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**РАЙОННЫЙ ЭТАП**

**ОЛИМПИАДНЫЕ ЗАДАНИЯ**

**7-8 КЛАСС**

*Продолжительность этапа – один астрономический час – 60 минут*

Все ответы должны быть перенесены в бланк (лист) ответов  
*ручкой синего или чёрного цвета.*

**ЖЕЛАЕМ УСПЕХА!**

## READING

Time: 20 minutes

### QUESTIONS 1 – 15

*For items 1-5 read a newspaper article about the future. Fill in the gaps (1-5) with phrases (A-G) below. There is **one extra** sentence which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0).*

#### Citizens 2050

Can you imagine what our lives will be like in the year 2050? Perhaps you will be flying off for a holiday on the moon, or maybe you will be taking your dog for a walk in virtual reality. We recently carried out a survey of 1,000 people from different countries to find out what (0) C. The results clearly demonstrate both our hopes and fears.

The survey suggests that our whole lifestyle will change. Work will take up a much smaller portion of our day and (1) \_\_\_\_\_. This means that we will have to learn a whole range of new game skills. We will spend hours every day playing games with individualized holographic opponents or with a network of friends without ever leaving the comfort of our homes.

Education will have changed a lot, too. Children will no longer go to school. Instead, they will sit in specially designed “learning modules” at home where a computer will guide them through their lessons for the day. The “teacher” will be a holographic image who will appear when necessary to help. Children will do “virtual” chemistry experiments and play “virtual” sports using virtual reality.

According to the survey, (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Our houses will be run by computer. Lights, heating and music will turn on and off automatically. Instead of a key, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to open our front doors. Most people believe that, by 2050, robots will be doing the housework and we will be eating ready-made food. A lot of people think that we might only cook for fun in the future.

Space exploration will become increasingly popular. Fifty percent of the people we talked to believe that man will regularly visit Mars. They also believe that travel on our own planet will probably change. Almost everyone thinks that there will be no cars in city centres. Environmentally-friendly electric or solar-powered cars will have replaced the cars we use today.

Pollution is something that seems to worry many people. Some people think that (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and that our planet will become impossible to live on. Others even foresee that one day we’ll have to pay for clean air, just like we do now for clean water.

On the other hand, people seem to be quite optimistic about the benefits of genetic engineering, as they think scientists will use it to cure diseases like cancer and AIDS. If scientists manage to find a cure for these, (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

Some people worry about the future, while others are full of hope and enthusiasm. No matter how dark or bright it may seem, it is up to us to look after our planet and try to make it a better place to live on.

- A home life will be better
- B it will continue to get worse
- C they think life will be like in the future**
- D we will use handprints
- E pollution will have disappeared
- F we will have much more time to do leisure activities
- G we'll have a much healthier society

***For items 6-15*** decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect according to the text you have read. If it is correct, mark **A**. If it is incorrect, mark **B**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0	Many people believe that by 2050 a cure for cancer and AIDS will have been found	<u>A</u>	B
6	According to the survey, in 2050 we will never leave our homes	A	B
7	It is said that in 2050 we won't need keys to open the doors	A	B
8	The article suggests that in 2050 lessons will be very different	A	B
9	The author states that by 2050 fifty percent of people will have travelled to Mars	A	B
10	As far as cars are concerned, some people believe that we will not have any	A	B
11	It is believed that in 2050 cars will still run on petrol	A	B
12	Some people believe that pollution will have become an even bigger problem by 2050	A	B
13	Many people think that in 2050 people won't catch diseases	A	B
14	The article suggests that in 2050 there will be no human teachers	A	B
15	In 2050 it will be possible to re-program the human immune system and cure immune viruses and deficiency syndromes	A	B

**Transfer all your answers to your answer sheet!!!!**

## USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 30 minutes

### QUESTIONS 16-20

Find **one** odd word in each group that does not form a collocation. Write it down in the answer sheet. The example is given for you

0	fast	FOOD	(0) <u>easy</u>
	junk		
	<b>easy</b>		
	frozen		
16	simple	FOOD	(16) _____
	elementary		
	plain		
	rich		
17	strong	FLAVOUR	(17) _____
	hard		
	mild		
	distinctive		
18	healthy	FOOD	(18) _____
	fit		
	organic		
	fresh		
19	main	MEAL	(19) _____
	light		
	heavy		
	fast		
20	thin	DIET	(20) _____
	healthy		
	balanced		
	fat-free		

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### QUESTIONS 21-30

Read the text below and fill in the gaps with the verbs in the appropriate tense forms. All the verb forms are given for you in the frame below. The number of words in each gap is also given. There is an example at the beginning.

