



International English Olympiad  
“Formula of Unity” / “The Third Millennium”  
Year 2024/2025. Qualifying round  
**Tasks for grades R7–R9**



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/2024-lang-ru/>  
and <https://www.formulo.org/en/olymp/2024-lang-en/>

**1. (10 points) Fill in the gaps with one of the given words.**

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| 1) The flight was delayed _____ the bad weather.                            | A) in a nutshell |
| 2) He rescheduled the meeting _____ them.                                   | B) because of    |
| 3) He is believed to have refused the offer _____ he found another partner. | C) unlike        |
| 4) _____ he felt dizzy, he continued working on the research.               | D) due to        |
| 5) You seem to hate the film. It has only positive reviews, _____ !         | E) then          |
| 6) _____ the first one, the second participant was more successful.         | F) although      |
| 7) He opened the door, came in and _____ opened the book.                   | G) because       |
| 8) You've managed to finish the task on time, _____ Mike. Well done, guys!  | H) consequently  |
| 9) Mary didn't make any conclusions, _____ he's made even more mistakes.    | I) as well as    |
| 10) I don't have any time to explain. _____ , it was a fail!                | J) though        |

**2. (5 points) Answer the questions about the article from «6 Reasons Why Traveling Abroad is Important for Young People» by Hannah Peterson.**

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**6 Reasons Why Traveling Abroad is Important for Young People**

In high school and college it is likely that you will receive some kind of encouragement to travel, study or work abroad. It may seem like you have a lot going on so you don't seriously consider these opportunities or maybe you write them off since you plan on traveling later in life. I would encourage traveling at any age, but the earlier you can learn the lessons travel teaches the better. When you are young, you are still finding yourself and preparing for your school and career. The skills and experience you gain from traveling abroad can give you life-long personal benefits as well as a leg up in the professional world. In high school and college you have the luxury of having flexibility since you can study anywhere in the world and have relatively long study breaks. It is a prime time to take advantage of your freedom and youth.

**Top 6 reasons to travel abroad while you are young:**

**1. You'll Get Out of Your Comfort Zone**

As young people most of us have a pretty established comfort zone. At home with mom and dad, in a community that has known you for probably a good part of your life. You have your established, friends, activities, hangouts and possibly jobs. We become comfortable in these daily roles and the idea of breaking out them can be scary and uncomfortable. The problem is, you learn the most in uncomfortable, unfamiliar situations. In our daily routines, you know how to act and respond to people and your surroundings. Being in a new place, with different people, who hold different values and go about life differently (or not so differently you may find) strips all that familiarity away. It can be scary, but once you figure out that you can connect with people despite differences, and you can navigate foreign environments, you become a smarter, more competent individual. Embrace the discomfort. Search for it, because it is helping you grow.

**2. Traveling Builds Confidence**

As you conquer the obstacles of figuring out how to use public transit in a foreign country, or asking for simple things in a grocery store, you are building a confidence and ability to adapt in foreign situations. I remember moving to a country where I spoke little to none of the language. When I returned home, I moved across the country to a state where I had no family, friends or connections. The prospect of that move may have intimidated me before living abroad, but then I thought to myself, 'Well, if I can do it abroad in a completely foreign system, I will be just fine in a place where I at least share the language.' You realize that you CAN do things, despite the obstacles and suddenly the obstacles seem less obstructive and more like welcomed challenges.

**3. You Will Develop Cultural Sensitivity**

Being culturally sensitive is key in our globalizing world. It is not enough to say "people from X country are like this." It is important to look for underlying values that may explain a certain behavior in order to practice cultural sensitivity. A good example is when I was in Spain (especially in the south), where they take a 2-3 hour siesta and lunch in the middle of their work day. Many people view this cultural norm as the people just being lazy when it really has a lot more

to do with the fact that historically Spaniards value family face time. Eating together as a family is more important to them than maximizing work time by scarfing a sandwich down at their desks. Being aware of cultural values and norms is not only fascinating, but can help us understand international issues and conflicts, or even relate to the cultural norms of a foreign business partner. It is an important skill to be able to shift perspectives and see where someone else is coming from. Cultural sensitivity will help you with your communication on both business and personal levels.

