

Республиканская олимпиада школьников по английскому языку.

Муниципальный этап. 2024-2025 уч. год.

Задания для участника (7-8 классы)

*Время выполнения – 165 минут. Максимальное количество баллов – 75 баллов*

**LISTENING - 8 баллов (1 балл за правильный ответ), 20 минут**

**Task 1. Listen to the following recording about a new smart fridge.**

**Which THREE of these statements are true? Choose from the options A-E.**

**You will hear the recording twice. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

1...

2...

3...

**A** The smart fridge is an essential component of kitchens.

**B** It is technologically advanced in comparison with other fridges.

**C** It alerts users when foods reach their expiry date.

**D** It can help consumers when they are out shopping.

**E** It is able to make decisions about food purchases.

**F** It can tell users which foods are healthier.

**Task 2. You will hear five different people talking about their first job. For question 4-8, choose an option A-F to say what each person says about it. There is an extra option which you do not need to use. You will hear the recording twice. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Speaker 1      4) ...

**A)** the speaker told a lie

Speaker 2      5) ...

**B)** the speaker was injured

Speaker 3      6) ...

**C)** the speaker was sacked

Speaker 4      7) ...

**D)** the speaker was given a warning

Speaker 5      8) ...

**E)** the speaker did a variety of activities

**F)** it inspired the speaker to choose their career

**READING – 15 баллов (1 балл за правильный ответ), 45 минут**

**Task 1. Read the extract from a novel. For questions 1-8, choose the most appropriate answer based on the information in the text. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Even though Nick knew he hadn't forgotten anything he had to check and double check he had his passport, tickets and wallet in his bag before he left the house. He had flown plenty of times before so this wasn't the first time but he still felt nervous. But then this was no ordinary trip; this time he wasn't just travelling abroad for a few weeks; he was about to start a whole new life on the other side of the world. He had spent months planning for it and couldn't believe the day had finally arrived when he was heading for the airport about to get on a plane to India. He had never been there before but felt prepared as he had read so much about the place and watched various documentaries. They had also told him a lot about what to expect on the training course he had been on for his new job. There was no denying though that it was going to be very different from the life he was used to.

His brother had offered to drive him to the airport, which he was very grateful for. His brother arrived exactly on time, as always, and together they carried his bags down to the car. It felt strange locking the door behind him, not knowing when he would see the place again. A friend of his was going to move in and rent it from him while he was away so he didn't have to worry about it being empty. But it still made him sad to lock the door and leave. In the car driving to the airport his brother's son kept them entertained talking about a party he had been to the day before and explaining in great detail what he could now do on his new bike. It was perfect; Nick didn't want to think too much about where he was going and it was much better to be distracted by his six-year-old nephew. They arrived at the airport and Nick's brother and nephew came in with him to check in his bags. Then they walked together to the security check. Nick had been dreading this moment, he had said goodbye to so many people recently and even cried at the end of his leaving party but this was the final goodbye; from this moment he was on his own. His nephew suddenly wanted a drink and so they said a quick goodbye and before they could get too emotional his nephew had dragged his brother away to the shop and he was standing on his own. He got ready to go through security, took off his jacket, took his laptop out of his bag and took his mobile and keys out of his pocket. This was it, he was really leaving.

He walked around the shops for a while and bought some newspapers and books. He had been told his new colleagues would be grateful for these. He wasn't planning to read them himself, his only plan for the flight was to sleep and maybe watch a film if they were showing something good. He walked to the gate and in no time at all he was sitting on the plane listening to the safety announcements. As the plane taxied down the runway he thought about how he had ended up where he was. **It hadn't been simple fate or destiny;** he had gone looking for this opportunity. No-one had asked him to do it. He had made the effort to find this job; he had applied for it and out of over 20 candidates they had decided to give it to him. In a way he had fought for this seat on the plane and he had won. He deserved to be here and he was excited. He was going to miss all his friends and family but what he was going to do was amazing. It was the job he had always dreamed of; it was what he had spent years studying for. It wasn't going to be easy but he felt very ready for the challenge. He felt with absolute certainty that he had made the right decision. He smiled to himself and as the plane left the ground he looked out of the window and said a silent goodbye to all the people he was leaving behind.

