

Всероссийская олимпиада школьников по английскому языку
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9-11 классы

LISTENING
Time: 30 minutes

Task 1

You will hear an interview with a woman called Adriana Moretti, who works as a wildlife photographer.

For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

You will hear the recording twice.

1. Why did Adriana want to become a wildlife photographer?
A She enjoyed travelling to remote locations.
B She was very good at taking photos.
C She was interested in animal behaviour.

2. Why, according to Adriana, is it easier nowadays to learn how to photograph animals?
A The necessary equipment is cheaper than it used to be.
B It is possible to learn wildlife photography online.
C Cheap international travel means more species can be photographed.

3. Why did Adriana feel uncomfortable while she was trying to take photos of birds?
A She was not able to sit down.
B Her feet were getting wet.
C She was being bitten by insects.

4. How did Adriana feel when she was trying to photograph the crocodile?
A afraid that it might try to attack her
B worried she may not get the photo she wanted
C increasingly bored with waiting to take the picture

5. Adriana has still never taken photos of
A a tiger in India.
B a snow leopard in China.
C a polar bear in Russia.

6. What disadvantage does Adriana say her work has?
A She sometimes feels lonely when she is working abroad.
B She doesn't see her family as often as she would like to.
C She always has to go where the agency tells her.

7. Adriana believes it is becoming harder to get work as a wildlife photographer because
A so many photos of wildlife are available on the Internet.
B there is a lot of competition for jobs in wildlife photography.
C people are becoming less interested in wildlife.

Task 2

You will hear a man called Markus Fischer talking about mooncake, a traditional Asian bakery product.

For questions 8-15, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

- 8.** Markus was staying in when he first tried mooncake.
- 9.** Markus's favourite kind of mooncake has a filling made of
- 10.** Markus says that he likes to have with mooncake.
- 11.** The mooncake Marcus was given during the festival had the shape of a on the top.
- 12.** Markus was surprised to learn that mooncake is rarely made in China.
- 13.** The people Markus was staying with received mooncake from their
- 14.** Markus was told that, many years ago, people used mooncakes to send to each other.
- 15.** After people had read what was written on the mooncake, they it.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

READING
Time: 30 minutes

Task 1

You are going to read an article in which six students talk about their university. For questions 16–25, choose from the students (A–F).

The students may be chosen more than once.

16. is studying at a university that was not their first choice?
17. has found it easier to make friends at university than they had expected?
18. wishes they had more time to take part in social activities?
19. chose their university partly because a relative had recommended it?
20. complains about the travelling time from their accommodation to the city centre?
21. wants to continue studying at the same university after they graduate?
22. praises the approach to teaching at their present university?
23. decided to study at the university because of its location?
24. sought the opinions of current students before choosing a university?
25. is finding student life less expensive than they had expected?

My university

Six first-year students say what life is like at their universities.

A) Zehra Erdogan

There's a club here for just about every sport or social activity you can think of, and they're a great way to get to know other students. I'd wondered whether I might feel lonely here with my family so far away, but I needn't have worried. There's a group of us who get on really well, and two are already talking about doing research here once they've finished their first degrees. That's my aim too.

B) Ben Robertson

I had to take out a loan to cover my costs as a student here, but I quickly found there were all kinds of expenses I hadn't thought of, such as the cost of getting into town and back from the student village, where I live. The buses aren't cheap and it takes ages to get there, too, but I didn't check that when I chose this university. That's something I could have done quite easily online, but unfortunately I didn't. Actually, the main reason I came here was to be with my friends, who applied at the same time as I did.

C) Anika Mishra

I found it relatively easy to settle in here, just as I thought I would, really. I'd done some research on the various places offering the course I wanted to do, and what I found particularly helpful were the online comments by people actually studying in each one. Actually, this one had always appealed to me as my aunt did a research degree here and said it was a good place to live and study, though unlike her I think I'll move onto another university once I've graduated.

D) Lotte Peeters

Before I came here, people had been telling me I'd find it hard to live on my government grant, but that hasn't really been the case because during my free time I'm nearly always in the halls of residence with the other students. There's so much to do there that it doesn't matter that they're quite a long way from the university, which is right in the centre of town. In fact, I can't do half the things I'd like to do because I'm a medical student and I'm just too busy studying to join any more societies or clubs.

E) Pablo Flores

Universities in different parts of the world tend to be quite similar in some ways, such as the international mix of students, the atmosphere and even the buildings, but something I like about studying here is that you spend a lot of your time in seminars with a tutor. So, nearly a year on, I'm actually quite relieved I had my application rejected by the top university on my list: if I'd gone there I would have spent all day taking notes in lectures. The only downside is that the cost of living is quite a bit higher in this country.

F) Maxim Kuznetsov

As I have family and friends living in several nearby countries, I needed to be somewhere close to an airport offering budget flights. So studying here looked ideal, and though I've noticed prices are quite high in the city, there's plenty to do on campus and I rarely need to go there. Actually, the only time I do that is when some of my old friends come to visit me, and on those occasions we take the train. There's a good service into town, and I can get a discount by using my student card.

