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

READING Time: 20 minutes

QUESTIONS 1 – 20

<u>For items 1-7</u> read the beginning of the following article about passing exams and think of a word which best fits each gap. Use only **ONE** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

<u>For items 8-14</u> continue reading the following article and mark each piece of advice (A-H) according to the stages of passing exams. The order of the letters within one stage does **NOT** matter. There is an example at the beginning (0).

How to pass exams

It's that time of year when students (0) <u>across</u> the country are gearing themselves up for exams. It's the most stressful time for any student, (1) _____ in high school, college or graduate school. Love them or hate them, it's hard to get (2) _____ from exams. All that preparation before the big day, a race against the clock as you sit at the desk, and the aftermath that sometimes feels (3) _____ stressful as the exam itself.

The time needed for a test taker to prepare for a test (4) _____ upon the significance of the test. In general, the tests that are short, frequent, and do not constitute a major portion of the test taker's grade do not require students to spend (5) _____ time preparing for them. Conversely, the tests that are long, infrequent, and strongly influence the test taker's grade usually require thorough preparation.

To prepare for an exam, students may rely upon their reference books, class or lecture notes, and the Internet. Test takers may also use various learning aids to study for tests. Effective preparation technique goes (6) _____ the exam hall. You'll never be stress-free (7) _____ the examination process, but you can limit it greatly by following this guide.

А	Don't study too late, especially the night before your exam. Tiredness will hinder your performance the next day. Always make sure you wind down before you go to bed.
В	On multiple-choice exam papers, go through and do all the easy questions first then go back to the beginning and try the tricky ones.
С	Eat well; have a proper meal rather than snacks stashed at your desk.
D	Get organized: draw up a revision timetable of topics to cover.
Е	Remember what you are studying for. Why do you need these exams? Keeping your long-term goal in mind will help maintain your motivation.
F	Don't study for more than thirty to forty minutes at a time. Take regular breaks to get enough fresh air and stretch your legs .

G	On essay papers, tackle the questions you feel happiest about first, so you can build up your confidence.
Н	Work out how much time you have for each question and pace yourself accordingly. You have nothing to gain from finishing early.



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For items 15-20 find the words with the following meanings (15 - 20) in the article. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0	to go for a walk, especially after sitting for a long time	stretch your legs
15	to make an effort to deal with a difficult problem or situation	
16	to rest or relax after a period of work or some other activity, allow your mind to be free from worry	
17	to find the right speed or rhythm for your work or an activity so that you have enough energy and do not get too tired	
18	happening regularly, often	
19	difficult to deal with, complicated, needing great care, attention or skill	
20	to prepare yourself for an activity or event	

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USE OF ENGLISH Time: 30 minutes

QUESTIONS 21 – 50

<u>For items 21-30</u> find a suitable word or expression in the right column which may be used to replace a word or expression in bold in the sentences below and match them. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0	I am very busy and have too much to do at school.	a) snowed under
21	The rain is falling heavily.	b) under a cloud
22	We could ask him to sort out the files, but he'll make it	c) bucketing down
	unnecessarily difficult and complicated.	
23	Peter's feeling unwell .	d) weather
24	There was a sudden heavy fall of rain.	e) steals my thunder
25	I don't know if we can survive this crisis without any outside	f) every cloud has a
	help.	silver lining
26	However hopeless things might seem, there is always	g) on cloud nine
	something positive about the situation.	
27	They were absolutely happy when they heard the news.	h) storm in a teacup
28	Jack left his previous job under suspicion though nothing was	i) under the weather
	proved.	
29	Though normally it's me who has great ideas, my sister spoils	j) downpour
	everything by doing them first and getting all the credit.	
30	Ann was sure the quarrel was serious but in fact it was a lot of	k) heavy weather of it
	fuss about something quite trivial.	

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For items 31-35 find the necessary verbs in the word search to complete the idioms below. There is an example at the beginning (0).

