

Муниципальный этап всероссийской олимпиады школьников  
по английскому языку  
Комплект заданий для учащихся 9-11 классов

**LISTENING**  
**Time: 20 minutes**

**Task 1. You will hear two conversations. For each conversation there are three tasks. Decide if the two statements are true or false and decide which answer fits best: a, b or c.**

**You will hear each conversation once. Mark your answers for items 1–6 on the answer sheet.**

**First you will have 30 seconds to read the items.**

- 1 Ms. Powell is Jerry's university tutor.  
true / false
- 2 Ms. Powell thinks highly of Jerry's academic ability.  
true / false
- 3 Ms. Powell advises Jerry
  - a not to rely on receiving financial aid.
  - b to start the application process early.
  - c to submit an example of his work.
- 4 Carmen and Damien are workmates.  
true / false
- 5 Carmen is pessimistic about Damien's work opportunities.  
true / false
- 6 Carmen can help because she
  - a can translate Damien's CV.
  - b could get Damien a job at a Spanish bar.
  - c knows a member of the university staff.

**Task 2. You will hear a podcast of a lecture.**

**First you will have two minutes to read the items. Then you will hear the lecture "Sprouts to Saving" delivered by J. Santiago. You will hear the podcast once. During the podcast, decide which answer fits best: a, b or c. For item 14 you are asked to choose the option that best summarises the speaker's attitude.**

**Mark your answers for items 7–14 on the answer sheet.**

**Now read the items.**

<p><b>SCHOOL PROJECT</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> According to Jeff, the children in his project didn't eat much fresh produce because they  <b>a</b> disliked the taste of vegetables.  <b>b</b> mainly ate fast food instead of fresh vegetables.  <b>c</b> were not interested in learning about growing vegetables.</p>
<p><b>ECONOMIC IMPACT</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Jeff says that growing your own food is  <b>a</b> a really good return on investment.  <b>b</b> difficult if you live in a student residence.  <b>c</b> expensive if you plant certain herbs.</p>
<p><b>HEALTH IMPACT</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> Jeff believes that the main benefit of eating home-grown vegetables is that it  <b>a</b> helps people lose weight.  <b>b</b> makes people look better.  <b>c</b> saves money on doctor's bills.</p>
<p><b>STATISTICS</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> An increasing number of households are  <b>a</b> planting gardens for the first time.  <b>b</b> refusing to buy carrots at the shops.  <b>c</b> travelling further to get fresh vegetables.</p>
<p><b>CHOICE OF PLANTS</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> Jeff recommends growing  <b>a</b> herbs if you prefer spicy dishes.  <b>b</b> lettuce if kept out of direct sunlight.  <b>c</b> mushrooms if you have a hanging planter.</p>
<p><b>GARDENING TIPS</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Jeff thinks that greenhouses  <b>a</b> don't take up much space.  <b>b</b> help keep your crops safe from insects.  <b>c</b> make the plants grow faster.</p>
<p><b>FINAL STORY</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> Jeff wishes to inspire  <b>a</b> families to attend gardening courses.  <b>b</b> fathers to do more cooking.  <b>c</b> people to be more aware of good nutrition.</p>
<p><b>THANK YOU!</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> The speaker is  <b>a</b> cautious about promising success.  <b>b</b> critical of people not wishing to change.  <b>c</b> optimistic about the future.</p>

**READING**  
**Time: 30 minutes**

**Task 1. Read the article in which two people comment on a festival they have recently attended. For questions 1-7, choose from the people A and B. The people may be chosen more than once.**

**Which person**

- 1 has had their opinion about a festival altered?
- 2 doesn't leave as soon as the festival ends?
- 3 is relieved at not having to stay overnight at the festival?
- 4 enjoys an event in which festival-goers take part, too?
- 5 does not need to buy a ticket to attend the festival?
- 6 boasts about a family member's performance skills?
- 7 first attended the festival by chance?

**Summer Music Festivals**

**A Nick Hendon** has been going to the Cambridge Folk Festival for over twenty years. "Our house is barely a stone's throw from Cherry Hinton Hall, where the festival is held, so I don't have to put up with staying in a mud-filled tent for the weekend, British summers often being rather damp," he jokes. At first, he used to go with friends from university but now that he is married with two children, it has become an annual family event. "Both Sarah and I are avid folk music fans and the kids really enjoy the party atmosphere of the festival and the fact that they can run wild," he explains. The festival isn't just strictly folk music though, and a wide variety of artists perform. Nick likes to think that the word 'folk' actually refers to the people who attend the festival more than anything else. His favourite festival area is the Club Tent where, as well as the invited artists, members of the audience can get up and perform. "Sarah usually takes part. She has a beautiful singing voice and isn't the least bit shy about showing it off," he says proudly.

