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**ОЛИМПИАДА РГГУ ДЛЯ ШКОЛЬНИКОВ ПО ИНОСТРАННОМУ ЯЗЫКУ**

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**10 класс**

**Вариант № 24-ОШ-1-10 Английский язык**

*На выполнение олимпиадных заданий отводится 120 минут. Вам предлагается выполнить три категории заданий.*

*При выполнении заданий внимательно читайте инструкцию к каждому заданию.*

*Максимальное количество баллов за ответы:*

- Часть 1. (Reading) - 26 баллов;
- Часть 2. (Use of English) - 62 балла;
- Часть 3. (Cultural Study) - 12 баллов.

**Part 1. Reading**  
**(26 Points)**

**A. Read the four texts and answer the questions below by indicating which text each question relates to: A, B, C, D, or None.**

**Please note that there are two questions which do not refer to any of the texts.**

**Text A – THE ART DEALER**

“It is a myth,” says Anna-Mei Chadwick, “that running an art gallery is all about opening shows and bottles of wine.” She regularly works ten hours a day, seven days a week. She regards herself first and foremost as a retailer.

“The retail trade is very tough — you need stamina and a lot of help. Dealing with the general public takes a certain strength. Anybody can walk through the door.”

Initially, she approached artists she knew and found others by going to shows and competitions. She concentrates on artists with promise who are not necessarily well-known.

“We don’t pay retainers and we don’t have exclusive contracts with our artists, so we rely on their loyalty to come back. We have a set commission for all our artists. They know we don’t juggle around with the prices on the wall. If you give discounts, people know that the pictures on the wall were overpriced in the first place.”

Each year the gallery runs seventeen shows. Although turnover has risen steadily since the gallery opened, it was two years before she took on a full-time assistant. She still needs to be in the gallery much of the time. Clients and artists expect to see her. “Running an art gallery is a very personal business — you have to be there rather than an assistant.”

### **Text B –THE FURNITURE MAKER**

To describe Dennis Young as a carpenter is unfair. For Young is a woodworking virtuoso. This American artist fashions beautiful writing desks for Japanese rooms, accepts commissions to recreate Korean bureaus and sculpts from wood his own variation of the modern Windsor chair. At the same time, he voices great concern over the disappearance of traditional skills in Japan, including years of woodworking craftsmanship.

“My first experience of making furniture was in Japan. At that time in Japan it was not unusual to find hand-made merchandise. But traditional-style workshops have become very, very rare.”

After learning the basic skills in Japan, Young went to England and was apprenticed at a small workshop in order to master the skill of making Windsor chairs. He went back to the United States to open his own workshop, so and quickly established a reputation as one of the leading modern cabinetmakers. His bow-back chair, the fruit of years of effort to **simplify** the traditional Windsor chair to fit modern environments, has won many prizes. Some of his finest pieces have been displayed at London’s Victoria and Albert Museum.

Young has developed some unique working techniques: he uses American machines that are more than one hundred years old to do the basic job of shaping the wood and then he switches to English and Japanese tools for the details. Three years ago, Young returned to Japan, giving up a successful business in California because he found it difficult to balance commercial success with his commitment to the artistic aspects of woodworking.

### **Text C -THE AIR STEWARDESS**

It was 3 am. Joanne ate her breakfast with her eyes closed. Her flight was due to leave at 6 am. She had to be at the airport for 4.30 am.

“I’ve got one hour to make myself ‘presentable’ for work. It’s a wonderful word, isn’t it? All things to all people — reassuring professional to the over-anxious first-time flyers, challenge and disciplinarian to the **lager louts**, bubbling **bimbo** to the old hands of the flight crew.”

She opened her make-up box. “I go on automatic pilot, really. It takes a good twenty-five minutes to put it all on and transform myself into the cool professional that I know I have to be. I think that if you look well-groomed, then you look as if you’ve got self- control and self-respect.” When I’m putting my make-up on, I usually run through all the questions that are going to be asked at the pre-flight briefing. You can be asked about first-aid, aspects of passenger safety care or about the technical aspects of the aircraft. Some senior cabin staff really like to stamp their authority on the briefing, to show who’s boss. Consequently, these briefings can be really fraught.”

