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PART 1. READING COMPREHENSION. Maximum: 30 points. 2 points for each correct answer

Task 1. Complete the text with the necessary words in the appropriate form (tense, for example) using the definitions of the required words in the brackets. The first letter of the word is given. The number of letters in the word is given. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. 2 points for each correct answer.

Hachi: A Dog's Tale

Directed by Lasse Hallstrom

A spiritual reading of an immensely appealing drama about the extraordinary devotion of a dog for his beloved human companion.

(Film Review by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat)

Dogs were early companions of human beings, and they've been known for their loyalty ever since. They inhabit their bodies with complete delight: witness them romping in the backyard, wagging their tails, tracking down a scent, or gazing up at you with pure (1. *a..... very strong love or worship for someone; 9 letters*). They exude energy and a playful spirit as they explore every nook and cranny of their environment. They are our (2. *s..... relating to people's thoughts and beliefs, rather than to their bodies and physical surroundings; 9 letters*) teachers — little Zen masters calling us to live in the present moment and attend to whatever rises right in front of us.

Hachi: A Dog's Tale is a tribute to all these qualities of dogs. If you've ever had a dog or longed for one, you'll find yourself pulled whole-heartedly into this story. And, like a good (3. *p..... story, which is told in order to make a moral or religious points; 7 letters*), it can also be read as a deep spiritual (4. *t..... evidence or proof of something; 9 letters*) to the power of yearning for one's beloved.

The Movie's Story

An Akita puppy born in a Japanese monastery is being shipped to the United States. Along the way his address tag is lost and his wooden crate falls off a cart and breaks open. The (5. *c..... eager to learn or know; inquisitive; 7 letters*) puppy climbs out and begins wandering around a Rhode Island train station. He goes right up to Parker Wilson (Richard Gere), who has just gotten off the train on his way home from his teaching job at a university.

The professor assumes someone will be looking for this obviously purebred puppy, but the station manager (Jason Alexander) won't take responsibility for him and has no place to keep him. So Parker, who loves dogs, takes him home; he names him Hachi, the one word on his tag, which he later learns means his place in a litter. Parker tells his wife Cate (Joan Allen), who is (6. *u.....having or showing a lack of excitement or interest; 14 letters*) about having a new pet, that he won't keep him. But in the morning, he learns no one has claimed the puppy at the station and the animal shelters are already overcrowded. After putting up some posters, he takes Hachi home again.

It's obvious to all that Parker does not want to give the dog up. Soon the man and the puppy are very (7. *a..... feeling close to emotionally, or loving; 8 letters*) to one another, sitting on the (8. *c.....a long, comfortable upholstered piece of furniture that seats two or three people; 5 letters*) munching popcorn while watching a baseball game on TV, romping in the backyard, and taking a bath together after encountering a skunk in the garage. Watching her husband try to teach the puppy to (9. *f.....to go or come after and bring or take back; 5 letters*) a ball (Akitas are not retrievers), Cate finally realizes that this four-legged newcomer needs to stay.

As he grows up, Hachi bonds more deeply with his human friend. The dog is so (10. *d..... loving or caring very much about someone or something; 7 letters*) to the professor that he accompanies him every day to the train station for his (11. *c.....; a journey when you travel a long distance every day between your home and your place of work; 7 letters*) to work. At night, Hachi waits just outside the station doors for him to return for a joyous (12. *r..... an instance of two or more people coming together again after a period of separation.; 7 letters*) and the walk home. Others notice and appreciate this loving (13. *r..... a way of doing something in which the same actions are done in the same way every time; 6 letters*), including the hot dog and coffee vendor (Erick Avan) who works nearby.

One day Hachi takes his usual place at the station but Parker never comes. While teaching a music class at the university, he has had a stroke and died. Although his daughter (Sarah Roemer) and her family try to take care of the dog, he keeps escaping to return to the station to wait for his friend. The seasons pass and still Hachi, now a very old dog, waits.

Swedish director Lasse Hallstrom is the perfect choice to be at the helm of this (14. *i..... extremely, to a very great extent; 9 letters*) appealing tale of the

extraordinary devotion of a dog to his beloved human companion. The screenplay by Stephen P. Lindsey is based on a 1987 movie that (**15. r..... made something exist or happen again; 9 letters**) one of the most loved stories in Japanese history.