#### 4. You Can Adapt to Globalization

Whether you like it or not, with the internet and social media, we are globalizing quickly. It is not unlikely that you would end up with a job that has you travel for business or take part in conference calls with international business partners. In our globalizing world it is important to be culturally sensitive and it can't hurt to know a foreign language. In the business world, having lived abroad can give you a competitive edge. Use the confidence and cultural sensitivity that traveling helps you develop and help it make you successful.

#### 5. Be Immersed in a Second (or Third) Language

Before I lived abroad I never truly understood the beauty of becoming fluent or even proficient in another language. In the United States we don't need to know another language, or many would argue that. Once you travel abroad you realize that especially in Europe, almost everyone you meet speaks at least two languages somewhat proficiently. We in the States have a bit of a disadvantage since geographically we cannot country-hop as easily as Europeans can. This is why traveling, especially for us, is even more important. I would argue that in the globalizing world it really can only benefit you to speak another language. Not to mention, it opens up a whole new world of people you can now connect with and understand that you would never have gotten the chance to get to know had you never learned their language. Living abroad is really the best way to learn a new language since you are forced to challenge and practice your skills on a daily basis.

#### 6. Infinite Opportunities to Network

I have studied and worked abroad and made some incredibly valuable connections. If you are interested in working internationally or even just having a couch to stay on in a country that you love, never underestimate the value of networking wherever you go. One thing I have learned in my time abroad is that people are generally very friendly and love to talk about their home and culture. This is not always the case, but more than often it is. Making friendships abroad can make this big world seem a little smaller and help you feel more connected wherever you go. The best advice I can give is to meet as many people on your travels as you can. It will definitely make your time abroad more enjoyable since the locals know best! Plus you never know when these connections will come in handy in the future whether visiting each other for fun or otherwise.

- 1) While traveling you escape your everyday chores and broaden your worldview.  
A) True                                      B) False                                      C) Not stated
- 2) Traveling influences your self-esteem.  
A) True                                      B) False                                      C) Not stated
- 3) The author shares only positive examples of her personal experience.  
A) True                                      B) False                                      C) Not stated
- 4) It's easier for Europeans to travel around the USA than for American people.  
A) True                                      B) False                                      C) Not stated
- 5) You may have better job prospects if you travel or live abroad.  
A) True                                      B) False                                      C) Not stated

**3. (5 points) Unscramble the words and write them. All of them are connected with nature and ecology. You can use every letter only ONE time.**

- 1) raenedegnd
- 2) sienaupnl
- 3) lgwittih
- 4) ehmdotntrrus
- 5) imosesnis

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

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- 1) — Do we have to work together? Is it obligatory?  
— Sure, choose a partner. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2) — Oh, you're smiling! Actually, you're \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3) — Have you seen a new student?  
— Yep, he is a \_\_\_\_\_ .

- 4) — Are you going to the party?  
— Why are you asking? Of course! I'm going to be \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5) — Have you decided anything?  
— Nope, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 6) — Why are you \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
— I'm tidying up.
- 7) — Do you know anything about him?  
— Yes, just some personal information: his name and job. Oh, and he is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 8) — Your bag looks... ancient.  
— It's vintage. Leather bags are \_\_\_\_\_ . Everyone has them.
- 9) — What are you thinking about?  
— I'm sure, I've just \_\_\_\_\_ . He's cheated!
- 10) — Do you need any break?  
— Why not? Can we \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- A) twentysomething  
B) put two and two together  
C) dressed up to the nines  
D) on all fours  
E) ten a penny  
F) it takes two to tango  
G) ten  
H) of two minds  
I) like a dog with two tales  
J) take five

**5. (5 points) Complete the sentences with ONE missing word.**

- The broadcaster «\_\_\_\_\_ Broadcasting Corporation» is the oldest in the world and it doesn't broadcast adverts.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Revolution, that had its roots in Great Britain, has changed the whole world and launched the improvement of producing methods.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is located in Wiltshire and attracts a lot of tourists being one of the earliest prehistoric monuments in Europe.
- S. \_\_\_\_\_ , the author of «A Brief History of Time» was born in Oxford.
- «Jane Eyre» is devoted to a story of a beautiful orphan who falls in love with a rich mysterious man, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ .

**6. (15 points) You are a specialist in commercial and have to write a speech to present a new invention on TV to the audience. Look at the picture of the invention and make a text. Write 150–200 words, articles and contractions are counted as ONE word each.**



**Don't forget to write:**

- the name of the invention,
- characteristics and price,
- its functions,
- why people should buy it.