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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

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 – FRESHENED-UP FRICK TO REOPEN IN APRIL 2025

Designed by Selldorf Architects, with Beyer Blinder Belle Architects and Planners acting as executive architect, the renovation included the restoration of the mansion's extant first-floor galleries and added new galleries on both the ground and second floors, the latter of which was previously off-limits to the public. "People are going to love being able to go upstairs and see the family rooms," outgoing Frick director Ian Wardropper told the New York Times. Other changes include the removal of the museum's 149-seat oval music room, which has been replaced with the 220-seat Stephen A. Schwarzman Auditorium; the refurbishment of the Frick Art Research Library's reading room; and the addition to the building of multiple entry points.

Wardropper, whose role will be filled by Axel Rüger following his departure this spring, told the Times that in addition to mounting never-before-seen displays of its old masters within the Brutalist surrounds of the Frick Madison, the Frick Collection had loaned out a number of works to other institutions during the closure. Those borrowing works for the first time included the Prado in Spain, London's National Gallery, and Paris's Musée d'Orsay. "We're going to get great loans in return," said Wardropper. The Frick will celebrate its reopening

with a weeklong festival of classical and contemporary music, to take place in late April; a commission by Vladimir Kanevsky of porcelain flowers in tribute to the floral arrangements created for the Frick's 1935 inauguration; and, in late June, an exhibition of the work of iconic Dutch master Johannes Vermeer in the new first-floor galleries, featuring works from its own collection as well as those borrowed from Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum and the National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin.

Text B – WHITNEY TO WELCOME UNDER-25S FREE OF CHARGE THANKS TO MAJOR GIFTS

The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, will waive entry fees for visitors twenty-five and under for three years beginning mid-December 2024, courtesy of a donation of more than \$2 million from artist Julie Mehretu and a gift of an unspecified amount from philanthropist Susan Hess, the Wall Street Journal reports. Mehretu and Hess are both Whitney board members. The news arrives fifteen months after the museum raised its standard admission prices from \$25 to \$30 and its student prices from \$18 to \$24. The price hikes reflected those at a number of arts institutions around the country, many of which cited inflation, rising costs, and stagnant post-pandemic attendance figures as behind the increases. "I did not have access to contemporary art museums as a young adult, and when I moved to New York, I was waiting tables—it was hard to access contemporary art and culture, as it's hard for so many grad students and young people," said Mehretu in a statement. "If you really want to push the discourse and evolve the discourse, many more people need to have access to be able to participate, and this program is a step in the right direction."

The Whitney in recent months launched two programs—Free Friday Nights and Free Second Sundays—meant to draw in visitors of lesser means. According to Hyperallergic, the free programs netted more than 300,000 visitors in the past year, 60 percent of whom identified as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), and many of whom were younger than the typical attendee. Whitney director Scott Rothkopf in a statement noted that the three-year initiative was aimed at making the museum "one of the most accessible large museums in America." said Mehretu, "You can't have any conversations around diversity, equity and inclusion without providing access."

Text C – MAURIZIO CATTELAN'S DUCT-TAPED BANANA EXPECTED TO FETCH \$1 MILLION AT AUCTION

The elongated yellow fruit set tongues wagging at its 2019 Art Basel Miami Beach debut, where it was on offer by Perrotin Gallery for a comparatively paltry \$120,000. The sculpture ultimately had to be removed from view before the fair's end owing to what gallery officials described as "uncontrollable crowd movements." Since then, three editions of *Comedian* have been sold: one to fashion retailer Sarah Andelman; one to Miami-based collectors William and Beatrice Cox, who announced that they planned to donate it to a museum (an edition of the work was subsequently gifted anonymously to the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York); and one to an anonymous collector. Sotheby's has said that the iteration on offer had already been sold privately before being consigned.

