

PART 1. READING COMPREHENSION. Maximum: 20 points.

TASK 1.1. Read the text and answer the questions (1-10). Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Hundred Plays

Over two thousand years ago, Chinese farmers had a problem. Even though they were very industrious, the weather became too cold outside to plant rice. So what did they do? Since they had so much free time during the long, cold winters, the inventive farmers were very resourceful and started performing tricks to entertain themselves. They used their farm tools and anything they could find to make their tricks more spectacular and full of energy. They even twisted their bodies into abnormal shapes and performed awesome jumps. Over time, they became great acrobats, and their art form came to be known as “Hundred Plays”.

Hundred Plays involves doing many kinds of tricks. For example, in Mandarin-speaking parts of China, performers do the lion dance. They wear costumes and mimic the animal’s movements. Early performers also did tricks on ropes and vines that were high above the ground.

Even though the acrobats’ fluid movements may have looked easy, they took a lot of practice and required great technical skill.

Learning Hundred Plays is a communal event. A veteran of the acrobatic arts usually teaches young people in the village. They spend a lot of time rehearsing. The young performers also learn an old philosophy. The teachings help them harmonize the sensory aspects of acrobatics with the mental aspects. In other words, it teaches them to use their physical and mental strength together.

Since the art has its origin with poor farmers, rich people used to scorn the acrobats. They thought acrobats were villains, who just wanted to trick them. But later, their misguided opinions changed. Acrobats came to be respected in Chinese society. They were invited to perform in metropolitan areas as well as in small villages, and they performed for important people. Arts support groups convinced the government to support Chinese acrobatics. As a result, there is now a law that made several villages the center of training future acrobats.

1. The Chinese farmers became great acrobats while planting crops like rice. TRUE/FALSE
2. The farmers created special tools for their tricks. TRUE/FALSE
3. The version of the lion dance in Mandarin-speaking areas involves performers copying the movements of the lion. TRUE/FALSE
4. Modern acrobats perform the lion dance only on the ground. TRUE/FALSE
5. Chinese acrobats gain their fluid motions by rehearsing often. TRUE/FALSE
6. The art form of Hundred Plays harmonizes the sensory and mental aspect of acrobatics. TRUE/FALSE
7. Support groups worked to get a law that would protect acrobats from being scorned. TRUE/FALSE
8. Which word in the text describes acrobats as cheaters? _____

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9. Which word in the text means “an old experienced performer”? _____

10. Which word in the text means “smooth and slow”? _____

Task 1.2. Read the text and complete each gap (11-20) with a phrase (A-M). There are three phrases that you do not need. Write your answers on the answer sheet.

THE BOY WHO SAVED THE TOWN

Marcus lived in a small suburb near the sea. He was a stubborn boy, and he only (11) _____. His father worked as a chemist for a large institution and wanted Marcus to get a job there. Instead, the boy (12) _____. Every morning, he took dairy products to the grocers.

One day, Marcus was jogging down the street that (13) _____ of the town with a gallon of milk to give to the merchant. He didn't want to be late. He ran down a path beside the large canal. A wall there (14) _____ coming into the town during high tide. But Marcus saw a small hole in the wall. Marcus knew that if the wall broke, it (15) _____.

At first, he hesitated. He had to choose between (16) _____ and helping the town. There was only (17) _____ the town. It seemed crazy to him, but it was the only thing he could do. He poked his finger into the hole. This (18) _____ forever, but it did postpone the tragedy.

His finger ached. He felt the chill of the arctic water as it splashed him. There was no one else around. He knew he had to wait (19) _____ again. It was very difficult, but Marcus stayed there and saved the town.

Once the tide (20) _____, Marcus told everyone what happened. A group of people went to the wall. They saw the hole and fixed it. Everyone was very happy with Marcus. The local congress even gave him a gift for saving the town. He was a hero.

- A. one way to save
- B. cared about himself
- C. had gone out
- D. swimming ashore

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- E. delivered milk
- F. dreamed about science
- G. helping himself
- H. descended into the lower part
- I. didn't fix the problem
- J. nothing interesting in
- K. kept water from
- L. until the tide went out
- M. would be a tragedy for the town

PART 2. USE OF ENGLISH. Maximum: 42 points.

Task 2.1. Which two words (A, B, C, D) in each group (1-10) are most closely related? Write your answers on the answer sheet.