S	Е	L	L	R	D	R	V	Y	S	Ε	E	F	Μ	R
0	L	Р	K	G	Q	Z	\mathbf{V}	В	Ε	L	Ι	Ε	\mathbf{V}	Ε
J	Q	S	Т	Α	R	Т	B	С	0	Μ	Ε	U	G	0
\mathbf{V}	R	0	R	G	D	0	0	Μ	A	K	Ε	Α	V	S

0	<u>Do</u> me a favor, please, and help me move this.
31	His handwriting is so bad that the teacher can't heads or tails out of it.

32 This new gadget is the same old thing, but it's going to _____ like hot cakes anyway.

33 These skills may _____ in handy if we are in trouble.

- 34 It's never too late to _____ the light and realize you are doing something wrong.
- 35 After the citizens rejected the first project, designers had to _____ back to the drawing board.

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<u>For items 36-40</u> chose the correct alternative in bold in the sentences below. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- (0) The match was delayed when a fight broke **in** / **<u>out</u>** among rival fans.
- 36 The cruise will call **at / for** several ports along the Aegean coast.
- 37 Please don't talk to me when I'm counting. It puts me off / out.
- 38 I shall bring **up** / **on** the matter of finances at next month`s meeting.
- 39 Will you be paying **with / in** cash or by credit card?
- 40 The plan sounds fine **at / in** theory, but I doubt whether it would actually work.

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<u>For items 41-50</u> read the text below. Use the words given in capitals at the end of the lines to form words that fit in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

	NEIGHBOUR
kids climbing on school buses to be driven twenty miles to a school. Work	
patterns forced parents to drop off their kids at daycare before school and (41)	
fleets of buses to pick up small children and transport them to	NECESSITY
determined spots after school. Less (42) children, many not even poor,	FORTUNE
were (43) to return to an empty home (latchkey kids) for hours without	DESTINY
adult (44) until the parent arrived with the fast food dinner.	SUPERVISE
From the perspective of the school, the «good» parents are the ones who, no	
matter how busy, will still respond to an (45) about their child or come	INQUIRE
to the school for a (46) about their child's performance. But there are	CONFER
multitudes of «new» parents out there much too busy with their lives to care	
about their offspring.	
In the 1960s, (47) and government officials worked to assist a small	EDUCATE
number of students (perhaps 10 percent) from what was euphemistically	
called «(48) homes». These students typically had only one parent	ADVANTAGE
living with them, were poor, often suffered neglect or abuse because of the	
social relations of the remaining parent, and came to school without social or	
(49) skills. The decline of the American family has dragged schools	SURVIVE
into roles such as feeding, dispensing medicine, accommodating (50)	END
special needs, babysitting, and caring for wayward children.	

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COUNTRY STUDIES Time: 20 minutes

QUESTIONS 50 – 68



In 2016, four hundred years after Shakespeare's death, we celebrate the work and legacy of the greatest playwright in the English language. To mark this event, all the tasks in the Country Studies section are about William Shakespeare.

<u>For items 50-53</u> read the sonnet below and answer the questions by choosing the correct alternative (A, B or C).



Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate. Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date.

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines, And often is his gold complexion dimmed, And every fair from fair sometime declines, By chance, or nature's changing course untrimmed.

But thy eternal summer shall not fade, Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st, Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade, When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st,

> So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see, So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

	What is the first quatrain about?	a.	Comparing the loved one to a summer's day
50.		b.	The fun of summer
		c.	The windiness of May
	How can the second quatrain be paraphrased?	a.	Gold is a valuable metal
51.		b.	The beauty of some things fades with time
		c.	It can get extremely hot in summer
	According to the second quatrain, how can people lose their beauty?	a.	Either as they become older or by accident
52.		b.	When they lose the loved ones
	now can people lose then beauty?		When the autumn comes

			Nature isn't as beautiful as most people think
53.	What is the main topic of this poem?	b.	Beauty in nature fades, but the beauty of the loved one never will
		c.	Everything is beautiful in its own way

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<u>For items 54-57</u> define the highlighted words from the sonnet. You will find all the necessary answers in the word cloud (tree) above. There is an example at the beginning (0).