The subject of both admiration and derision, *Comedian* has twice been torn off the wall and eaten. Cattelan has said that he did not intend the work as a joke, telling the *Art Newspaper* in 2021 that "it was a sincere commentary and a reflection on what we value." David Galperin, Sotheby's head of contemporary art in the Americas, in a statement affirmed Cattelan's view, saying, "If at its core, *Comedian* questions the very notion of the value of art, then putting the work at auction this November will be the ultimate realization of its essential conceptual idea—the public will finally have a say in deciding its true value."

Text D – PLAN TO OPEN LEONORA CARRINGTON’S HOME AS A MUSEUM IS SCRAPPED

The Mexico City residence of surrealist painter and novelist Leonora Carrington will no longer open to the public as a museum as announced in 2021, but will instead be transformed into a research center, according to Spanish daily El País. The scuttling of the original plan, announced in 2021, is said to hinge on a dispute between the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM), which owns the house, and its workers’ union. Carrington, who is credited with feminizing surrealism, has in the past decade gained tremendous art-world acclaim: Her 1945 canvas *Les distractions de Dagobert* _____ for a record \$28.5 million at auction this past spring. Though the artist was born in England, she lived largely in Mexico City for more than sixty years before her death in 2011. Her son Pablo Weisz Carrington sold her home on Chihuahua Street in the city’s Roma neighborhood to UAM for \$500,000 in 2017, on the condition that it be turned into a museum, loaning the school some 8,000 objects. UAM’s vision for the transformation involved the display of forty-five anthropomorphic sculptures by Carrington, donated by Weisz, and visitor access to her living room, kitchen, and studio.

Rodolfo Pérez, a onetime general secretary of the UAM workers’ union, told El País that school officials had decided to open the house as a research center after refusing to create seventeen jobs at the museum, as requested by the union, and “violating the collective labor agreement.” Yissel Arce Padrón, the general coordinator of outreach at UAM, refuted the notion of a dispute between the school and its unionized workers, explaining that Carrington’s home would become a “documentation center, because the university’s interest is basically investigative.” David Sánchez, director of academic and cultural liaisons at UAM, noted that the project “is more about documentation than about openness to the public, to recover the themes that were important to Leonora Carrington in her work in Mexico.”

Tasks 1-14. (14 points)

Example: Which text includes the information about the opening of the museum will be held as part of a charity event in support of business.

- A
- B
- C
- D
- +None

001. Which text describes the use of another place for the museum’s exposition?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- None

002. Which text describes the use of various activities to increase the stimulation of the influx of visitors to museums?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- None

003. Which text is about the usage of new technologies during the storage of museum exhibits?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- None

004. Which text states that a number of collections were leased by other organizations for the period of closure?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- None

005. Which text criticizes using of this object in the current project exhibition?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- None

006. Which text states that the object will be used in a different way, not only as a previously planned?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- None

007. Which text states that the concept of value is significantly questioned after the exhibit was put on public display?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- None

008. Which text states what led to the change in plans to turn that place into a museum?

- A
- B
- C
- D
- None

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

009.

In Text A, the underlined noun **“refurbishment”** can be best replaced with:

- repair
- retrofit
- restoration
- reinstatement

010.

In Text A, the underlined word “porcelain” means the same as:

china
loam
veil
glass

011.

In Text B, the underlined word “netted” means the same as:

attended
implemented
decreased
exceeded

012.

In Text C, the underlined word “iteration” means the same as:

recurrence
reduplication
looping
tautology

013.

In Text D, the underlined phrase “to hinge on” means the same as:

depend on
embed in
engage with
focus on

014.

In Text D, the best word to complete the gap is:

hammered
fulfilled
executed
developed

Tasks 15-26. (12 points)

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

Caribbean leaders have not (015. _____) in pointing to climate change as the probable cause. Attribution studies, which use computer models (016. _____) the contribution made by global heating to specific weather events, have not yet been carried out, so it is not possible (017. _____). But the greenhouse effect is heating the oceans as well as the air. And warmer seas provide additional energy to tropical storms, making them stronger. Ralph Gonsalves, the prime minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines, said that he hoped the severity of this hurricane, so early in a season that runs from June until November, would alert rich countries to the danger that states like his are facing.