She’d had a lot of late departures recently. There was usually no time for a meal on the stopover. She had to tidy the litter off the seats, check all the sick bags and the magazines in the backs of the seats and restock the range of toiletries laid out in the toilet. “So much for glamour,” she said.

### **Text D - THE MILLER**

Nigel Moon, a graduate in history and archaeology, always wanted to buy a windmill. When a chance came to buy Downfield Mill, he left his job and took a variety of part-time jobs for the five years needed to restore the building to working condition.

On milling days, he can be seen **dashing frantically** around the five floors, tools usually in hand as he strives to keep all systems going. “Even when there is no wind and the sails are down, it is hard work because I have a set of stones powered by an electric motor. Working the mill this way is not as satisfying as when it is running on the sails, but the two systems often run in concert and the electric system helps to keep production going. I’m not really in the business for the money. There must be thousands of easier ways of making a living.” On the days he is not milling, he is on the road delivering his organic brown and white flour, milled oats, rye, maize and barley to warehouses, bakers and hotels.

Although it is an exhausting, seven-day-a-week occupation, Moon says he would not do anything else. He has reluctantly concluded, however, that the only way to expand his business and to cope with the physical challenge of handling ten tons of machinery as a one-man operation, is to sell Downfield and buy a more efficient mill.

**Tasks 1-8.**

**Match the statements (1-8) with the person (A, B, C or D)**

**A** Joanne

**B** Nigel

**C** Anna-Mei

**D** Dennis

**Example:**

0. This person has achieved a long-term ambition.

- A

+ B

- C

- D

- None

**001.** This person works irregular hours.

A

B

C

D

None

**002.** This person is highly regarded in his/her field.

A

B

C

D

None

**003.** This person is judged on the basis of physical appearance.

A

B

C

D

None

**004.** This person is dependent on personal contact for success at work.

A

B

C

D

None

**005.** This person draws inspiration from the working practices of the past.

A

B

C

D

None

**006.** This person has a job that involves strenuous physical activity.

- A
- B
- C
- D
- None

**007.** This person finds it difficult to get away from the place of work.

- A
- B
- C
- D
- None

**008.** This person has travelled to acquire appropriate expertise.

- A
- B
- C
- D
- None

**Tasks 9-14.**

**B. Read the four texts again and answer the following questions by choosing the correct option.**

**009.** In the text The Art Dealer, the underlined word 'stamina' means the same as:

- small delicate stocks in a flower
- vital interests
- life experience
- the physical or mental energy

**010.** In the text The Art Dealer, the underlined word 'retainers' means the same as:

- services
- fees
- wages
- salaries

**011.** In the text The Furniture Maker, the underlined word 'simplify' means the same as:

- lack of balance
- make harder
- lack of energy
- make easier

**012.** In the text The Air Stewardess, the underlined word phrase 'lager louts' means the same as:

- attractive but not very intelligent young women
- young men who keep company
- young men who like to get drunk and behave badly
- colleagues

**013.** In the text The Air Stewardess, the underlined word 'bimbo' means the same as:

- attractive but not very intelligent young woman
- young man who keeps company
- young man who likes to get drunk and behave badly
- colleague

**014.** In the text *The Miller*, the underlined word phrase **‘dashing frantically’** means the same as:  
 crawling  
 swimming  
 toiling  
 rushing

**Tasks 15-26.**

**Read the article and choose the best option to complete the text – a, b, c, or d.**

**CYCLING  
 FURIOUSLY**

An obscure, 150-year-old law, originally intended to (0) \_\_\_\_\_ with horsemen riding too quickly has (015. \_\_\_\_\_) an unlikely victim – a cyclist who was not even speeding. Tony Adams was prosecuted for “cycling furiously” after police in Cambridge spotted him, in training for a world record (016. \_\_\_\_\_), cruising at 40kph in a 50kph zone. A police car (017. \_\_\_\_\_) after him through the city centre, in what must have been one of the slowest pursuits on record, before he was arrested. Now he is (018. \_\_\_\_\_) up to three months in jail after refusing to pay the £120 fine (019. \_\_\_\_\_) for breaking the law, which (020. \_\_\_\_\_) back to 1847 when bicycles as we know them today did not exist. “I couldn’t believe it,” he said. “I was riding along and there was this police car behind me, (021. \_\_\_\_\_) its lights.”