~~didn't~~ meant ~~come~~ spotted had came have is released hadn't puzzled don't playing would was were been wasn't found understand lived

Fame (0) didn't come to singer-songwriter Sixto Rodriguez in the 1970s, but he got a second chance to make it in the 1990s almost by chance. How did it happen?

What were Sixto Rodriguez's chances of success? "He's got it," said a music producer who (21) \_\_\_\_\_ his talent. But Sixto's start in life wasn't very promising. He was the seventh child

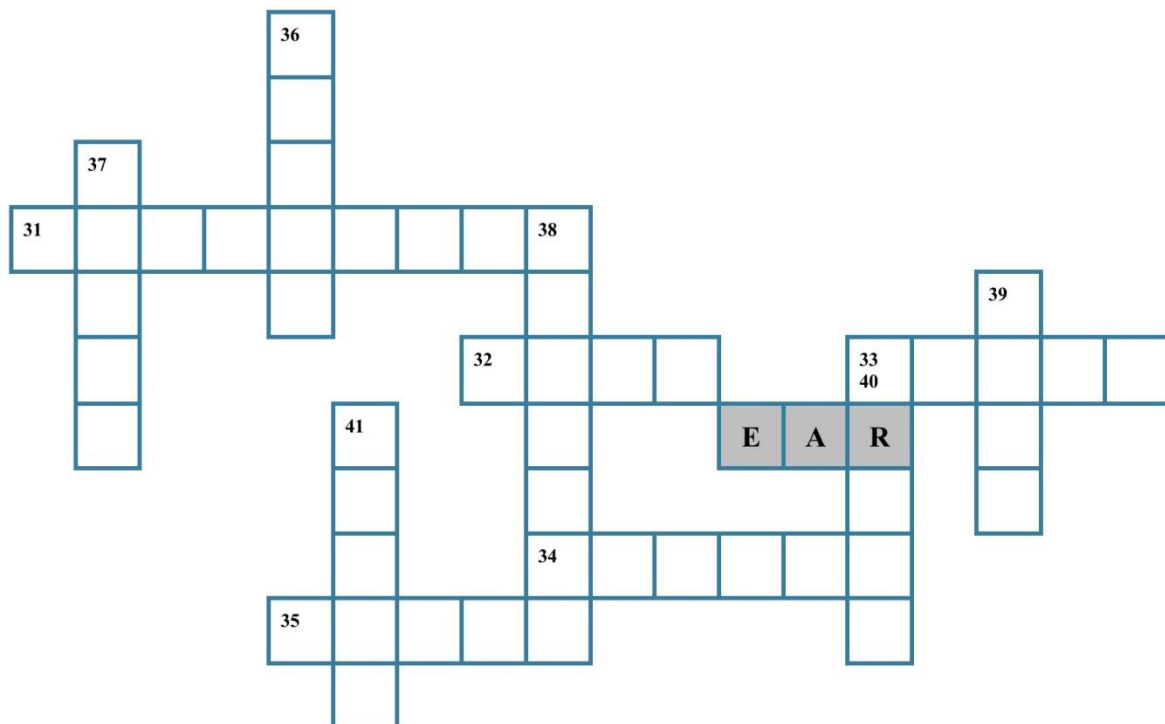
of a Mexican-American family who (22) \_\_\_\_\_ to the US to work in the industrial city of Detroit. His tough life may have helped him in another way, though: if Sixto (23) \_\_\_\_\_ in poverty, would he have written such compelling lyrics? He (24) \_\_\_\_\_ in a bar in the late 1960s when a couple of producers thought they (25) \_\_\_\_\_ the next Bob Dylan - the iconic musician. They made Sixto into a recording artist.

Two albums – *Cold Fact* and *Coming to Reality* – (26) \_\_\_\_\_ and Sixto was widely praised. If the records had sold a lot of copies, he (27) \_\_\_\_\_ on track for a great career. But they didn't and the music label dropped the artist. His third album was never released. Mike Theodore, who co-produced his first album, admits he (28) \_\_\_\_\_: "Rodriguez at that time had it all - big names, big money behind it. Circumstances were right, why didn't he make it? Did he get enough promotion? Did he give enough performances? Was he too political? On and on you can go but at the end of the day if you listen to his music now you say: I (29) \_\_\_\_\_, and he's right on." In the end, it (30) \_\_\_\_\_ to be. Sixto took up construction work to pay the bills. For him, that was it. But was it?