Along with Carla Barnett, the secretary general of the Caribbean Community (Caricom), and Lady Scotland, secretary general of the Commonwealth, Mr Gonsalves (018. _____) the countries that are major emitters of greenhouse gases, both now and historically, to honour their past (019. _____) to these nations. The present, he said, is “a terrible time for small-island developing states”.

Mr Mitchell aims (020. _____) some of the costs of cleaning up Grenada through the country’s catastrophic risk insurance policy. But there is a danger that much of the effort that has gone into helping the islands to recover from the pandemic could now be undone. (021.

_____) countries have been promised \$100bn in climate finance, but in 2019 small-island states had access to only \$1.5bn of that. Mia Mottley, the prime minister of Barbados, has led moves to adjust the terms of international lending in poor countries' favour. The Bridgetown Initiative would ensure debt relief (022. _____) and lower the cost of borrowing; she has also proposed a new funding stream from a global (023. _____) on oil and gas profits. The moral case is unarguable. Mr Gonsalves is right that the climate should have been more prominent in the UK's election, and should feature more strongly in politics across the west. The (024. _____) from Beryl will cost tens of millions of dollars – and that is before rebuilding can begin. Caribbean leaders are right (025. _____) the world's bankers with their calls for better terms. Hurricanes such as Beryl strengthen the case for debts to (026. _____). The countries that bear the least responsibility for global heating must be supported to protect themselves from its worst effects.

015.

held back
concealed
sized limit
kept silent

016.

to calculate
to recompute
to consider
to eliminate

017.

to be precise
to be objective
to be reasonable
to be predictable

018.

urged
prompted
approved
pushed

019.

pledges
confirmation
notifications
guarantees

020.

to recoup
to compensate
to cancel
to enhance

021.

developing
rich
poor
modern

022.

for crisis-hit governments
for increase in the cost of payments
for reduction of social contributions
for reducing the cost of planned expenses

023.

tax
benefit
loan
payment

024.

clean-up
removal
setup
disposal

025.

to challenge
to change
to move
to obey

026.

be written off
be increased
be revised
be reduced

Part 2 English in Use

Tasks 27-36. (20 points)

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.They took advantage of the day-off at work and went to the seaside. (3 words)

most

They _____ of the day-off at work and went to the seaside.

= **made the most**

027. The pool isn't deep enough to swim in.

too

_____ swim in. (4 words)

028. I can't believe you stayed so calm.

temper

I'd _____ if I'd been in your shoes. (4 words)

029. It's possible that he forgot about the task.

might

He _____ about the task. (3 words)

030. It's really against the law to do this, so don't tell anyone.

we

Strictly speaking, _____ this. (5 words)

031. I've been too busy to answer my emails, but I'll do it soon.

round

I haven't _____ my emails yet, but I'll do it soon. (4 words)

032. Because he was injured he couldn't play in the next game.

prevented

His _____ in the next game. (5 words)

033. She always tells you exactly what's on her mind.

mincing

She's _____ her words. (4 words)

034. I'm afraid your appearance will at once tell everyone who you are.

give

I'm afraid your appearance _____ (6 words)

035. Our coach thinks it should be easy for us to win this match.

far

As _____ concerned, it should be easy for us to win this match. (5 words)

036. The boy said that he hadn't done anything wrong.

denied

The boy _____ anything wrong. (3 words)

Tasks 37-41. (10 points)

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.

-Ann invited that Sophia would stay the night.

-Ann told Sophia that she would have to stay the night.

+Ann insisted that Sophia stayed the night.

-Ann said that Sophia mustn't stay the night.

037. "*She can't have failed to come in time?*", he said to me.

He was sure she had come late.

He wanted her to come in time.

He doubted that she had come late.

He doubted that she had come in time.

038. "*You should have called me when you arrived!*", she said.