Mr Adams, 24, was spotted by officers on foot patrol in the early hours on one of the nightly training (022. \_\_\_\_\_), which are designed to improve chances of beating the world record. (023. \_\_\_\_\_), this is 55 kilometres in a one-hour time trial. He insists he was doing no more than 40kph when police signaled him to stop. Thinking they were waving to encourage him, he (024. \_\_\_\_\_) on. He was then pulled over by the police car.

A police spokesman admitted the law was rarely (025. \_\_\_\_\_) but said it was the only one which could be used to prosecute speeding cyclists. He added, “I do think that if people are training for world records, a city centre is not the most (026. \_\_\_\_\_) place to do it.”

**Example (0):**

- + deal
- act
- prevent
- control

**015.**

- claimed
- taken
- demanded
- chosen

**016.**

- try
- effort
- go
- attempt

**017.**

- slowed
- moved
- crawled
- rolled

**018.**

regarding  
facing  
looking  
considering

**019.**

expected  
given  
made  
imposed

**020.**

dates  
passes  
turns  
originates

**021.**

displaying  
showing  
dazzling  
flashing

**022.**

practices  
rehearsals  
sessions  
preparations

**023.**

Actually  
Currently  
Instantly  
Momentarily

**024.**

carried  
took  
passed  
continued

**025.**

forced  
effected  
applied  
exercised

**026.**

suiting  
relevant  
appropriate  
applicable

**Tasks 27-36.**

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE the word given. DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS. The number of words you should write is specified in each sentence. Type the needed words. The words of your answers should be divided by one space.

**Example:**

**0. I consider him my worst enemy.**

look

**I my worst enemy. (4 words)**

**The answer: look upon him as**

**027. You`ll just have to learn to accept the facts!**

face

You`ll just ..... the facts! (5 words)

**028. Charles cheated in his exams, and didn`t get caught.**

got

Charles cheated in his exams, and ..... it. (3 words)

**029. You`ll come with me even if you don`t like it.**

or

You`ll come with me ..... not. (5 words)

**030. I`m sure he lost his key.**

have

He ..... his key. (3 words)

**031. You`re always complaining about your work.**

complaints

You`re ..... your work. (4 words)

**032. The children hid the kitten, because they were worried their mother might not want it.**

fear

The children hid the kitten ..... not want it. (5 words)

**033. You should really stop behaving like a child.**

though

It`s high time ..... a child. (7 words)

**034. The detective found Susan`s missing car.**

had

Susan ..... by the detective. (5 words)

**035. It`s pretty certain that we`ll win a gold medal this year in the 100 metres.**

foregone

It`s ..... we`ll win a gold medal this year in the 100 metres. (4 words)

**036. It`s possible that the fire was caused by an electrical fault in the gym.**

likelihood

In ..... of the fire in the gym was an electrical fault. (4 words)

**Tasks 37-41.**

**Choose the sentence in reported speech which is a summarized version of the first sentence in direct speech. The first example (0) is done for you.**

**Example:**

0. "No, you really *must stay* the night, Sophia", Ann said  
 A. Ann invited that Sophia would stay the night.  
 B. Ann told Sophia that she would have to stay the night.  
 C. **Ann insisted that Sophia stayed the night.**  
 D. Ann said that Sophia mustn't stay the night.

**037.** "If I were mayor, I'd make public transport free," she said.  
 She said if she was mayor, she'd make public transport free.  
 She told that if she were mayor, she could make public transport free.  
 She said that if she would be mayor, she would have made public transport free.  
 She said that if she had been mayor, she would have made public transport free.

**038.** "Leave that window shut," the old man said.  
 The old man objected to open the window.  
 The old man objected to the window being opened.  
 The old man denied opening the window.  
 The old man demanded to open the window.

**039.** "Don't touch the wire with wet hands," the electrician said.  
 The electrician warned me not to touch the wire with wet hands.  
 The electrician demanded not touching the wire with wet hands.  
 The electrician told that I didn't touch the wire with wet hands.  
 The electrician suggested not to touch the wire with wet hands.

**040.** "I'll go out if I want to," my brother said.  
 My brother told he wanted to go out.  
 My brother said he must go out.  
 My brother suggested going out.  
 My brother insisted on going out.

**041.** "No, I didn't eat your cake," her brother said.  
 Her brother denied to eat her cake.  
 Her brother explained that he didn't eat her cake.  
 Her brother denied having eaten her cake.  
 Her brother protested to eat her cake.

