

Part I. Listening

Time: 10 minutes (10 points)

Task 1. For items **A8 –A14** listen to the interview and choose the answer which fits best. You will hear the text twice.

1. (A8). Sophie can go on foot

- 1) to do her supermarket shopping.
- 2) if she wants to buy a loaf of bread.
- 3) to choose a new CD or DVD.

2. (A9). When Sophie goes to the supermarket, she

- 1) tries to buy enough food for a month.
- 2) buys all the things she can't get at the local shops.
- 3) tries to buy items that are cheaper.

3. (A10). Since last year, Sophie has had to use the car more

- 1) to help her elderly neighbours.
- 2) to get to the nearest town.
- 3) to drive to the post office.

4. (A11). Sophie's opinion of shopping is that

- 1) it takes her away from her work.
- 2) it gives her ideas for her writing.
- 3) it is a good opportunity to meet her friends.

5. (A12). Sophie didn't want to go to Gina's clothes shop because

- 1) she usually finds something she likes at the department store.
- 2) Gina might not have clothes in her size.
- 3) Gina's shop is more expensive than the department store.

6. (A13). The shoes that Sophie bought

- 1) were smaller than she normally wears.
- 2) got more comfortable after she had worn them.
- 3) were really nice and sensible.

7.(A14). Sophie generally feels that she

- 1) needs to be less careless with her money.
- 2) could use her credit card more.
- 3) tries hard not to spend too much.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Part II. READING

Time: 20 minutes (13points)

Read the text below and answer Questions 1-10.

Mayflower Myths

The Mayflower brought the group of English settlers now known as the Pilgrims to North America. Leaving England in the fall of 1620, the Pilgrims were attempting to land near the mouth of the Hudson River, but instead ended up in Cape Cod Harbor. Plymouth, the colony established there by the Pilgrims in 1621, became the first permanent European settlement in New England. The story of the Pilgrims and their harvest feast has since become one of best-known in American history, but you may not know it as well as you think. Discover the facts behind these well-known Thanksgiving myths!

MYTH 1: THE FIRST THANKSGIVING WAS IN 1621 AND THE PILGRIMS CELEBRATED IT EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER.

Fact: The first feast wasn't repeated, so it wasn't the beginning of a tradition. In fact, the colonists didn't even call the day Thanksgiving. To them, a thanksgiving was a religious holiday for which they would go to church and thank God for a specific event, such as the winning of a battle. On such a religious day, the types of recreational activities that the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians participated in during the 1621 harvest feast—dancing, singing secular songs, playing games—wouldn't have been allowed. The feast was a secular celebration, so it never would have been considered a thanksgiving in the pilgrims' minds.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mayflower was originally supposed to sail with a sister ship, the Speedwell, but it proved unseaworthy, and the Mayflower made the journey alone.

MYTH 2: THE ORIGINAL THANKSGIVING FEAST TOOK PLACE ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER.

Fact: The original feast in 1621 occurred sometime between September 21 and November 11. Unlike our modern holiday, it was three days long. The event was based on English harvest festivals, which traditionally occurred around the 29th of September. After that first harvest was completed by the Plymouth colonists, Gov. William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer, shared by all the colonists and neighboring Indians. In 1623 a day of fasting and prayer during a period of drought was changed to one of thanksgiving because the rain came during the prayers. Gradually the custom prevailed in New England of annually celebrating thanksgiving after the harvest.

During the American Revolution, a yearly day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress. In 1817 New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom, and by the middle of the 19th century many other states had done the same. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a day of thanksgiving as the last Thursday in November, which he may have correlated with the November 21, 1621, anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape Cod. Since then, each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation. President Franklin D. Roosevelt set the date for Thanksgiving to the fourth Thursday of November in 1939 (approved by Congress in 1941.)

MYTH 3: THE PILGRIMS WORE ONLY BLACK AND WHITE CLOTHING. THEY HAD BUCKLES ON THEIR HATS, GARMENTS, AND SHOES.

Fact: Buckles did not come into fashion until later in the seventeenth century and black and white were commonly worn only on Sunday and formal occasions. Women

typically dressed in red, earthy green, brown, blue, violet, and gray, while men wore clothing in white, beige, black, earthy green, and brown.

MYTH 4: THE PILGRIMS BROUGHT FURNITURE WITH THEM ON THE MAYFLOWER.

Fact: The only furniture that the Pilgrims brought on the Mayflower was chests and boxes. They constructed wooden furniture once they settled in Plymouth.

MYTH 5: THE MAYFLOWER WAS HEADED FOR VIRGINIA, BUT DUE TO A NAVIGATIONAL MISTAKE IT ENDED UP IN CAPE COD MASSACHUSETTS.

Fact: The Pilgrims were in fact planning to settle in Virginia, but not the modern-day state of Virginia. They were part of the Virginia Company, which had the rights to most of the eastern seaboard of the U.S. The Pilgrims had intended to go to the Hudson River region in New York State, which would have been considered “Northern Virginia,” but they landed in Cape Cod instead. Treacherous seas prevented them from venturing further south.