She insisted that I didn't call her when I arrived.

She suggested that I would call her when I arrived.

She offered me to call her when I arrived.

She reproached me for not having called her when I arrived.

039. *"I was going to tell you about it, really!"*, he exclaimed.
 He promised to tell me about it.
 He offered to tell me about it.
 He didn't tell me about it and then tried to justify himself.
 He agreed to tell me about it.

040. *"You must not tell her about your troubles, her heart is too weak"*, farther said to him.
 Father warned him not to tell her about his troubles.
 Father asked him not to tell her about his troubles.
 Father advised him not to tell her about his troubles.
 Father prohibited him to tell her about his troubles.

041. *"We were to have met with you at 10 p.m. and now it is almost midnight"*, she said to him.
 She said that she had had a meeting at 10 p.m.
 She insisted on meeting him at 10 p.m.
 She reproached him for not coming to the meeting on time.
 She apologized for not coming to meet him at 10 p.m.

Tasks 42-51. (20 points)

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 The film was not bad (A), but I could (B) feel impatience radiating (C) from her and knew she was longing leaving (D). No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- +D
- E

042. After he finished to repair (A) his bike (B), he rid (C) to town (D). No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

043. What is moreover (A), smoking can have harmful effects (B) on non-smokers: they have to breathe in (C) second-hand (D) smoke. No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

044. The (A) Government should stop talking (B) and start doing (C) something about (D) crime.

No error (C)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

045. America (A) has had (B) few geniuses (C) so extraordinary (D) as Edgar Allan Poe. No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

046. When bed-time (A) came everyone (B) said goodnight (C) and went to their (D) room. No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

047. First (A) they agreed (B) but then (C) they changed their mind and refused to come (D). No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

048. They both (A) understood (B) perfectly good (C) how much (D) they had to do. No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

049. Cigarette companies are (A) only interested in (B) making money, as there (C) advertising campaigns are unethical and aimed at (D) teenagers. No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

050. The problem was that all the (A) girls who (B) came to the place (C), said they were (D) princesses. No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

051. In that morning (A) she came on time (B) and was able (C) to finish all her tasks by midday (D). No error (E)

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

Tasks 52-57. (12 points)

Read this passage and match the underlined words in sentences with idioms. There are 6 gaps in the text, but 8 idioms. Two idioms are extra.

- Right, chaps. First of all, I'm delighted to say that our new soft drink is nearly ready to be launched. The boss told me that, as always, the name proved to be (052. _____) the main issue of disagreement. Shane Jennings wanted to call it Fizzo and Jennifer Biles thought Joopy would be a better name. Apparently, they (053. _____) put a lot of effort for weeks without coming to a decision. Anyway, (054. _____) briefly, the board of directors preferred Joopy, so Shane backed down when he realized he was fighting a losing battle and, consequently, it looks like it's going to be called Joopy. Well, you've all had several months to rack your brains for some fresh ideas, so let's put our heads together and decide on the packaging ... Sharon? Would you like to (055. _____) kick off?
- Come on folks! Put your thinking caps on! We don't need the precise details just yet - just (056. _____) the basic points of a concept so we'll have something to start from!
- I've got it! How about a pyramid-shaped green bottle with the name in big orange letters?
- Great! That's innovative! Yes, let's do that!
- Hang on! Listen you lot, the Bango Company has just used that colour scheme on their new product. We're on good terms with them and we don't want to (057. _____) cause any trouble; they could get very upset if our packaging is too similar.
- Oh... I see ... Let's try again then. I think we need to try some "blue-sky thinking".
- Good idea, but let's just keep things simple and ensure our product remains cutting-edge without reinventing the wheel.

052.

Rock the boat
The bare bones
Rack your brains
Start the ball rolling
Scrape the bottom of the barrel
Go round in circles
A real bone of contention
In a nutshell

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Part 3. Cultural Study

Tasks 58-63. (12 points)

Read the following passages (Texts 1-6) and identify the phenomenon each text or extract tells about. Choose the phenomena from the list coming after the texts.