PART 2. USE OF ENGLISH. Maximum: 45 points.

Task 1. Read the phrases and give the right translation of the following expressions into Russian. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet, for example, *baby tooth* – *МОЛОЧНЫЕ ЗУБЫ*. 2 points for each correct answer

- 1) paper roll
- 2) fire engine
- 3) migratory birds
- 4) evasive answer
- 5) bar code
- 6) a living being
- 7) temporary measures
- 8) sugar beets
- 9) musical ear
- 10) concise dictionary

Task 2. Fill in the missing verbs to complete the idioms. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. The first letter of the required verb is given. The number of letters in the word is given. 1 point for each correct answer

- 11) She finds it difficult to **b..... (4 letters) her own horn** because she is a very shy person.
- 12) I know you're in a hurry, but please **k..... (4 letters) your shirt on**.
- 13) You're going to have to really **u..... (3 letters) your noodle** on this crossword puzzle. It's an extra difficult one.
- 14) Roberto is going to **p..... (3 letters) the question** to the woman of his dreams.

- 15)The shop's manager had to go out for a while, so Julie had to **h..... (4 letters) the fort** while he was gone.
- 16)Tell your kids to **s..... (5 letters) clear of** that dog. I was told that it might bite people.
- 17)Before we could **t..... (4 letters) turkey** about the deal, we had to see the samples.

Task 3. The given sentences WITH SIMILES contain errors. Find the wrong word and correct it. Write your answers (the wrong word and the correct version) IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. 2 points for each correct answer.

Example: Let's ask Sam to give us a hand with moving the furniture. He is as strong as gorilla. .

Answer: GORILLA – HORSE

- 18)This steak is the worst I've ever tried. It's as tough as old rubber.
- 19)He admits that ever since he has stopped eating fast food he feels as fit as a fighter.
- 20)Oh, come on! This joke is as old as the dinosaurs.
- 21)As students, these three boys were as thick as thistles, nothing could ruin their friendship.
- 22)Whenever my sister feels embarrassed she goes red as a raspberry.

Task 4. Guess the names of famous British and American people using their descriptions. Write your answers (the wrong word and the correct version) IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. 1 point for each correct answer.

- 23) A famous scientist, he, despite being affected by a crucial disease that limited his physical capacity, was able to build an outstanding career and become a role model for many people.

S_____ H_____

- 24) A former war correspondent who later turned into a successful leader for his country during one of the most devastating wars, this person remains amongst the most influential people in British history.

W_____ C_____

- 25)Apart from being considered by many as one of the most famous scientists of all times, this person was a key figure during the Age of Enlightenment, who formulated the laws of motion and gravitation in one of his works.

I_____ N_____

26) A world renowned chef and restaurateur with his own TV shows about competitive cooking, this man is known for his short temper, bluntness, and strict manner.

G_____ R_____

27) Commonly known as the father of the computer science and AI, this person is highly praised for successfully breaking the challenging German Enigma machine codes during WWII.

A_____ T_____

28) This person managed to put smiles on a lot of people's faces even during bad times, and he's also regarded as one of the biggest stars of the silent film era, who managed to leave his audience in splits with his comedic performances.

C_____ C_____

29) A British politician who was the second female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, she was ranked by Forbes as the second most influential women in the world in 2017.

T_____ M_____

30) Highly praised for popularizing spy novels, this British author is also credited with creating one of the most renowned both book and movie characters, who first appeared in a novel "Casino Royale", who is usually known by his code number.

I_____ F_____

PART 3. WRITING
Maximum: 25 points

Write the review on visiting a zoo in your city or any other city in your country. Describe the zoo. Say in general what animals you saw there. Describe in details at least 3 animals and the conditions of their living. Say what you liked/disliked most about the zoo. Mention some rules for visitors. Would you recommend visiting this zoo to other people? Why? Why not? In your review use three (3) phrasal verbs and underline them otherwise they will not be counted.

Write 180-220 words in the appropriate style.