



International English Olympiad  
“Formula of Unity” / “The Third Millennium”  
Year 2023/2024. Qualifying round  
**Tasks for grades R5 –R6**



The last day to send your answers is **November 13**.

All the information about the Olympiad and the instruction for participants: <https://www.formulo.org/ru/olymp/2023-lang-ru/>  
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In the answer field you need to enter each item from the answer options separated by a semicolon, in the form “1A;2B;3C”

**1. Fill in the gaps with one of the given words.**

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| 1) I was shocked when a big brown snake _____ on the path in front of us.                                       | A) hard     |
| 2) We were neighbors and _____ the flat.  | B) in       |
| 3) We arrived safely _____ Berlin.  | C) hardly   |
| 4) I arrived _____ the station and had breakfast in the nearest cafe.   | D) at       |
| 5) This lesson _____ many tests and exercises.  | E) appeared |
| 6) Don't forget that the performance starts at 10. It's better to be there _____ time.<br>Don't come too early. | F) of       |
| 7) Don't you know? Amy _____ Moscow State University!   | G) on       |
| 8) I will _____ do it. I don't feel good.   | H) entered  |
| 9) My father worked _____ to buy this car.  | I) shared   |
| 10) Around 25% _____ the population of the city are children.   | J) included |

**2. Answer the questions about an extract from “The Beauty and the Beast” by Madame Leprince de Beaumont.**

THERE WAS ONCE a very rich merchant who had three daughters; being a man of sense, he spared no cost for their education. His daughters grew to be very beautiful, especially the youngest, who was called Beauty, a special name that made her sisters very jealous of her.

The two eldest had a great deal of pride because they were rich. They gave themselves ridiculous airs, and would not visit other merchants' daughters, nor keep company with any but persons of quality. They went out every day to parties, balls, plays, concerts, and so forth, and they laughed at their youngest sister, because she spent the greatest part of her time in reading good books.

Suddenly, all at once the merchant lost his whole fortune, accepting a small country house at a great distance from town, and told his children with tears in his eyes that they must go there and work for their living. The two eldest answered that they would never have to leave the town, for they had several prominent merchants who they were sure would be glad to have them, though they had no fortune. But the good ladies were mistaken, for their lovers slighted and forsook them in their poverty. As they were not liked on account of their pride, everybody said; they do not deserve to be pitied, we are very glad to see their pride humbled, let them go and give themselves quality airs in milking the cows and minding their dairy. But, added they, we are extremely concerned for Beauty, she is such a charming, sweet-tempered creature who speaks so kindly to poor people and has such a friendly, gracious nature.

When they came to their country house, the merchant applied himself to farming and Beauty rose at four in the morning. Before the others stirred, she made haste to clean the house and prepare breakfast for the family. In the beginning she found it very difficult, for she had not been used to work as a servant, but in less than two months she grew stronger and healthier than ever. After she had done her work, she read, played on the harpsichord, or else sung while she spun yarn.

On the contrary, her two sisters did not know how to spend their time. They got up at ten and did nothing but saunter about the whole day, lamenting the loss of their fine clothes and acquaintance. "Do but see our youngest sister," they snickered, one to the other, "how well she's suited to a life of menial labor."

The family had lived about a year in the country house when the merchant received a letter with an account that a ship he thought had been lost at sea, that held on board dozens of bolts of cloth and silks he had purchased, had in fact safely arrived. The family rejoiced in the turn of their fortune. When the two eldest daughters saw their father ready to set out, one begged of him to buy her a new necklace of gems, and the other a thick golden chain, but Beauty asked only for a rose.

The good man set off on his journey. But when he came there, oh such problems there were over who properly owned the ship and the merchandise on board, and after a great deal of trouble and pains to no purpose, he came back as poor as before, especially after he bought the fine new necklace and gold chain he promised to his two older daughters. Thinking he might come upon a rosebush to satisfy the wish of his youngest daughter, he led his horse

deep into the woods. As the sun set and the wind began to howl, the poor man realized he was hopelessly lost. What's more, with the rain and the snow he knew he might well starve to death with cold or hunger, or be devoured by the wolves, whom he heard howling all round him. Then in an instant, looking through a long walk of trees, he saw a light at some distance. Going on a little farther, he noticed it came from a place lit with candles from top to bottom.

- 1) Father thought that education was important for his daughters.  
A) True B) False C) Not stated
- 2) Two eldest daughters didn't support father's decision to move to another place because they didn't like the house.  
A) True B) False C) Not stated
- 3) The youngest daughter worked hard in the house.  
A) True B) False C) Not stated
- 4) Father was afraid of a new trip.  
A) True B) False C) Not stated
- 5) Father didn't buy everything he promised.  
A) True B) False C) Not stated

**3. Unscramble the words and write them. All of them are connected with traveling. You can use every letter only ONE time.**

- 1) nitaeitdsno
- 2) pagmcin
- 3) ocatvian
- 4) ptsarpso
- 5) ngcaey

**4. There are 10 beginnings of small dialogues. Complete them. Choose the best answer for each situation from the list.**

- 1) — The Smiths are so poor.  
— Yes, they \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - 2) — My brother found a new job.  
— It's \_\_\_\_\_ . I'm so happy!
  - 3) — I am so tired and sleepy today.  
— It's normal \_\_\_\_\_ . It's too rainy and cold.
  - 4) — Did you hear that Lena and Nick quarreled?  
— It's \_\_\_\_\_ . Don't ask me.
  - 5) — Mira won the Maths competition.  
— I knew that! She's \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - 6) — Are you listening to me?  
— Yes, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - 7) — It's the dress I bought last week. Does it \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
— Not really. I don't remember.
  - 8) — I will have a difficult lesson today! I am so worried!  
— \_\_\_\_\_ ! I think that you will get the best mark.
  - 9) — I don't understand my sister. She likes strange books.  
— You are right, your sister and you are \_\_\_\_\_ . She doesn't understand you, too.
  - 10) — Did you do your homework?  
— Yes, of course. It was \_\_\_\_\_ . I didn't spend much time on it.
- A) To be under the weather
  - B) Ring a bell
  - C) Make ends meet
  - D) Break a leg
  - E) Not my cup of tea
  - F) Music to my ears
  - G) A piece of cake
  - H) A smart cookie
  - I) All ears
  - J) Like chalk and cheese

**5. Complete the sentences with ONE missing word.**

- 1) I'm good \_\_\_\_\_ maths. I think I'm the best in my class.
- 2) This city \_\_\_\_\_ famous for its architecture nowadays.
- 3) Do you know what river is \_\_\_\_\_ longest in our country?
- 4) You have \_\_\_\_\_ do your homework. I know that you don't like it.
- 5) Maria and Peter are good friends, they like each \_\_\_\_\_ .

**6. You have to reflect on the quotation and give your opinion about it (150–200 words, articles and contractions are counted as ONE word each).**

«Fall seven times and stand up eight». (Japanese Proverb)

**Don't forget to write:**

- your explanation of the idea,
- arguments,
- examples (1-2),
- your personal opinion.