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| 1. | A | collapse | B | alter | C | wire | D | crush |
| 2. | A | distributor | B | envy | C | jealous | D | wipe |
| 3. | A | ginger | B | autumn | C | receipt | D | flour |
| 4. | A | flash | B | curl | C | fireworks | D | pipe |
| 5. | A | mix | B | pastry | C | blend | D | punish |
| 6. | A | dynasty | B | marine | C | navy | D | merit |
| 7. | A | bench | B | seat | C | meal | D | spare |
| 8. | A | hardworking | B | diligent | C | apprentice | D | thread |
| 9. | A | fancy | B | toss | C | beam | D | throw |
| 10. | A | justice | B | pill | C | straw | D | medicine |

Task 2.2. Each correct answer is worth 2 points. Match the idioms with the definitions. There are extra definitions that you do not need. Write your answers on the answer sheet.

11.	<i>To twist someone's arm' means to.....</i>	A. ask them questions about a certain topic
12.	<i>'To be under the weather' means to.....</i>	B. be sick
13.	<i>To get a taste of your own medicine' is to</i>	C. be wet
14.	<i>To do something 'by the book' means to...</i>	D. convince someone to do something
15.	<i>To 'learn the ropes' is to...</i>	E. do it properly in accordance with the rules
16.	<i>If something goes 'pear-shaped', it means...</i>	F. do something based on research
17.	<i>To 'get the ball rolling' is to...</i>	G. have come to the wrong conclusion
18.	<i>If you are 'barking up the wrong tree', you</i>	H. have sent an email to the wrong person
19.	<i>If you 'pick someone's brain' about something, you.....</i>	I. have something bad happen to you that you have done to someone else
20.	<i>If you say that something costs an arm and a leg, you mean that ...</i>	J. hurt someone's feelings
		K. it took longer than you thought it would
		L. learn how to drive
		M. say you are better at something than everyone else
		N. something has gone wrong
		O. something is expensive
		P. start something
		Q. work out the culture and processes at a new workplace

Task 2.3. Read the text and look carefully at each line (21-32). Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put a tick (✓). If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word. Look at the examples 0 and 00 to help you. Write your answers on the answer sheet.

Nobody imagines that, one day, they might be stranded on a desert island –	(0) _ ✓ _
but it could happen. So it's a good idea to learn <u>in</u> a few key skills that would	(00) <u>in</u> __
help you to survive if it had happened to you. The first thing you need to do	(21) _____
is make a shelter on the beach, near by the sea, so that you have a good	(22) _____
view of any ships that pass your island. Your most important task is to	(23) _____

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finding a way to get off the island, so you can't miss any opportunities of	(24) _____
seeing somebody who could rescue you. It's a good idea to build your	(25) _____
shelter near some trees. It will provide a shade from the hot sun. If you get	(26) _____
sunburned you won't be able to carry out the tasks you need to do not to	(27) _____
stay alive. If there are coconut trees, you could also use the oil from the	(28) _____
coconut to protect your skin. One of the most important things had is to drink	(29) _____
as much water as you can. If you're out in the most hot sun all day you will	(30) _____
need about ten litres per day of the freshwater. If you can't find a stream on	(31) _____
the island, rain water will be your best chance of surviving. You need to make containers to catch and store rain water.	(32) _____

PART 3. COUNTRY STUDY. Maximum: 18 points.

Task 3.1. Match the country with its capital city, flag's name, floral emblem and a famous actor. Write your answers on the answer sheet.

maple	Washington	the Ulster Flag	shamrock	thistle and bluebell	Belfast
Edinburgh	William Bradley Pitt	Ryan Reynolds	rose	Ottawa	Hugh Jackman
Richard Madden	Old Glory	Canberra	the Maple Leaf	golden wattle	the Saltire

Country	Capital	Flag's name	Floral Emblems	Famous actors
Australia	(1) _____	_____	(10) _____	(15) _____
Canada	(2) _____	(6) _____	(11) _____	(16) _____
Scotland	(3) _____	(7) _____	(12) _____	(17) _____
Northern Ireland	(4) _____	(8) _____	(13) _____	_____
The USA	(5) _____	(9) _____	(14) _____	(18) _____

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Part 4. WRITING. Maximum: 20 points.

You have seen this announcement on an English-language website.

Competition!

Write an article on *“The person that I want to make happy”* and explain why.

Remember to make your article interesting to read.

Use the introduction (введение) and conclusion (заключение).

The article must be **180-220 words long**.

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