**Tasks 42-51.**

**The following sentences test your ability to recognize grammar and usage errors. Each sentence contains either a single error or no error at all. No sentence contains more than one error. The error, if there is one, is underlined and lettered. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined part that must be changed to make the sentence correct. If the sentence is correct, select choice E. In choosing answers, follow the requirements of standard written English.**

**Example:**

**0.** Scientists have long warned (A) that these (B) hotter, drier climate will contribute (C) to fires becoming more (D) frequent and more intense. No error (E)

- A  
 + B



- C
- D
- E

**042.** Not only the number of mahogany trees has (A) decreased markedly during the last decade, but other valuable trees are becoming (B) scarcer and scarcer (C) as well (D). No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

**043.** Halley`s Comet appears so rarely (A) that only a few (B) people have (C) the opportunity to view it more than once (D) in their lifetime. No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

**044.** The book that (A) you see (B) laying (C) on the table belongs to (D) the teacher. No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

**045.** I suggest that (A) he goes (B) to the doctor (C) as soon as he returns from (D) taking the exam. No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

**046.** She is looking (A) forward to go (B) to Europe after she finishes (C) her studies at the (D) university. No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

**047.** Few children (A), fortunately (B), get diseases like polio, scarlet fever, and whooping cough anymore (C) because of (D) immunization programs are widespread. No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

**048.** The volume (A) four of our (B) encyclopedia set has been missing (C) for (D) two months.

No error (E)

A

B

C

D

E

**049.** Neither of the girls (A) have (B) turned in the term papers to the (C) instructor yet (D). No error (E)

A

B

C

D

E

**050.** After studying (A) all the new (B) materials, the student was able (C) to rise (D) his test score by twenty-five points. No error (E)

A

B

C

D

E

**051.** Because (A) the residents had worked (B) so diligent (C) to renovate (D) the old building, the manager had a party. No error (E)

A

B

C

D

E

### Tasks 52-57.

**Fill in each blank with the missing part of the idiom. There are 6 gaps in the text, but 8 idioms. Two idioms - extra.**

Jay: Oh, look, there`s Matt driving his restored 1956 Chevy Bel Air.

Lisa: Wow, it`s all polished and shiny. He must really **(052. \_\_\_\_\_)** pride in his car.

Jay: He does. He has poured a lot of money into restoring it. It`s clearly his pride and joy.

Lisa: It`s funny – I like Matt now, but in the beginning I didn`t.

Jay: Oh, what do you mean?

Lisa: When he first transferred to our school, he was **(053. \_\_\_\_\_)** up – you know, he wouldn`t talk to others.

Jay: Yeah, and I remember that he stole the **(054. \_\_\_\_\_)** in the first football game he played. He made three touchdowns in the first half.

Lisa: I bet no one else has ever done that at our school!

Jay: I don`t mean to **(055. \_\_\_\_\_)** my own horn, but I once scored three touchdowns in a game too!

Lisa: Yeah, but not in one half.

Jay: Gee, thanks, Lisa. Now you`ve **(056. \_\_\_\_\_)** my feelings.

Lisa: Oh, I`m sorry. I know you`ve taken a back seat to Matt ever since he joined the team.

Jay: Yeah, now Matt is the school football star. Frankly, I`m getting tired of it.

Lisa: Don`t be jealous. Matt will never have the grade point average you do, so you can still **(057. \_\_\_\_\_)** your chin up. And besides, you have something else that Matt never will.

Jay: What`s that?

Lisa: A great friend like me!

**052.**

hurt  
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**053.**

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**054.**

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**056.**

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**057.**  
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**Part 3. Cultural Study**  
**(12 Points)**

**Tasks 58-63.**

**Read the following passages (Texts 1-6) and identify the personality each text tells about. Choose the name of the personality from the list coming after the texts.**

**Text 1**

He was born in Germany in 1879. At a very early age young he started wondering about the mysteries of the universe. He was a famous scientist who completely changed the way that people saw our world and the universe. He created many theories which proved that things like gravity, light, energy and matter were connected with each other. In 1921 he received the Nobel Prize for Physics. In the meantime things were starting to change in Germany. He was against the Nazis and their ideas of controlling the world. He decided to leave Germany and go to the United States. In 1939 he discovered that German scientists were working on a bomb that could kill thousands of people. He wanted the world to use atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