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### QUESTIONS 31-41

*Solve the crossword puzzle. Guess the words describing a human body using the clues below. Transfer all your answers to the answer sheet. There is an example at the beginning.*



### ACROSS

0. You need one of these in order to listen.
31. You have two of these, one on top of each arm.
32. You have ten of them on your feet.
33. It's where you would wear a belt.
34. These may turn red when you're hot.
35. You use this to talk.

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36. The thing that joins your foot to your leg.
37. You use this part of body to say OK without speaking. It's a part of your hand.
38. If you eat something bad or too much, this part of your body aches.
39. Women often paint these with make up. They are a part of your face.
40. It joins your hand to your arm.
41. It's in the middle of your arm.

**Transfer all your answers to your answer sheet!!!!**

### QUESTIONS 42-45

Match the following sayings with their meanings (A – D). There is an example at the beginning.

0	Lisa had ants in her pants the day before her interview.	0	Unable to sit still or remain calm out of nervousness or excitement.
42	You can't teach an old dog new tricks.	A	It may not happen. Don't be too sure.
43	You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink.	B	An old person will never change the way he / she does things.
44	Don't count your chickens (before they hatch).	C	You can't force somebody to do something they don't want to do.
45	The early bird catches the worm.	D	The person who gets there first will get what they want.

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### QUESTIONS 46-50

Find five animals in the word search and complete the idioms below.

F R A T R Q  
I B U L L P  
S H T N H C  
H F R O G A  
J I T G W T  
D A A H B W

46. Why do you think they haven't paid yet? I'm a bit suspicious. I smell a \_\_\_\_\_!
47. It was my first time at the opera and I felt like a \_\_\_\_\_ out of water.
48. I'm planning a surprise party for Kathy. You can invite whoever you like but make sure nobody lets the \_\_\_\_\_ out of the bag.
49. I've got a bad cold and I've got a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ in my throat so I'll stay at home today.
50. I've been having a few problems with my neighbor's dog. I'm just going to have to take the \_\_\_\_\_ by the horns and go speak to her.

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## COUNTRY STUDIES

Time: 10 minutes

### QUESTIONS 50 – 57

Read the sentences and guess who these famous people are. Their names are given for you, and you can find all the surnames in the word search below. They are hidden both horizontally and vertically.

51. Industrialist **Henry** \_ \_ \_ \_ installed the first assembly line when developing his Model T car around 1910. He was the founder of a motor company.
52. In 1969, astronaut **Neil** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ became the first person to walk on the moon. After landing using the spaceship Apollo 11, he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."
53. **Alexander Graham** \_ \_ \_ \_ was the inventor of the telephone. He patented his invention in 1876. In 1885, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company created the infrastructure to put the telephone to use.
54. **George** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ led the Continental Army to victory in the Revolutionary War and became the nation's first president in 1789.
55. **John D.** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ was as an American business magnate. He served as chairman of the Standard Oil Trust, which grew to control nearly all of the United States' oil production and distribution.
56. **John F.** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ , a Democrat, was one of the most famous American presidents. He served as president from 1961 until his assassination in November 1963 in Dallas, Texas.
57. The Declaration of Independence was approved by Congress on July 4, 1776. It was written by the third President of the United States **Thomas** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and formalized the colonies' separation from Britain.

Q	D	W	S	W	S	R	Y	B	P	A	C
Z	F	A	H	M	H	O	X	E	V	A	S
S	F	S	C	W	F	C	C	L	J	R	F
F	G	H	C	K	Z	K	U	L	E	M	D
A	X	I	R	E	M	E	O	R	F	S	A
G	I	N	Q	N	N	F	J	K	F	T	Q
A	D	G	S	N	R	E	G	S	E	R	Y
L	J	T	L	E	A	L	C	U	R	O	V
P	S	O	C	D	W	L	G	Q	S	N	J
N	Y	N	D	Y	N	E	L	W	O	G	C
S	R	F	O	R	D	R	K	W	N	S	I
E	O	J	A	T	O	X	M	K	J	X	X

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