Task 2

You are going to read an extract from a novel. For questions 26–30, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Alex North felt uncomfortable. With little time to pack, she'd forgotten her professional suit jacket. So she was wearing flat black boots, dark denim jeans, a long-sleeve white T-shirt and fawn shawl; she looked more like a protestor than a journalist. Tiredness added to her misery. As she made her way home last night, she had expected to be enjoying a Saturday morning lie-in. But after a panicky 2 a.m. phone call from her editor Gerome, a tense cab ride to the hospital and then an 8 a.m. plane from Heathrow to Prague, her day was far off course. She'd had little rest on the plane; after embarrassing herself by flinging out an arm in her sleep and hitting the crew-cut young American sitting next to her, she sat awake and rigid for the rest of the flight.

Bernie was meant to be in Prague covering this story. 'It all boils down to this, my dear,' he had said last night during their evening out with the others from the office. 'If I can get a really good story at the international conference, I might actually retire. Job done. Go home. It's that important.'

Bernie left earlier than Alex, keen to go over his notes and finish packing. Alex stayed out with the rest of her colleagues, and she'd barely made it into bed when Gerome had called to pass on the terrible news. Bernie was in hospital. His wife said he collapsed when he got home. The doctors diagnosed a stroke. Alex was so horrified that the Prague conference, and the large number of protestors expected to turn up there, was the last thing on her mind. But Gerome insisted she go in Bernie's place. He told her to get a good night's sleep, knowing full well she would get dressed and rush to visit Bernie.

Bernie Cook and his wife Laura had been like parents to Alex since she arrived in London from Australia four years ago. ‘Aren’t you a bit old to be a trainee?’ was the first of many questions Bernie asked. Alex explained that journalism wasn’t her first career choice. She tried her hand at accounting, but found her office job was torture. Her three-year communications degree was far more satisfying, but left her jobless and penniless at age 28. So off to London it was, with a traineeship at the UK’s best investigative daily newspaper, living in the city’s smallest, cheapest flat and sustained by a weekly roast dinner at Bernie and Laura’s.

Anyone overhearing Alex and Bernie talking would never think there was a 30-year age difference. Bernie’s passion for political debate - and conspiracy theories - kept Alex enthralled for hours. And his talent for journalism had rubbed off. Seeing him lying there unconscious, so still and frail, was a shock to Alex. Laura looked visibly withered, leaning over Bernie’s face as if frightened she might miss something if she glanced away. She barely looked up long enough to give Bernie’s iPad to Alex so she could study his notes for the assignment.

Alex pretended to feel confident as she hurried across Charles Bridge towards the conference venue – Prague Castle. She was staying near the Old Town Square, in the predictably modest hotel booked by Bernie. Alex had politely endured the hotelier’s gossip; Bernie always said the people were the best thing about Prague. But Alex loved the pastel feel of the city, the swans on the river and the winding cobbled streets. She knew her way around, having visited once before with a forgettable ex-boyfriend. She recalled being more impressed with Prague than with him. It was no wonder the relationship petered out like all the others.

26. In the first paragraph, what do we learn about Alex?

- A She was excited at the prospect of working in Prague.
- B She was feeling better after sleeping on the plane.
- C She was worried her clothes were unsuitable for work.
- D She had known it was going to be a busy night.

27. What does ‘it all boils down to this’ in the second paragraph mean?

- A as far as I am aware
- B this is the only problem
- C what annoys me is this
- D to sum up the situation

28. When Alex’s boss rang her

- A he expected her to do everything he said.
- B he told her to go to the airport immediately.
- C he said she had to cover the story in Prague.
- D he wanted her to go to Bernie and Laura’s house.

29. Why did Alex become a journalist?

- A She was an unemployed graduate looking for work.
- B She was attracted by the high salaries in London.
- C Bernie had encouraged her to do the same job as him.
- D That was what she had always wanted to be.

30. What upset Alex at the hospital?

- A Laura’s attitude towards her.
- B Bernie’s notes about the conference.
- C What Bernie said when she arrived there.
- D The contrast with how Bernie usually was.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Task 3

For items 46–50, complete the text about Shakespeare and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

(46)..... continue to surround Shakespeare's authorship of the plays currently attributed to him. No strong evidence, (47)....., has been produced to defend any other candidate, and the concerns expressed appear to be based on nothing more substantial than a belief that the writer's humble origins seem (48)..... with his poetic brilliance. Furthermore, all the (49)..... documentary evidence, in terms of official records and the (50)..... of contemporaries, points to Shakespeare as author as firmly as any other accepted attributions of the period are made.

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| 46. A Rumours | B Doubts | C Scholars | D Scandals |
| 47. A however | B moreover | C unfortunately | D hence |
| 48. A in accord | B incompatible | C linked | D close |
| 49. A instant | B extinct | C extant | D extract |
| 50. A accusations | B remains | C testimony | D discoveries |

Task 4. For items 51–60 match the parts of the sentences in the first column with the right ending in the second column so that they make famous idioms from William Shakespeare. There are some extra words in the second column, which you do not need to use.

51. A dish fit for	A human kindness
52. As dead as	B riddance
53. Good	C wit
54. Milk of	D grief
55. Wear my heart upon	E my oyster
56. The world's	F a fish
57. Brevity is the soul of	G doom
58. Jealousy is	H a doornail
59. Crack of	I actor
60. Wild-geese	J sin
	K the green-eyed monster
	L chase
	M the gods
	N my sleeve

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

WRITING
Time: 30 minutes

Express your opinion on the following problem:

The Internet can be of great help in education. However, it may also be a serious obstacle to successful learning.

Write **150–200 words**.

Remember to

- make an introduction,
- express your personal opinion on the problem and give reasons for your opinion,
- make a conclusion.

Transfer your answer to the answer sheet!