(0)	darling	=	pretty
54	temperate	П	
55	the eye of heaven	II	
56	fair	Ш	
57	ow'st	Π	

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<u>For items 58-60</u> decide whether the sentences below are true or false according to the sonnet you've read. There is an example at the beginning (0).

(0)	Aging brings natural changes.	TRUE	FALSE
58	May was a summer month in Shakespeare's time.	TRUE	FALSE
59	The youth's beauty is less perfect than the beauty of a summer day.	TRUE	FALSE
60	The poet is full of confidence that his poetry will live as long as there are people on the Earth.	TRUE	FALSE

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<u>For items 61-63</u> pay attention to the personal pronouns in the sonnet. Find the necessary pronouns and fill in the gaps in the table below. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Person	Number	Subject	Object	Possession
First person	Singular	(0) <u>I</u>	Me	Му
Second person	Singular	(61)	(62)	(63)
Third person	Singular	He / She / It	Him / Her / It	His / Her / Its

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<u>For items 64-68</u> match the key events of William Shakespeare's life given in the first column to the numbers in the second one. There is an example at the beginning (0).

(0)	Shakespeare retired at the age of						
64	Born in Stratford-upon-Avon						
65	Globe theatre was built						
66	Number of plays written						
67	Number of sonnets written						
68	Shakespeare's age when he died						

a.	49
b.	38
c.	52
d.	154
e.	1564
f.	1599

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WRITING **Time: 20 minutes**

QUESTIONS 69 – 90

For items 69-82 restore the original order of mixed lines from two texts (a personal letter and a city description). The first lines of both texts are given (0).

А.	Dear Teresa,													
В.	Barcelona is a city in Spain. It is the capital city of Catalonia													
C.	European Union. In 2007, 1.6 million people lived in Barcelona. The city is famous for													
D.	were made. Barcelona is the second most populated city in Spain, and the tenth in the													
E.	games. It was a great opportunity to improve the city. Many new parks													
F.	I'm having a great time here in Barcelona! I think, it's the most amazing city													
G.	its 19th century modernist architecture.													
H.	Love,													
I.	Mediterranean coast. In 1992, Barcelona organised Summer Olympic													
J.	I've ever been to! Yesterday we had a lovely walk around the city. We also													
К.	were opened and other significant changes to the city													
L.	visited the Picasso Museum. I haven't been to that amazing cathedral, Sagrada Familia,									Familia,				
M.	Penny													
N.	yet, but I think I'm going tomorrow. I can't wait to show you my photos!													
Ο.	which is a region of Spain. Barcelona is the largest city on the													
Р.	See you soon,													
0	A	69		70		71		72		73	74	75		
0	В	76		77		78		79		80	81	82		

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<u>For items 83-90</u> read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, but some lines have a word spelt incorrectly; write the appropriate forms of these words and tick the correct lines (V). There is an example at the beginning (0).

0	Scientists have been looking for the secret of etirnal life for centuries but	eternal
0	now modern science is on the brink of solving one of the great mysteries	V
83	of human existense. Researchers say that very soon they will have found	
84	the 'elixir of life' and that by 2020 people will be living $20-50$ years longer	
85	than they did in the 20 th centurie. Scientists believe that human beings aged 115	
86	will still fil young and healthy. Hypnosis techniques are improving all the	
87	time so that someone could 'fall asleep' and wake up many years later, when	
88	scientists will have discovered cures for 'incureble' diseases. At present, there	
89	are about 30 human bodies frozen at a temperature of -196 digrees, waiting	
90	for the moment when science will have found a way to bring them back to life.	

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