful tradition which is not typical of Belarusians. All in all, the list of differences between the British and Belarusians is endless, but in my opinion this is the reason why Great Britain attracts tourists from Belarus and vise versa.

3)My first question will be like this: does your family have any special traditions connected with Christmas? The next question is: what traditional Christmas meal in your family is like? And finally I'd like to find out whether they buy and decorate a Christmas tree.

4)There's no secret, Belarusian cuisine is very diverse and I'm absolutely sure that everyone can find something to their own taste. There are a lot of restaurants which offer a wide choice of traditional Belarusian dishes. So first of all I strongly recommend him/her to taste our draniki, babka, potato dumplings which are prepared from shredded potatoes. Besides, he/she can taste our soups and I am completely sure that zatsirka is the best one as it is quite a special dish which is prepared in a certain way only in Belarus. Moreover, there are a big variety of drinks, for example medavuha, kvas, oats kisel, compote, various herbals and so on. Eventually, I bet he/she won't be indifferent to our national dishes after tasting them.

5)I absolutely agree with this statement. When visiting a foreign land, we should respect and follow the customs of those who live in it. Moreover, if we know them, it can prevent us from getting into trouble. Saying "please", "thank you", "excuse me", "sorry", "you are welcome" is a basic etiquette that everyone must have in society. It's highly advisable in most countries to shake hands when you are first introduced to someone, to open doors to other people. I'd like to recall some useful British rules because the British are famous for their good manners. For example, you should avoid talking loudly and picking your nose in public. It is impolite to ask a lady her age and ask intimate questions. But the British fancy those who smile because a smiling face is a welcoming face. All in all, you should follow all these simple rules and you will definitely have a pleasant and unforgettable trip.