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2023 – 2024 учебный год
8-9 класс
Заключительный этап
Вариант 1.**

Task 1. Listen to the story and answer the questions below. Insert your answers into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET. **Максимум 10 баллов.**

1. Who was the central character in the story and what was he known for?
2. What was the habit of the boy Rohan that hindered his progress?
3. How did Rohan react upon hearing about the arrival of Mr. Gupta in the village?
4. Where was Mr. Gupta found when Rohan approached him for guidance?
5. What did Mr. Gupta use to symbolize the importance of time to Rohan?
6. What were some of the lessons learned by the villagers under the wisdom of Mr. Gupta?
7. How did the village thrive under the influence of Mr. Gupta and Rohan's transformed life?
8. What did the story emphasize about the importance and power of time in shaping destinies?
9. How did Rohan's understanding of time change over the years?
10. What was the ultimate lesson that the story of Rohan and Mr. Gupta conveyed to everyone?

Task 2. Максимум 15 баллов.

- A) Read the text and decode the words in brackets. Insert your answers into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET.

BUSINESS traveller: Socialising while away

When travelling for business there can be a lot of (1-epserrus) to socialise with colleagues and clients. How should you balance work and entertaining, when what you really want to do is fall asleep in front of a film?

You are always working

Etiquette (2-ntuocstlan) William Hanson says that when with customers, you need to remember that you are at work. 'You are an ambassador for your company,' he says. 'If you are trying to secure a contract, you'll need to socialise well, as you and your company may well be judged by how you behave. Good manners mean you have to look interested through dull stories.'

The setting may be a little more informal but there are boundaries you shouldn't cross. Your boss is still your (3-nmrgaae) and clients are still clients.

Make your excuses

If you are with colleagues, and you want to get an early night, that's probably OK. 'Just politely excuse yourself,' says Mr Hanson.

However, he adds, bear in mind that the rest of the group will continue having fun and that you risk being ‘a little bit of an outsider the next morning’.

So find the right balance – if you always go to bed early, you will miss out. With clients, it is a little different. If it is an important contract, you (4-lprbyboa) have to do what they want to do - within reason. Obviously, you shouldn’t do anything illegal.

Follow up

If a client has taken you out for a meal, it is a nice touch to write a thank-you note. Few people expect this – and they will (5-crtyneai) remember you for it.

B) Read the text again. Choose the best option to complete the sentences. Insert your answers (a, b or c) into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET.

1. If you want to leave a social occasion early, you should_____ (a-be pleasant about it/b-get someone to leave with you/c-try to leave without being noticed)
2. If you _____(a -never/b-always/c-occasionally) go to bed early, you probably will not feel a part of the team.
3. When you’re out with important clients, you should _____ (a-pay for everything/b-avoid talking about work/c-try to do what they want to do).
4. When you are joining in with clients, you _____(a-shouldn’t/b-have to c-may) break the law.
5. A handwritten thank-you note for a business meal is _____ (a-too old-fashioned/b-a good idea/c-usually necessary).

Task 3. Write down five nouns with silent consonants. Insert your answers into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET. **Максимум 5 баллов.**

Task 4. Write down five irregular verbs whose 3 forms (infinitive, past and past participle) do not change. Insert all the three forms into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET. **Максимум 5 баллов.**

Task 5. Complete the sentences by changing the words in the box, if necessary. Insert your answers (changed or unchanged words) into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET. **Максимум 12 баллов.**

complain observe length talk (2 times) puzzle

- A) During some public discussion men can be (1)_____ full of (2)_____ comments.
- B) We can make the (3)_____ that women often (4) _____ that their husbands don’t talk to them enough.
- C) When everyone in the room burst into laughter the man who had heartily agreed that his wife was the main (5)_____ in the family, looked (6)_____ and hurt.