1) Why did he feel nervous before he left the house?

- A) He had never flown on his own before.
- B) He thought he had forgotten something.
- C) He was about to go on holiday with someone he didn't know.
- D) He was about to make a big change in his life.

2) How much did he know about the place he was going to?

- A) nothing
- B) a lot; he had been there before
- C) quite a lot; he had tried to learn about it
- D) hardly anything; only what friends had told him

3) Why did he feel strange locking the door?

- A) He didn't want his friend to live there.
- B) He was going to miss all the things he had left behind.
- C) He was worried about it being empty.
- D) He was unsure when he would come back.

4) How did he feel about his nephew being in the car to the airport?

- A) pleased
- B) annoyed
- C) amused

D) disappointed

5) What happened when they said goodbye at the airport?

A) Nick's nephew cried and ran away.

B) Nick cried.

C) Nick's brother cried.

D) No-one cried.

6) Why did he buy newspapers and magazines at the airport?

A) He had forgotten to buy them before.

B) Other people had asked him to buy them.

C) He wanted something to read on the plane.

D) He knew the people he was going to be working with would like them.

7) Why does he say 'It hadn't been simple fate or destiny' in the highlighted phrase?

A) He had worked hard to get this new job.

B) Getting the job had been a very long and complicated process.

C) He had been very unlucky to get this job.

D) He got the job because he had done what other people told him to do.

8) Which best describes how Nick was feeling as the plane took off?

A) worried

B) calm

C) sad

D) tired

**Task 2. Read the given text. Some sentences have been removed from it. Choose from the given sentences (A-H) the best one for each gap. There is an extra sentence which you should not use. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

### **Time flies**

How many times do you hear people say they don't have time to do something? All the time! 'I meant to do that but I didn't have time!' is something we say or think far too often; it is the number one excuse for not doing something we should have done. (9)..... This is a relationship which has also changed a lot through history. Think about all the machines and time-saving gadgets that are now a part of our everyday life that people living 100 or even 50 years ago had to do without; washing machines, vacuum cleaners, microwaves and dishwashers are

just a few. We have mobile phones now so that we can contact each other at any time no matter where we are, the Internet gives us access to just about any information we could possibly want as well as providing instant communication with other people anywhere in the world. **(10)** .....

The idea of 'using time efficiently has become increasingly important in the Western world. People in wealthy developed countries are often expected to do several jobs at once. At a time when unemployment is high and international competition is strong there is a lot of pressure on companies and individual workers to be as efficient as possible and to get as much work done as possible in the limited time available. **(11)**..... This concept of time pressure has also been passed on to the less developed countries where many of the goods for developing countries are made. In places like India and Mexico people often have to work very long shifts, sometimes as much as 12 to 16 hours a day, or even for 48 hours without a break. Goods have to be produced to meet demand in the developed world and this demand puts a lot of pressure on workers.

Time is increasingly becoming a commodity like other. **(12)** ..... Do you use the self-service check out in the supermarket? Have you bought furniture and then assembled it yourself at home? Have you spent time setting up a new computer? If you have then you have been working for free. It is possible to buy and sell time these days. For example, you can pay someone else to do your shopping for you or walk your dog for you if you don't have time, but it won't be cheap. A positive reflection of how our relationship with time is changing is that in some cities there are things called time banks where you can exchange time with other busy people. **(13)**..... You will then be paid back in time when you need it. No money changes hands but everyone has to pay into the bank in time.

