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PART 1. READING COMPREHENSION.

Maximum: 15 points. 0,5 points for each correct answer.

Task 1. Read the passage. Then fill in the gaps with the appropriate part of the sentence. Write A-O on the separate answer sheet. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. You will earn 0,5 points for each correct answer. Please, be careful with spelling.

Napoleon was a man of his time. His era saw an increased interest in scientific discoveries linked to plants, along with **1)**.... But he also had an interest in gardens as a moral mirror of people's thought, as highlighted by Jean-Jacques Rousseau. This was particularly relevant at the end of his life, as we will see later.

The history of gardens has always been **2)**.... Without going back too far, what is known as the French garden, **3)**... , was directly influenced by the design of Italian gardens, mainly from Tuscany. This type of garden became more common in France in the 16th century following the unions between the Florentine Medici family and the French royal house.

In the early 18th century, French cultural dominance led to **4)**... , being adopted as the model for palace gardens. Examples can be found from Naples in Italy to the Peterhof Palace in Russia.

In the late 18th century, Europe was flooded with 5)... . This accessibility, combined with 6)..., was the first change in gardens being seen as a 'work of art' to becoming more like 'a museum of plants'. English gardens started to be more and more spread across the continent - they had a more natural state and were adapted for strolling and contemplation.

The childhood gardens of Napoleon

Napoleon was 7)... . This passion accompanied him his whole life. The first gardens Napoleon encountered were those in his childhood houses: Casa Bonaparte, in Ajaccio, and the Milelli estate, in its surrounding hills.

The Milelli estate, the former country house of the Bonaparte family, was located on the heights of Ajaccio,8)... Napoleon stayed there on his return from Egypt in 1799, in the company of his general staff, including Berthier, Murat and Lannes.

Today the property is a public garden and a very pleasant place to walk around. The French Ministry of Culture classified the house, which cannot be visited, as a historical monument and the property as a remarkable and picturesque site. An arboretum has been created 9)... . Vegetable gardens have been created, 10)....

Napoleon spent five years, between the ages of 9 and 15, at the boarding school of Brienne-le-Château. There, Napoleon spent his free time 11)..., a small plot of land, 12)... . The school was run by the Minimes de Brienne, a monastic order which placed great importance on gardening. It was considered an important part of their education, along with other subjects like French, Latin, mathematics, history, geography, music, drawing and fencing. In contrast to a number of his schoolmates, 13)..., Napoleon devoted time to this activity, even 14)... .

In Brienne, however, Napoleon felt homesick.

Open-air activities, and gardening in particular, had a positive impact on him: he spent his free time and his pocket money buying flowers and plants to enrich his garden

Joséphine and the Malmaison Castle

Joséphine de Beauharnais, Napoleon's first wife, had a strong influence on the French botanical landscape. In 1799, during Napoleon's campaign in Egypt, she bought the Malmaison castle. She designed the garden in the English style, **15) k...** . With 250 species and varieties, she had the greatest and largest rose collection in the world, unsurpassed for more than a century.

(from www.europeana.eu)

- A) characterized by its grandeur and symmetry
- B) for whom gardening was not important
- C) exotic plants from increasing world trade
- D) where he learned to grow flowers and vegetables
- E) the masterpiece of Jardins à la française (French formal garden), Versailles
- F) cultivating his first garden
- G) becoming proud of his garden
- H) strongly linked to politics
- I) with the crops distributed to poor people
- J) for the instruction of children
- K) paying particular attention to acquiring every type of known rose
- L) continued use of flora for symbolic and political purposes
- M) surrounded by 12 hectares of land, housing a centuries-old olive grove
- N) a strong interest in sciences
- O) passionate about botany and gardening

Task 2. Complete the text with the necessary words in the appropriate forms (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. You will earn 0,5 points for each correct answer. Please, be careful with spelling.

Example: 0) dazzling

In the vibrant creative atmosphere of central London shines a 0) d..... (beautiful or impressive to a great degree; 8 letters) new star—Xiafei Leah Li. As an artist, her name has begun to make waves in the capital's art scene. Leveraging her solid photography skills, superb painting abilities and a 16) d..... (careful and sensitive, showing attention to detail; 8 letters) approach to her works, Xiafei Li has brought an 17) u..... (never having happened before, having no precedents; 13 letters) burst of colour to London's artistic 18) l..... (a particular area of activity; 9 letters).

Let's delve into Xiafei Li's world together and 19) w..... (see for yourself; 7 letters) how she creates 20) c..... (fascinating and attractive, holding the audience's attention; 11 letters) art in this city full of creativity.

With a sharp eye for capturing fleeting moments that often escape 21) n..... (somebody's attention or observation; 6 letters) and bold contrast of subjects chosen, Xiafei Li's works are impressive not only in terms of her technical prowess but also in her deliberate and delicate artistic expression and narrative depth. The decisive choice of subjects, colors, and 22) s..... (unprecise and not easily noticeable, barely perceptible; 6 letters) play of shades of colours invites the audience into a wonder world of nature, human and civilization in the artist's eye.

Xiafei Li captivates viewers with her 23) m..... (skillful and artful handling or use of something; 12 letters) of colors and lighting. With purposeful contrasts used in lights and shades, seen in her works, she tells her story through moments captured in nature, of humans and streets of the UK. The stories told in her 24) s..... (not moving; 5 letters) images are artistic, aesthetically pleasing, and inviting, they are to be enjoyed and contemplated with.

In her works titled 'Purple', she captures shades of pink and purple, colours not common in natural settings, and complement them with the delicate 25) h..... (colors; 4 letters) familiar to the British southern 26) c..... (the outline of a coast; 9

letters). The depth and richness of her palettes are a testament to her skills and vision, the different gradients inviting exploration and contemplation. Her meticulous attention to detail and understanding of the interplay between hues and shadows greatly elevate her works.