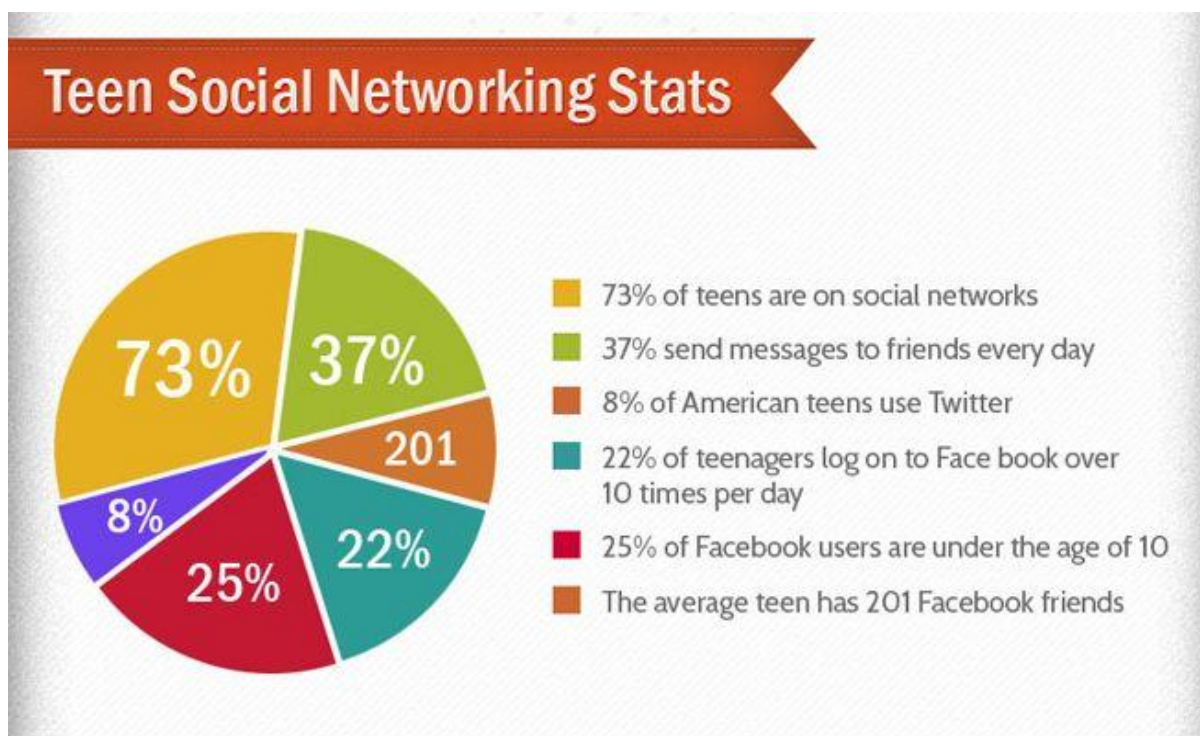
Task 6. Among the ten sentences below there are only two which are correct. Find mistakes in the eight ones and correct them. Insert your versions including the two sentences which did not need any corrections into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET. All the sentences are to be entered in full. **Максимум 10 баллов.**

1. When have you fixed your car?
2. Everybody in our team has taken part in the marathon.
3. I don't know anybody who has won an award for a photograph.
4. Have you ever interviewed a celebrity?
5. Elsa visits her cousin tomorrow.
6. If I passed my exam last week I would be able to go on holiday next week.
7. Can you phone the doctor, please?
8. If I will have to finish revising our report I won't be able to attend the conference tomorrow.
9. Anybody in my family is computer literate.
10. I wish I could speak five languages!

Task 7. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper attached to your ANSWER SHEET. Remember: articles and prepositions are counted as words. If you fail to use the indicated number of words your answer will not be checked. (70-80 words). **Максимум 13 баллов.**

Task 8. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper attached to your ANSWER SHEET. Remember: articles and prepositions are counted as words. If you fail to use the indicated number of words your answer will not be checked. **Максимум 20 баллов.**

A pie chart is provided here showing daily activities for teenagers. Your task is to write an essay in English, in which you will analyze the presented diagram, present your hypotheses and discuss possible reasons for these changes. (150 words)



Task 9. Read the three sentences, guess which word was intended and insert your answers into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET. **Максимум 10 баллов.**

1. _____

- a) It is a place where historical artifacts and works of art are displayed for public viewing.
- b) Visitors often learn about the past and cultural heritage when they visit this type of place.
- c) Curators and historians work to preserve and showcase valuable objects in this establishment.

2. _____

- a) Students sit at it during lessons.
- b) It usually has a flat surface and is designed for writing.
- c) Teachers often assign specific seating arrangements around it.