Text 1

“...became the integral part of the world development on default during Britain’s colonial years; a legacy which continues to this day. This has been solidified by the dominance of the Anglosphere in industry and technology throughout the 20th century. Take Sky Speak, pilots have to converse in ...with each other and Air Traffic Control through a standardized system of commands and responses....”

058.

Cheddar cheese
 The Reflecting Telescope
 The World Wide Web
 Burberry Trench
 English
 The Penny Black
 The Steam Engine
 The Flying Shuttle
 The first mass-produced toothbrush
 The full English breakfast
 Floating ballcock (The first flushing toilet)
 Soda water

Text 2

"The ... can trace its roots to the working-class communities of the Industrial Revolution. In the factories and mines, workers needed a substantial ... to fuel their physically demanding labor. All over the world we can find popular ... that started in the poorest social strata. Like the ..., which started with the working class, or the classic Brazilian feijoada, which started with the slaves brought from Africa. The examples are countless."

059.

The Steam Engine
 The first mass-produced toothbrush
 Burberry Trench
 English
 The Flying Shuttle
 Floating ballcock (The first flushing toilet)
 Soda water
 The World Wide Web
 Cheddar cheese
 The Reflecting Telescope
 The full English breakfast
 The Penny Black

Text 3

"The portrait of Queen Victoria was taken from a medal issued in 1838 that marked the first visit of the queen to the City of London the previous year. The medal was the work of William Wyon, chief engraver at the Royal Mint, based on a portrait drawn in 1834 when Princess Victoria was 15."

060.

Cheddar cheese
 Floating ballcock (The first flushing toilet)
 The Penny Black
 Burberry Trench
 The Steam Engine
 The full English breakfast
 The World Wide Web
 English
 The Reflecting Telescope
 The Flying Shuttle
 Soda water
 The first mass-produced toothbrush

Text 4

“... remained in this form until 1780, when a man named William Addis introduced Addis actually designed his ..., which was the first to resemble the modern ..., while in prison. At the time, prisoners were given rags and soot to ..., but Addis was not satisfied with this option. To solve his problem, Addis made some holes in one end of a small animal bone, tied swine hair bristles through the holes, and glued them in place. His ... design was so effective that after he was released from prison, he started a company to produce this product.

061.

The first mass-produced toothbrush

English

The Flying Shuttle

The full English breakfast

Floating ballcock (The first flushing toilet)

The Reflecting Telescope

The Penny Black

The World Wide Web

Soda water

Cheddar cheese

Burberry Trench

The Steam Engine

Text 5

“...Undoubtedly Thomas Crapper’s greatest, most lasting contribution was the work he did in developing and promoting the modern W.C. cistern. He was prompted to turn his attention to this when new regulations came into force following the Government’s Metropolis Water Act of 1871. This piece of legislation had been essential, to clear up a terrible state of confusion. At that time there was not a single authority dealing with the whole of London’s water supply as with the Metropolitan Water Board today. Eight separate water companies had the city divided up into sections and this was a terrible headache for the plumbers, since each local company had its own standards and requirements as regards water installations...”

062.

Burberry Trench

English

The Reflecting Telescope

The World Wide Web

Soda water

Floating ballcock (The first flushing toilet)

The Flying Shuttle

The Steam Engine

Cheddar cheese

The Penny Black

The first mass-produced toothbrush

The full English breakfast

Text 6

“...In some ways, emblematic of the unique moment in history that World War I occupies, when everything – from rigidly held social structures to military organization to fashion – was in upheaval; it is both a product of this time as well as a symbol of it. “It’s the result of the scientific innovation, technology, mass production...”

063.

The Flying Shuttle

The Penny Black

The Steam Engine

The full English breakfast

Cheddar cheese

The first mass-produced toothbrush

Soda water

Floating ballcock (The first flushing toilet)

English

The World Wide Web

The Reflecting Telescope

Burberry Trench