**058.**

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Mark Zuckerberg  
John Davison Rockefeller Sr.  
Albert Einstein  
Sir Winston Churchill  
Bill Gates  
Isaac Newton  
Narendra Modi  
Elon Musk  
Betsy Ross  
Steven Jobs  
Jeff Bezos

**Text 2**

He was born on 24 February 1955 in San Francisco. In 1972 he graduated from high school in California and became a college student at Reed College in Portland. He also attended lectures at the HP Company and then began to work there with his schoolfellow Steve Wozniak. In 1976 he and his partners established Apple. In 1980s Xerox PARC introduced its product, mouse-driven graphical user interface. He predicted the success of Xerox PARC's invention and this was an incitement to development of the Apple Lisa. There was a race for power in Apple in 1985. He lost it and left the company. He decided to found a new corporation which was called NeXT. This company produced technologies for organizational markets and higher-education. In 1986 he got the computer graphics branch of Lucasfilm Ltd. Later it was reorganized into Pixar Animation Studios. In 1996 NeXT was included in Apple. Consequently he returned to work for

Apple and became its co-founder. In 2000 he became Chief Executive Officer of Apple. He supervised elaboration of the iMac, iPad, iPod, iTunes, iPhone and other company's products.

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**Text 3**

An American entrepreneur and businessman of South African origin, occupies an indisputable position among the world's most famous Persons. His remarkable ventures include the founding or co-founding of several highly successful companies such as PayPal, SpaceX, Tesla, Neuralink, OpenAI and owner and CEO of Twitter. Additionally, he founded The Boring Company and is the head of a charitable organisation. With an estimated net worth of over \$200 billion, he is currently the richest person on world.

The technologies being developed by his companies push the boundaries of innovation. SpaceX, for instance, is pioneering reusable rockets that could revolutionize space travel. Tesla is at the forefront of manufacturing electric cars that surpass their gasoline-powered counterparts in efficiency and environmental friendliness. Additionally, Neuralink's groundbreaking research focuses on creating brain-computer interfaces, envisioning a future where humans can control machines with their minds.

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**Text 4**

With a net worth exceeding \$100 billion, he ranks among the wealthiest individuals globally. He is one of the richest people in the world, with a net worth of more than \$100 billion. His ownership in Meta Platforms, the parent company is the main source of his riches. He was born in White Plains, New York, in 1984, attended Harvard University to further his education. He left school, however, in the middle of his second year to found Facebook. The social networking site quickly gained popularity, and his remarkable talent was widely acknowledged. With more

than 2.9 billion active users, Facebook has grown into the biggest social networking site in the world. He has received praise for his business savvy and for promoting relationships between people all across the world. However, his management of customer privacy issues and his company's participation in the spread of false information has attracted criticism.

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**Text 5**

He is an American entrepreneur and businessman who is the founder, CEO, and president of Amazon.com, Inc., is an American multinational technology company working as an e-commerce, cloud computing, digital streaming, and artificial intelligence. He is also the owner of The Washington Post and Blue Origin, an aerospace company developing rockets. He was born in 1964 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He holds a degree in electrical engineering and computer science from Princeton University. He worked as a financial analyst on Wall Street after graduating from college. He started Amazon.com in his garage in 1994. The company quickly became one of the most successful online retailers in the world. With a net worth of more than \$100 billion in 2017, he got the title of world's richest person. He is famous for his willingness to take risks and innovative business strategies. He is a well-known person in the business world despite the criticism. He is regarded as a visionary leader who has contributed to altering consumers' shopping habits.

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**Text 6**

He is an American business tycoon, philanthropist, author, investor, and investor. He is most recognised for being a co-founder of Microsoft Corporation, the largest manufacturer of software for personal computers in the world. He was growing up in Seattle, Washington, where he was born. At the age of 13, he developed his first computer programme. He started utilising

computers at an early age. He and his friend Paul Allen from childhood co-founded Microsoft in 1975. The largest personal computer software provider in the world is now Microsoft. He left his position as CEO of Microsoft in 2000, but he continued to serve as board chairman until 2014. Since then, he has dedicated himself to charitable work. The charity seeks to advance international development and health. He is also among the most famous persons in the world.

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