3. _____

- a) It involves acquiring knowledge and skills to broaden one's understanding of the world.
- b) It is often divided into stages such as primary, secondary and higher.
- c) It is a fundamental building block for personal and social development.

4. _____

- a) It is a way to assess your knowledge and understanding in a particular subject or area.
- b) You usually need a pencil and paper to complete it.
- c) Students often feel nervous and anxious before taking one.

5. _____

- a) It is a task assigned by teachers that you have to complete at home.
- b) Students often complain about having too much work to do after school hours.
- c) It is something you need to finish before the next day of classes begins.

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Вариант 2.

Task 1. Listen to the story and answer the questions below. Insert your answers into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET. **Максимум 10 баллов.**

1. What advice did Mr. Gupta give to Rohan to help him change his ways?
2. How did Rohan begin to change his life based on Mr. Gupta's advice?
3. What positive changes did Rohan notice as a result of his newfound dedication?
4. What realization did Rohan come to about the power of time as he grew older?
5. How was Rohan honored by his village as he grew old?
6. What was the impact of Rohan's story on the younger generation?
7. Who played a pivotal role in the transformation of the village according to the text?
8. What was the key message that Rohan shared with the younger generation?
9. In what way did Rohan's story inspire countless individuals?
10. How did people start to perceive the concept of time as a result of Rohan's story?

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Foxconn looks to a robotic future

Foxconn, one of the world's largest electronics manufacturers, is planning to have as many robots as workers in its China factories within three years, according to Terry Gou, chairman and chief executive.

Foxconn, China's biggest employer, produces Apple's iPad and other electronic gadgets. The group (1-crtrtueyn) employs 1 million workers, but has just 10,000 robots on its (2-ntcdprouio) lines.

Mr Gou continued the company's plans at a Foxconn business meeting late last week in Shenzhen, a coastal manufacturing centre in southern China. According to people who attended the business meeting, the chief executive said the group would have up to 300,000 robots next year and 1 million two years from now, highlighting the drastic changes China-based manufacturers are making as (3-cnmpottoeiiio) for labour increases.

'This is part of a broad automation push among China-based manufacturers,' said Alvin Kwok, head of hardware technology (4-srrhceea) at JP Morgan. 'It signals that the cost of labour is no longer lower than the cost of capital.' Salaries for migrant workers, the main part of Foxconn's China workforce, rose 30-40 per cent last year. And that trend is continuing.

Foxconn says it wants employees to move 'higher up the value chain beyond basic manufacturing work.'

Many local governments are hoping that Foxconn will (5-rtceea) large-scale employment in their backyards, and the group is building several large new factories in inland cities where labour costs are lower.

Analysts, however, believe the group's automation plans are an important part of its expansion strategy.

B) Read the text again. Choose the best option to complete the sentences. Insert your answers (a, b or c) into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET.

1. Using robots in a factory is an example of _____ (a-marketing/b-distribution/c-automation).
2. The Foxconn group now has _____ (a-10,000/b-1 million/c-300,000) robots.
3. Manufacturing companies in China are _____ (a-moving overseas/b-failing/c-changing) because workers' salaries are increasing.
4. _____ (a-few/b-most/c-all) Chinese manufacturing companies are increasing automation.
5. Foxconn is building factories _____ (a-in the central part/b-outside/c-near the borders) of China.

Task 3. Write down three adverbs which have the same form as corresponding adjectives. Insert your answers into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET. **Максимум 5 баллов.**

Task 4. Write down seven adjectives with silent consonants. Insert your answers into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET. **Максимум 5 баллов.**

Программа выставления баллов в заданиях 3 и 4 допускает внесения 5 баллов (чтобы было одинаково с 1 вариантом), поэтому, если в задании 4 все 7 ответов верные, то 2 балла добавляются в задание 3.

Task 5. Complete the sentences by changing the words in the box, if necessary. Insert your answers (changed or unchanged words) into appropriate lines in your ANSWER SHEET. **Максимум 12 баллов.**

child know similar social independent establish

- A) For most women the language of conversation is a way of (1 _____) connections. Emphasis is placed on (2 _____) and matching experiences. From (3 _____) girls sometimes criticise peers who try to stand out.
- B) For men talk is a means to preserve (4 _____) and maintain status in the (5 _____). They do it by demonstrating (6 _____) and skill.