The biggest challenge we face in our personal lives is how not to waste time and make the most of the time we have. According to recent research 20% of people regularly cancel social arrangements because of a lack of time and men do this more often than women. However, cancelling social arrangements can have a serious negative impact because it reduces our quality of life; it can stop us doing what we want, which can lead to unhappiness. **(14)** ..... This doesn't have to be something active or sociable; it might be finding time to read a good book. By making sure we don't miss out on the things we enjoy and value we are likely to be happier and more satisfied with life in general.

The key to making the most of our time, both at work and in our personal lives, is prioritising. It is important to recognise which things need to be done immediately and which can wait until later. (15) ..... You might think that revising for an exam or doing homework at the last minute is a good way of saving time but the results will not be as good. Finally, psychologists say that people who are always on time tend to be organised and have everything under control. Those who are usually early are likely to be anxious and in need of being in control all the time. People who are often late are probably just disorganised, although it might be that they are consciously or unconsciously rebelling against our time obsessed society.

- A) In spite of these new inventions we still run out of time.
- B) If you have some free time you can volunteer to do something for someone else like wait for a delivery or water their plants while they are on holiday.
- C) As a result working hours have increased by 25% in the USA and in Japan workers sometimes sleep in the office.
- D) Time is money and nowadays many companies try to save time and money by making their customers work for free.
- E) Time is a very precious commodity and humans have always had a very close relationship with it.
- F) If you try to do too many things at once you are more likely to make mistakes and waste time going back to correct them.
- G) This doesn't mean we should put off things which are boring or difficult just because we don't want to do them.
- H) It is important to find time for ourselves to do the things which matter most to us.

USE OF ENGLISH - 32 балла, 50 минут

**TASK 1. Fill in the gaps with the correct numbers (one, five, ten and etc) to make appropriate idioms. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

- 1) Parents make sure their kids get \_\_\_\_\_ squares a day; it's important for their health.
- 2) I have to be dressed to the \_\_\_\_\_ at this gala tonight—a lot of important people will be there.
- 3) People come from the \_\_\_\_\_ corners of the earth to attend the annual festival.
- 4) He was in \_\_\_\_\_ minds about booking a holiday.
- 5) I don't trust Billy. I find him \_\_\_\_\_ - faced.
- 6) The authorities have announced \_\_\_\_\_ tolerance for smoking in public buildings.
- 7) I will return in \_\_\_\_\_ shakes of a lamb's tail.
- 8) He's back to square \_\_\_\_\_ now that they've turned down his application.

**Task 2. For questions 16-20 complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

- 9) 1) This section of the site will show you how to enable \_\_\_ files.  
2) Bethan only gave the money back when she got caught with her hand in the \_\_\_jar.  
3) Don't underestimate the rat's intelligence—it's one smart \_\_\_!
- 10) 1) I think he's taken a bit of a \_\_\_ to you since the first day.  
2) His green eyes \_\_\_ with pleasure as he recalls his favorite movie scene.  
3) Come rain or \_\_\_, I'll get there for your birthday – take my word.
- 11) 1) Nothing - not even the prospect of dinner in a Michelin star restaurant - could \_\_\_\_\_ his spirits.  
2. We ended up stuck in the \_\_\_\_\_ when Albert jumped with all his weight.  
3. They just watch TV and never \_\_\_\_\_ a finger to help with the dishes.

12) 1. To some \_\_\_\_\_ I think that's right, but there are other factors which affect the situation.

2. She graduated with a \_\_\_\_\_ in history.

3. The house had also been damaged, but to a lesser \_\_\_\_\_.

13) 1. With only one hit song, it was obvious that the young pop star was going to be just another \_\_\_\_\_ in the pan.

2. Did you see that martial arts master? His threw those kicks as quick as a \_\_\_\_\_!

3. The unknown \_\_\_\_\_ of light in the night sky turned out to have been caused by a meteoric fireball.

14) 1. Her books and clothes were packed into a large \_\_\_\_\_ and shipped across to Canada.

