

**ГЕРЦЕНОВСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ
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ОБРАЦЫ ЗАДАНИЙ ДЛЯ ЗАКЛЮЧИТЕЛЬНОГО ТУРА

➤ **Интегрированный конкурс понимания устной и письменной речи (Аудирование + Чтение)**

Прслушайте аудиозапись³ и выполните задания.

1. *What is the main topic of the text?*
 - A. The historical origins of Received Pronunciation, issues of correctness and purism.
 - B. Recent and ongoing historical corpus projects documenting Received Pronunciation.
 - C. A sociolinguistically focused overview of the history of Received Pronunciation.
2. *Define the podcast format that this recording best represents.*
 - A. A narrative fiction podcast
 - B. An explainer podcast
 - C. A deep dive podcast
3. *Choose 5 out of 8 words and phrases that can be used as hashtags to search for this podcast online. Arrange your answers ALPHABETICALLY.*

I. Accent of authority	J. Broadcast speech
K. Dialect and slang	L. Distinctive features
M. Social class indicator	N. Standard British accent
O. Teaching pronunciation	P. Updating Received Pronunciation
4. *True or false? Choose the best answer.*

According to David Crystal, the development of Received Pronunciation in British society is closely linked to the rise of accent as a social signifier.

A. True	B. False
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5. *True or false? Choose the best answer.*

According to David Crystal, in the 1920s the dissemination of RP was to become even wider with the introduction of sound broadcasting.

A. True	B. False
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Прслушайте аудиозапись еще раз, прочитайте текст⁴ и определите

³ Adapted from Paul Meier's *In a Manner of Speaking*. Episode 22

⁴ Adapted from *The Cockneyfication of R. P.?* by John C. Wells, University College London

те, имеет ли данное утверждение отношение к их содержанию.

6. *Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D).*

In the course of the 19th century British public school system indirectly influenced the promotion of Received Pronunciation as the most prestigious spoken variety.

- A. means that the idea is expressed both in the listening and the reading passage
- B. means that the idea is expressed in the reading passage only
- C. means that the idea is expressed in the listening passage only
- D. means that the idea is expressed neither in the listening nor in the reading passage

More than a century ago, Daniel Jones, the great describer and codifier of the Received Pronunciation (RP) of English, was ten years old. He was born in 1881, so by 1891 we may assume that his own pronunciation (on which he doubtless based his description) was fixed in its essentials. Insofar as teachers of English Phonetics or English as a Foreign Language base their teaching on Jones's classic works, they are operating with a model that is now a hundred years out of date. In practice, of course, those who are in contact with current English as now spoken have modified Jones's model, consciously or unconsciously, in this or that detail. A number of recent articles have attempted to list the phonetic changes that have taken place in RP since Jones's day. Recognition that changes have occurred is attested by the often-heard assertion that 'no-one speaks RP any more'. While this is true in the sense that no-one speaks Jonesian RP, it is only to be expected in view of the facts that Jones's generation are by now all dead and that languages change. It is more helpful, and more accurate, to say that RP is still alive as ever, but that it has undergone various changes.

➤ **Конкурс понимания письменного текста (Чтение)**

Прочитайте текст⁵ и выполните задания к нему.

Bullying isn't a new problem for parents and young people, but the Internet has morphed it into something that is much more difficult to deal with. The bullying that used to take place in schoolyards is now finding its way into private message inboxes, social media groups, and virtual life as well. There are many different types of bullying but in this article we'll be going through cyberbullying.

Young people are online now more than ever, and it's been shown that online bullying is just as harmful as traditional bullying. Victims suffer learning difficulties, anxiety, and depression. Combine that with the fact that most par-

⁵ <https://www.jonnyshannon.com/blog/cyberbullying-how-to...safe>

ents are in the dark about their kids' activity online and how to prevent cyberbullying, and you can start to see how big this problem is.

The psychological toll that cyberbullying can take on an affected student can be seen in their tainted school experience. One large-scale study found that 64% of online bullying victims say it "really affected their ability to learn and feel safe at school". Victims of cyberbullying often have impaired academic skills and social development because of having their mind occupied by fear and anxiety. To have such an event take place during the crucial developmental years in a young person's life, can become an unwarranted hurdle with a long-term impression. That's one in every three cyberbullying victims developing what can become a lifelong disorder, as most cases of anxiety and depression found within adults are often developed within childhood/adolescent years.

7. *Choose an appropriate headline for this article.*
 - A. Cyberbullying
 - B. Influence of Cyberbullying on Students' Lives
 - C. Bulling Differs
8. *Choose the section of a newspaper/magazine where you could find this article.*
 - A. Opinion Columns
 - B. Editorials
 - C. Classifieds
9. *Choose 5 out of 8 words and phrases that can be used as hashtags to search for this article online. Arrange your answers ALPHABETICALLY.*

A. Bulling	B. Cyberbullying
C. Victims	D. Victims of cyberbullying
E. Online bullying	F. Lifelong disorder
G. Kids' activity online	H. Bullying survey
10. *True or false? Choose the best answer.*

Online harassment causes an undue obstacle for its sufferers to become confident in the future having made them feel disquiet at school.

A. True	B. False
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11. *True or false? Choose the best answer.*

The computer network is considered to be a reason for the increase in parents' awareness of their children's bullying.