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1. When have you seen this film?
2. I don't communicate with nobody who is too pessimistic.
3. Everybody in our company are eager to participate in this discussion.
4. Has your team played football this week?
5. Laura doesn't play tennis, so she will take part in a tennis tournament.
6. I had read an interesting book which I bought last week.
7. Do we have something for a barbecue party?
8. They finished editing this text two hours ago.
9. Can you write your business partner a thank-you note?
10. You should put up your jacket, it's cold and windy today.

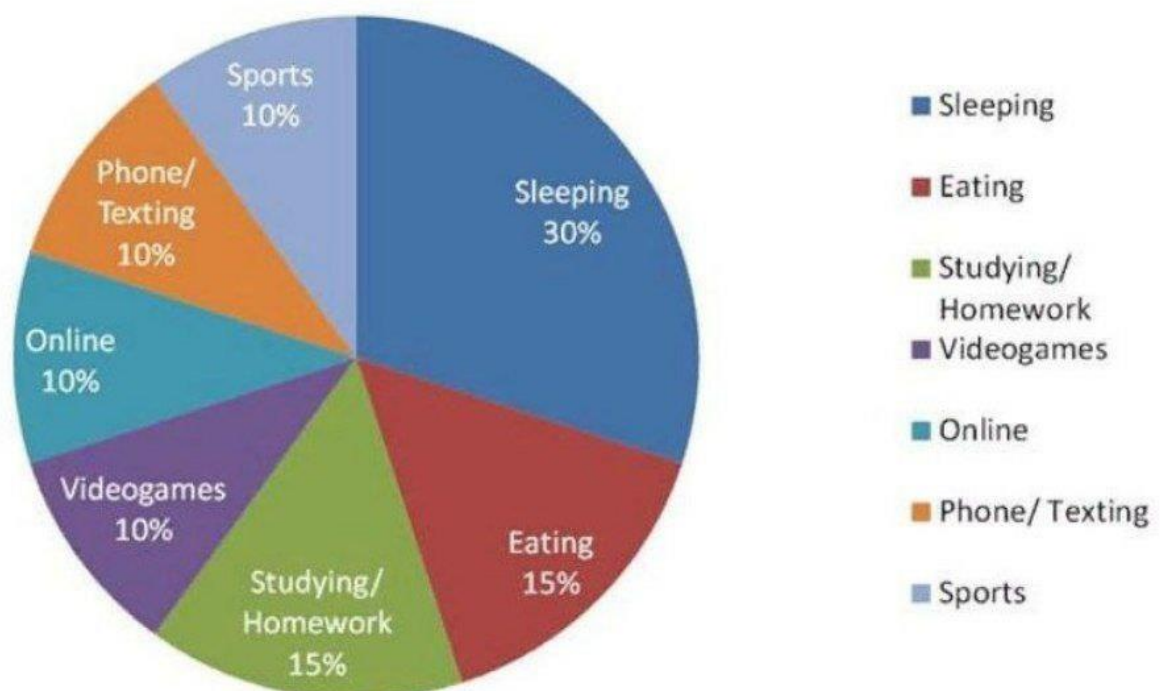
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Daily Activities for Teenagers



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- a) This typically reflects the quality of one's performance at work.
- b) It can range from positive to negative serving as feedback on achievements.
- c) Teachers and employers often use it to communicate an individual's progress and competence in a particular area.

2. _____

- a) This is the place where people gather to consume meal and socialise.
- b) It often contains tables and chairs arranged for communal dining.
- c) In schools or workplaces, it's where individuals go to eat and take a break from their activities.

3. _____

- a) It's a common accessory for carrying books and other essential items.
- b) Students often use it to transport their educational materials between classes.
- c) To keep their important papers and tools organised and easily accessible.

4. _____

- a) Students eagerly anticipate this schedule break from their classes.
- b) It allows for a brief pause in the day's activities providing a chance to relax and recharge.
- c) It typically occurs mid-morning or mid-afternoon signaling a shift in the daily routine.

5. _____

- a) It's a task or activity aimed at improving a specific skill or ability.
- b) People often engage in it regularly to maintain physical or mental fitness.
- c) It can be a part of a routine offering practice and development in a particular area.