2. You're clearly annoyed, so go on, get it off your \_\_\_\_\_—what's bothering you?

3. The breathing problem has now been complicated by a \_\_\_\_\_ infection.

**TASK 3. Decide if the statements are TRUE or FALSE. Write your answers TRUE or FALSE IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

15) Haggis is a hearty meal containing a bottom layer of meat – usually minced or diced lamb – cooked with onions and other vegetables in a rich gravy. It's then topped with a thick layer of mashed potato and baked.

16) On the second Sunday of each November, The King leads the nation in remembering those who have died in world wars and other conflicts.

17) The Times, The Guardian and the Financial Times are the examples of yellow press.

18) Covent Garden is originally the name of an area of London once popular by its fruit and vegetable market.

19) Pearly Kings and Queens are an organized charitable tradition of working class culture in London.

20) Lewis Carroll is best known for the creation of Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot characters.

21) Morris dance is a ritual folk dance performed in rural England by groups of specially chosen and trained men.

**Task 4. Fill in the gaps with the correct words. You must form new words using the ones that are given in the table. You have to use all words. The first one is done as an example. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

0. BRITISH

EXHIBIT	NATION	HIGH	INDUSTRY	EXPECT
VISIT	LIKE	INVENT	DISCOVER	ASSIST
BRITAIN	MODERN			

The Great Exhibition of 1851 was a momentous event in (0) \_\_\_\_\_ history, a world fair which showcased (22) \_\_\_\_\_ developments from all around the world. Organized by Prince Albert, with (23) \_\_\_\_\_ from the artist Henry Cole, the event symbolized world peace, unity and the progression of (24) \_\_\_\_\_. The star feature of the exhibition was the Crystal Palace, a vast (25) \_\_\_\_\_ hall designed by Sir Joseph Paxton, made entirely from glass. It was here that the whole event took place, showcasing more than 100,000 objects by around 15,000 exhibitors. Among the ingenious marvels that drew in millions of (26) \_\_\_\_\_ in just a few months were a high-speed printing press, an expanding hearse, folding pianos, velocipedes (early bicycles), textile machines, and much, much more. Queen Victoria herself noted how one could find here “every conceivable(27) \_\_\_\_\_.”

The event was housed in the impressive Crystal Palace, a true marvel of Victorian engineering and architecture. The space was (28) \_\_\_\_\_ anything anyone in the United Kingdom had seen before, not just because of its shimmering glass structure, but also its sheer scale and (29) \_\_\_\_\_. At 1,848 feet long and 408 feet wide, with two enormous towers, it hit the record as the largest building in the entire world at the time. Inside, the building contained a series of fountains shooting water high into the air. The wonder of the Crystal Palace set a high standard for (30) \_\_\_\_\_ world fairs, as countries including Ireland, Germany and France emulating the palace with conservatory-style exhibition spaces.

More than 30 participating nations took part in the Great Exhibition of 1851, and as such the exhibition became a true symbol of peace and unity. There were 13 European countries, 13 American nations, and seven from further afield, along with various British colonies. Each participating nation showcased their own treasures, (31) \_\_\_\_\_ and creations. Some took creative license, coming up with some surprising and (32) \_\_\_\_\_ ideas, while others seized the opportunity to showcase the best of what their nation had to offer the world.

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**WRITING – 20 баллов, 50 минут**

A children's magazine has decided to publish a collection of stories written by their readers.

Your story must be about the *adventures of two school friends*. When describing their characters or in direct speech show that one of them is *a wet blanket* and another one *is a life and soul of the party*.

Remember to write an introduction (the beginning of the story) and a conclusion (the end of the story). Remember to give *a title*.

Use the following words and expressions: *tight-fisted*, *down to earth* and *get cold feet* in your story. If it is necessary you can change the form of the words. Underline the used words and expressions. Try to make the plot of your story as interesting and intriguing.

Write your answer in 200-250 words in a neutral style.