A. True	B. False
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12. *What does the author mean saying, "The psychological toll that cyberbullying can take on an affected student can be seen in their tainted school experience".*
 - A. Those studying poorly are bullied.
 - B. The cyberbullying influence on the development of a troubled student's personality is likely to be detected by his/her modest academic achievements.

C. There is an opportunity to reveal the consequences of cyberbullying by analyzing students' academic backgrounds.

13. Find equivalents from the text you have read to the word below. Write from one to three words in their infinitive forms, without particle "to". Mind spacing.

To gradually change, or change someone or something, from one thing to another.

14. Find equivalents from the text you have read to the word below. Write from one to three words in their infinitive forms, without particle "to". Mind spacing.

To experience something, especially something unpleasant or difficult.

15. Find equivalents from the text you have read to the word below. Write from one to three words in their infinitive forms, without articles. Mind spacing.

The total number of bad things or amount of damage that happens as a result of something.

16. Find equivalents from the text you have read to the word below. Write from one to three words in their infinitive forms, without articles. Mind spacing.

A problem that you have to deal with before you can make progress.

17. Find examples of the grammatical form from the text you have read. Write from one to five words. Mind spacing.

One simple passive infinitive. Write the form of simple passive infinitive without the subject.

18. Find examples of the grammatical form from the text you have read. Write from one to five words. Mind spacing.

One gerund in its simple form. Write the form of gerund with the preposition preceding it.

19. Find examples of the grammatical form from the text you have read. Write from one to five words. Mind spacing.

One verb in a perfect passive form. Write down one verb in a perfect passive form (full or short) with the subject.

➤ Конкурс на знание грамматики

Преобразуйте выделенную часть предложения в соответствии с указанием, содержащемся в скобках.

20. We went to the jeweller's together to shop for wedding rings. They had some lovely rings that we could try on. (*for-to infinitive construction*) /..... and we picked the ones we both liked.

21. This old rotary phone isn't working properly. Why don't you replace it. (*subjunctive mood after the expression "Isn't it time"*) /..... with something more modern?

22. They say he was looking for. (*subjunctive infinitive construction*) /..... a new vocalist for his band.
23. The social media consultant would have lost her job but for your helping her out. (*conditional clause*)
24. The column read: “I made a mistake last week. I’d like to explain myself. (*objective-with-the-infinitive construction after the verb “to let”*) /..... and give my public apologies to anyone I might have hurt.”
25. On the one hand, I am sorry he wasn’t given. (*subjunctive mood after the verb “to wish”*) /..... more time onstage. He is a wonderful actor.
26. He explained that nothing would be regarded as authoritative unless published. (*conditional clause*) /..... by a recognised medical institution.
27. I suspected that my neighbours had been poisoning. (*gerund*) /..... my trees for years.
28. As long as I know my package will be replaced if stolen. (*conditional clause*) /..... , I don’t care what happens to the thief.
29. “Well, this has been fascinating,” the inspector acknowledged. Then he asked her, “Why have you been keeping all this from us?” (*reported speech*)

➤ **Конкурс на знание лексики и страноведения**

Прочитайте текст⁶. Заполните пропуски одним словом, подходящим по смыслу и грамматически.

National parks like the Grand (30) _____ in Arizona, Yellowstone, and Acadia provide the closest thing Americans have to experiencing unbridled nature. They also represent the decision not to harm the environment in these special places, by cutting (31) _____ the forest, mining (32) _____ minerals or hunting wildlife. Over time, the understanding of what is the right thing to do has grown. One of those right things is not to provide single-use plastics in national parks. Plastic (33) _____ does not belong in these special places. Yet single-use plastic products are being sold and distributed in national parks. Plastic is now found everywhere – not just in neighbourhood’s streets or along coastlines but also in unexpected places: in Arctic sea ice, in the deepest part of the ocean, and in the rain falling on national parks.

Plastic is made to (34) _____ forever, despite much of it being used for only a moment before it’s (35) _____ away. So, all the plastic in our environment will probably exist far longer than America’s earliest national park, Yellowstone, which celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2022. No part of our world deserves to be (36) _____ with plastic, but national parks are one of the most unsuitable places for a problem that has grown (37) _____ one of the planet’s top environmental threats. (38) _____ to a recent Oceana poll, 82% of Ameri-

⁶ <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/may/03/why-are-american-national-parks-filled-with-plastic>

can voters would support a decision by the National Park Service to stop selling and distributing single-use plastic at national parks.

Plastic is an eyesore for visitors but it's also a threat to the wildlife in the parks. Everything from birds and bears to sea turtles and manatees can swallow or become entangled in single-use plastic. Over time, plastic breaks up into smaller pieces that can end (39) _____ in the air we breathe and the water we drink.

➤ **Конкурс письменной речи (Письмо)**

Выберите одну из двух тем и напишите эссе объёмом в 200-250 слов.

1. Volunteering is the act of contributing free labour to conduct community service or support a non-profit organization. According to the research released by the British Heart Foundation, generation Z is more likely to have volunteered than any other age group. Nearly half of Gen Z has volunteered, and almost 25% say they are currently serving. Do you agree that volunteering is important for teenagers? What benefits does it have? Justify your point of view and give examples.
2. The question of what to do after finishing school is considered to be profoundly important for every teenager nowadays. Some teens think that going to universities is the best way to start a career and gain success in the future while others do not find it obligatory. What is your opinion on this issue? Justify your point of view and give examples.