

Демонстрация промежуточной контрольной работы
по английскому языку для 9 классов

I. Listen to some people talking on a radio programme about special occasions and match the speakers (1-5) to the statements (A-E).

- A This event lasts for seven days.
- B This event signals the end of childhood.
- C We look very colourful during this event.
- D This event goes back to medieval times.
- E We become very wet during this celebration

- 1. Speaker 1 _____
- 2. Speaker 2 _____
- 3. Speaker 3 _____
- 4. Speaker 4 _____
- 5. Speaker 5 _____

II. Read the text and mark the sentences T (True), F (False) or Ns (Not stated).

Hanami: A Flowering Celebration!

The beginning of spring (March-April) is a very special time in Japan, because this is when Japan's famous cherry trees come into flower. The Japanese celebrate this happy time with festivals and flower-viewing parties.

At the end of winter, everyone's excitement starts to grow. The whole country wants to know the exact day when the cherry flowers ('sakura') will appear. Starting in February, weathermen try to guess when this day will be.

When the first flowers open on the trees, national joy breaks out! There are rides and games for children in the street, music and dance performances, tea ceremonies, flower displays, and much more. But the most special thing that people do at this time is have 'hanami' parties. Hanami means flower watching. In hanami parties, families and friends take a picnic and go and sit under a cherry tree to look at and admire the flowers. Hanami parties take place during the daytime and also at night, because when it is dark, lights light up the cherry trees.

Hanami is very important to the Japanese. Cherry blossoms appear on trees for only one week before they fall to the ground and die, and for the Japanese this symbolises the short nature of childhood and life. So hanami is a time when Japanese people like to think about how important life is.

- 6. Spring is the Japanese people's favourite time of year _____
- 7. It is not easy to know the day the cherry flowers will open _____
- 8. Hanami takes place a week after the cherry trees blossom _____
- 9. The cherry flowers do not stay on the trees for very long _____
- 10. When the cherry flowers appear, people hope for long lives _____

III. Put the verbs into correct past tense

- 1. I suddenly (remember) that I forgot I (forget) my keys.
- 2. James (drive) the car at the time of the accident?
- 3. Laura (miss) the party because nobody (tell) her about it.
- 4. We (not go) out yesterday because it (rain) since the morning.
- 5. I (phone) you last night but you (not answer). What you (do) at the moment?
- 6. By the time Sheila (get) back, Chris (go).
- 7. I (phone) Jack because I (want) to ask him a question.