

## **Irish history and culture**

### **Zagadnienia na egzamin ustny:**

1. Describe the influence of Irish writers on English-language literature. Can you think of any world-famous Irish writers? Have you ever read any of their work?
2. Describe the influence Irish musicians have had on popular music during the last fifty years. Can you think of any world-famous Irish musicians or bands and do you enjoy their music?
3. What image of Ireland and Irish people is portrayed in the movies? Do you think it is close to reality? Can you think of any Irish actors who have become Hollywood movie stars?
4. Why do think Poland and Ireland are often said to have similar histories? Is this justified?
5. Can you compare any famous people from Irish and Polish history? Did they have similar aims for their countries and methods of achieving them?
6. In what way do you think Ireland's experience of having been part of the British Empire and Poland's experience of having been part of a Soviet empire has influenced the way they see the world? What are the similarities and differences between both experiences?
7. What, in your view, do Poland and Ireland have in common in a cultural and historical sense, and in what way do they differ from each other?
8. Poles are Ireland's largest immigrant group and have been largely accepted by Irish people. Do you think Poles would accept a similar sudden wave of mass immigration from Ireland? Why/Why not?
9. Do you think the Roman Catholic religion is equally important in both Poland and Ireland? Do you think that Poles in Ireland should attend mass in English or maintain their Polish religious traditions separately there?
10. Poland and Ireland have witnessed radical changes to their borders during the last hundred years, changes which were imposed by foreign dominant powers. Do you think that both countries should draw a line under history and accept these changes as permanent?