Answer the questions:

1. Where did the Pilgrims land when they came to North America?

A. Canada B. Virginia C. The Hudson River D. Cape Cod Harbor

2. What does the author list in this article?

- A. the types of food at the first harvest feast
- B. the colors of clothing that Pilgrims wore
- C. the different cities where colonists settled
- D. the ways in which the Indians helped the Pilgrims

3. The Plymouth colonists had strong religious beliefs. What evidence in the text supports this conclusion?

- A. “To them, a thanksgiving was a religious holiday in which they would go to church and thank God for a specific event, such as the winning of a battle.”
- B. "Gradually the custom prevailed in New England of annually celebrating thanksgiving after the harvest."

C. “The pilgrims had intended to go to the Hudson River region in New York State, which would have been considered “Northern Virginia,” but they landed in Cape Cod instead.”

D. “The original feast in 1621 occurred sometime between September 21 and November 11. Unlike our modern holiday, it was three days long.”

4. Based on the article as a whole, what is a myth?

A. something that people think is a lie, and that is a lie

B. something that people believe to be true, and that is true

C. something that people believe to be true, but that may not be true

D. something that people think is a lie, but that is actually true

5. Which sentence from the text best states the article's main idea?

A. “The feast was a secular celebration, so it never would have been considered a thanksgiving in the pilgrims’ minds.”

B. “The story of the Pilgrims and their harvest feast has since become one of best-known in American history, but you may not know it as well as you think.”

C. “Gradually the custom prevailed in New England of annually celebrating thanksgiving after the harvest.”

D. “Plymouth, the colony established there by the Pilgrims in 1621, became the first permanent European settlement in New England.”

6. Why might the author have chosen to use headings that start with “Myth:” throughout the entire article?

A. to hint that people today do not believe that Thanksgiving is important

B. to show that people today think of the Pilgrims as imaginary heroes

C. to help put the content of the article into groups based on the myth they address

D. to prove that the statements in the headings are all completely true

7. Choose the answer that best completes this sentence.

The pilgrims landed in Cape Cod instead of the Hudson River region _____ treacherous seas prevented them from venturing further south.

A. Because B. although C. however D. for example

8. What did the pilgrims think of as a “thanksgiving?” (written answer)

9. Why would the Pilgrims never have thought of their own harvest feast as a thanksgiving? (written answer)

10. Would Pilgrims have considered today’s Thanksgiving to be a true “thanksgiving” in their eyes? Why or why not? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (written answer)

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Part III. Use of English

Time: 30 minutes (23 points)

Task 1. For items 1–10, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word(s) given.

Example: 0. My town has two places to hear live music. – There are two places to hear live music in my town.

1 My advice is to get to the airport two hours before take-off.

If I _____ .

2 I have a lot of work to do, and I don't know where to begin.

I have so _____ .

3 Let's invite Julia and Margaret to the party.

How _____ .

4 Rebecca wanted to go to Japan, so she saved some money.

Rebecca saved some money so that _____ .

5 The car was so old that it kept breaking down.

It was _____ .

6 Please speak more slowly.

Would you mind _____ .

7 There are too few chairs in the room.

There aren't _____ .

8 Where is the station?

Do you know _____ .

9 Although there were problems, we enjoyed ourselves.

Despite _____ .

10 Robert appears to have forgotten my birthday again.

It appears _____ .

Task 2. For items 11 – 23 put in the missing words where necessary and mark the place of it with **V** or mark the correct line with **0**.

The Moscow Chekhov Academic Art Theatre (MkhAT) is one of V oldest the Russian theatres. It made many important contributions the development 11 _____ of Russian and world theatre. It has consolidated new principles of 12 _____ dramatic realism and new methods of theatrical work were first put 13 _____ forward by founders of the theatre Konstantin Stanislavsky and Vladimir 14 _____ Nemirovich- Danchenko. MkhAT was opened October 14th 1898. 15 _____ The founders of the theatre attached much importance to gathering 16 _____ company of the best actors available. Their main aim was achieve 17 _____ stylistic unity of performance. Moreover, they tried to make the author 18 _____ and the director equals when interpreting dramatic material. The creative 19 _____ ideas K. Stanislavsky and V. Nemirovich-Danchenko and followers have 20 _____ had a tremendous influence on the development of Russian theatre. 21 _____ The Stanislavsky’s method eventually gained worldwide recognition, and 22 _____ MkhAT has become well known outside Russia of its many tours to 23 _____ various countries.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Part IV. Writing

40 minutes (20 points)

... It was an amazing house – to begin with, it was absolutely round! What surprised me most of all is that ...

... Yeah! I would like to live in such a wonderful house!

Write your own story about this unusual house. Give a title to your story.

Write not less than 200 words.

Transfer your story to the answer sheet!

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Answer Sheet

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