**B Debby Harris** says she would never have started going to the Glastonbury Festival if her friend who runs a food stall hadn't needed a hand a few years back. "I thought it would just be all mud, noise and chaos, so I'd never fancied it." Now she claims she would actually pay her friend for the privilege of working on her stall! "The tickets sell like hot cakes as soon as they're on sale, so it's the best way of making sure I can get to the festival," she points out. Debby says it's not just the rock music that makes the festival so special. "There are more than a hundred thousand people there and everyone is incredibly friendly. I've met some wonderful people." When the festival's over she stays on for a couple of days to help the organisers clean up the site. "I just love the atmosphere of the place and don't want it to end," she explains.

**Task 2. For items 8-15, read the text and choose the best answer for the questions below.**

I had never been married before so there was nothing in my past experience to go by but it was beginning to dawn on me that I was very nicely fixed. I am talking, of course, of material things. It would have been enough for me or anybody else to be paired with a beautiful girl whom I love and who loved me. I hadn't reckoned on the other aspects.

This business of studying my comfort, for instance. I thought such things had gone out of fashion, but not so with Helen. It was brought home to me again as I walked into breakfast this morning. We had at last acquired a table -I had bought it at a farm sale and brought it home in triumph tied to the roof of my car - and now Helen had vacated the chair on which she used to sit at the bench and had taken over the high stool. She was perched away up there now, transporting her food from far below, while I was expected to sit comfortably in the chair. I don't think I'm a selfish swine but there was nothing I could do about it.

And there were other little things. The neat pile of clothing laid out for me each morning; the clean, folded shirt and handkerchief and socks so different from the jumble of my bachelor days. And when I was late for meals, which was often, she served me with my food but instead of going off and doing something else she would down tools and sit watching me while I ate. It made me feel like a sultan.

It was this last trait which gave me a clue to her behaviour. I suddenly remembered that I had seen her sitting by Mr Alderson while he had a late meal; sitting in the same pose, one arm on the table, quietly watching him. And I realised I was reaping the benefit of her lifetime attitude to her father. Mild little man though he was she had catered gladly to his every wish in the happy acceptance that the man of the house was number one; **and the whole pattern was rubbing off on me now.**

In fact it set me thinking about the big question of how girls might be expected to behave after marriage. One old farmer giving advice about choosing a wife once said: 'Have a blooming good look at the mother first, lad', and I'm sure he had a point. But if I may throw in my own little word of counsel it would have to be to have a passing glance at how she acts towards her father.

Watching her now as she got down and started to serve my breakfast the warm knowledge flowed through me as it did so often that my wife was the sort who just liked looking after a man and that I was so very lucky.

And I was certainly blooming under the treatment. A bit too much, in fact, and I was aware I shouldn't be attacking this plateful of porridge and cream; especially with all that material sizzling in the frying pan. Helen had brought with her to Skelton House a delicious dowry of fish, and these hung from the beams of the barn in an impressive array of cold-smoked kippers; a constant temptation. Some samples were in the pan now, and though I had never been one for large breakfasts I did not object when she threw in a couple of large brown eggs for company.

- 8 After his marriage, the writer started to realise
- A how badly prepared he was for marriage.
  - B that there were more benefits to it than he expected
  - C that he had made a mistake
  - D how deeply he loved his wife.
- 9 What was the writer reminded of at breakfast that morning?
- A He could now afford new furniture.
  - B He no longer had to do anything for himself.
  - C He had no control over his wife's behaviour.
  - D His wife always considered his comfort before her own.
- 10 The writer suggests to us that, as an unmarried man, he
- A often missed meals
  - B had fewer clothes.
  - C was more untidy.
  - D usually ate alone.
- 11 What did the writer realise about Helen's relationship with her father?
- A She often worried about him.
  - B She was very close to him.
  - C She was afraid of him.
  - D She respected him deeply.
- 12 What does the writer mean by 'and the whole pattern was rubbing off on me' in paragraph 4?
- A He was beginning to understand his wife's behaviour.
  - B Helen was now treating him as she had treated her father.
  - C He was becoming like his father-in-law.
  - D His wife's behaviour was beginning to annoy him.
- 13 How did the writer feel about the old farmer's advice?
- A He partly agreed with it.
  - B It was unappreciated.
  - C He thought it was incorrect.
  - D He thought it was outdated.
- 14 What was Helen cooking?
- A fish and eggs
  - B porridge and cream
  - C smoked meat
  - D a full English breakfast
- 15 All in all, what is the writer's attitude towards Helen?
- A He is grateful for what she has brought into his life.
  - B He believes that she is changing his character for the better.
  - C He feels that he doesn't deserve her.
  - D He wishes she was less like her father.

**Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.**

## USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 20 minutes

**Task 1. For items 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.**

### Holidays en messe

Spending a fortnight on holiday with other people can be great fun or a recipe for disaster. Success can best be achieved if the trip is planned well in (1)... . One person should be in (2)... of organization, on condition that (3)... consult all parties before making a final decision on anything. Another should be appointed to (4)... with money matters, so there is no disagreement or bad feeling.

Sleeping arrangements may be unclear until you see the accommodation. (5)...it is vital to make a list beforehand to establish who has priority for the best beds. As far as housework is concerned, you may be lucky enough to (6)... the accommodation cleaned twice a week. If not, it can be organized on a rota basis, so that everyone does their bit.

(7)... you are all on holiday together, it doesn't mean that you have to spend every minute together. You won't (8)... anyone's feelings if you go for a walk on your own for a change.

Above all you shouldn't expect a stress-free holiday, nor should you expect everyone to enjoy (9)... every second. Even very (10)... families have the odd row. But you'll know you've got it right when you hear on the journey home: 'Let's do it again next year.'

**Task 2. For items 11-20, read the text below and decide which option (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.**

Business was bad. Sales were non-existent, I was (11)... at the bank, I'd (12)... up huge debts and the man who sold me the shop was threatening to (13)... me because I hadn't paid him. I had expected (14)... troubles when I took over the

shop – all new businesses have problems in the beginning – but in the eleven months I had been open I had never had a customer. I'd tried everything to (15)... up business – ads in the local newspaper, mid-season sales, sponsoring the local football team – but nothing I'd tried had worked. I was at my (16)... end. A friend suggested I seek professional advice. He reassured me that his friend, Mr Stott, would help me (17)... the problem of disappointing sales. So there I was in the city, sitting across from Mr Stott, a management consultant. "Now you live here in Willonga, a desert town, and you bought the local bakery, but you didn't keep it on as a bakery," he said. "No, I saw a (18)... in the market and changed the focus of the business." I replied. "And things aren't going as well as they could be," he continued, sitting back in his chair. "Don't worry, Mr Redston, it's not unusual to (19)... into difficulties on first setting up a business. I'm sure we'll be able to (20)... everything out." He put on his glasses. "So what is it that you sell?" he asked. "Sand," I replied. "I sell sand."

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| 11 | A overspent | B overtaken | C overdrawn | D overdone    |
| 12 | A put       | B run       | C stepped   | D eaten       |
| 13 | A sue       | B condemn   | C claim     | D charge      |
| 14 | A balancing | B teething  | C growing   | D opening     |
| 15 | A draw      | B work      | C drum      | D bring       |
| 16 | A brain's   | B wits'     | C nerves'   | D mind's      |
| 17 | A tarnish   | B tackle    | C sort      | D drum up     |
| 18 | A gap       | B space     | C opening   | D opportunity |
| 19 | A walk      | B come      | C bump      | D run         |
| 20 | A bring     | B iron      | C smooth    | D sort        |

**Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.**

**WRITING**  
**Time: 30 minutes**

**Situation: You are looking for holiday ideas and read the following advert on the internet:**

**Discover Europe by train!**

**The EurozoneRail Global Train pass**

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**You thought that travelling by train through Europe sounded very interesting and bought a train pass. However, you had some problems while on your trip. Write an email to the company describing the problems. Your email should include at least three of the following points.**

- Where you went travelling and why
- Which problems you had when switching trains
- Why the ticket wasn't accepted everywhere you went
- Why getting train schedules was difficult

**Write the email using a suitable greeting and a suitable closing formula. Before starting the email, decide on the order in which you think the points should be included as well as an appropriate introduction and close. Include your address and the address of the company, as well as the reference line, date, salutation and closing formula.**

**Please write at least 150 words.**