Another feature of Li's 27) **a..... (creative skill of an artist; 8 letters)** is her use of contrasting subjects and juxtaposition. Within her works, the serenity of natural landscapes with the dynamic energy of urban environments create a unique visual dialogue that is not found in conventional perspectives. This interplay of calm and chaos, nature and civilization, introduces a sense of 28) **t..... (a strained relationship, a conflict between opposing forces or elements; 7 letters)** and harmony that highlights the disparity between the elements in our world. The use of contrasting subjects and lights and shadows add depth and intensity to her work.

The value of Xiafei's works also lies in the interaction and reflection of the audience. Xiafei stimulates the audience's imagination and thinking, prompting them to delve deeper into the emotional narrative behind the works. These interactions not only 29) **e..... (make better, enhance the quality or value of something; 6 letters)** the audience's artistic experience but also stimulate reflections on themes such as femininity and humanity. Her bold play on colours and dramatic lighting adds intensity to pictures. Strong contrasts often evoke a sense of drama, but is balanced off by the soothing colour30) **p..... (the range of colors used by the artist; 7 letters)** of the picture. Audiences can see themes of exploration of richer and deeper cultural experiences in Xiafei Li's creations. Through deeper emotional expression and thematic exploration, her works leave a profound and lasting impression on the audience.

(ourculturemag.com)

PART 2. TRANSLATION.

Maximum 10 points

Task 1. Read the phrases and give the correct Russian translation for each expression. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet, for example, *baby teeth* – *МОЛОЧНЫЕ ЗУБЫ*. You will earn 1 point for each correct answer. Please, be careful with Russian spelling.

- 1) liturgical books;
- 2) ballot box;
- 3) healing property;
- 4) marital status;
- 5) winding stairs;
- 6) nautical knots.

Task 2. Read the Guardian newspaper headlines and translate them into Russian trying to make them attention grabbing and suitable for Russian newspapers.

- 7) UK ‘needs to play catch-up’ in global race to rewire electricity grids.
- 8) I was not ready for this jaw-dropping place’: readers’ favourite travel discoveries of 2024.
- 9) The Guardian view on reforming special needs education: a demanding test for ministers.
- 10) Help! It’s a style crisis: handbag essentials fashionistas never leave home without.

PART 3. COUNTRY STUDY.

Maximum 17 points

Task 1. Match these famous explorers (1-11) who are related to English speaking countries with the facts about them (A-K). Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. You will earn 1 point for each correct answer. Please, be careful with spelling.

1. FerdinandMagellan	A. The person who is known as “The Father of Canada”
2. LeifEricson	B. The explorer who sailed around the southern end of Florida
3. JohnCabot	C. The first person who circumnavigated

	the world and reached the Pacific Ocean
4. SirWalterRaleigh	D. The man known for leading 3 expeditions to Canada, thus exploring the coast from the Cape Fear River to Nova Scotia
5. PoncedeLeon	E. The man who demonstrated that the New World was a completely unknown continent
6. HenryHudson	F. The person who crossed the North Atlantic and, as a result, reached the coast of America
7. ChristopherColumbus	G. The person who brought potatoes and tobacco to England, he also helped to sustain the colony of Roanoke Island
8. AmerigoVespucci	H. The person who discovered a river and a bay, that were named after this man
9. SirFrancisDrake	I. The Viking known for being the first European to visit the New World
10. SamueldeChamplain	J. The person who was the first one to pass from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast of South America
11. JacquesCartier	K. The person who discovered America in 1492, while looking for India

Task 2. Write the proverbs using hints. Do not change the given word! Do not use contractions! The number of words in the saying has is given.

Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. You will earn 1 point for each correct answer. Please, be careful with spelling.

12. When we're away from loved ones, we long for their company more than in normal times. (Grow) 6 words.
13. It's always better to be truthful and honest, even if the opposite may get you short-term benefits. (Best) 5 words
14. People shouldn't destroy something that makes lot of money for you (Egg) 10 words
15. Bad times will eventually give way to better times (Silver) 6 words
16. A person's character, intellect, and other inner qualities are more important than his/her physical appearance (Deep) 5 words
17. Fools or inexperienced persons get involved in situations or pursue goals without much thought (Tread) 8 words

PART 4. USE OF ENGLISH.

Maximum 28 points

Task 1. What stylistic devices are used in the given sentences? The options are given in the box. There are some extra ones that you do not need. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. You will earn 1 point for each correct answer. Please, be careful with spelling.

A) EUPHEMISM	B) METONYMY	C) LITOTES
D) PERSONIFICATION	E) ANTONOMASIA	F) ONOMATOPOEIA
G) SIMILE	H) METAPHOR	I) ALLITERATION
J) OXYMORON	K) ALLUSION	L) HYPERBOLE

- 1) I like sky gazing so much. Stars are like beacons of hope for all the lost souls of the world.
- 2) Tendrils of moonlight, as bright as diamond-flame, turned the sea a-glow like melted platinum.
- 3) The arrows sizzed and sizzled before hitting their targets.
- 4) The words were leaping off the page
- 5) Hollywood has been releasing a surprising amount of sci-fi movies lately.

Task 2. The first given sentence contains the word that can be used in the second sentence. Find this word and use it in the correct grammar form in the second sentence. You will earn 1 point for each correct answer. Please, be careful with spelling.

- 6) This summer season is all about light blue – consider purchasing yourself a shirt or two to embrace the trends!
After you take the turkey out of the oven, ... it to taste, but be careful not to oversalt or overspice it.
- 7) A lack of social awareness, for example playing music on loudspeaker instead of using headphones in public is one of my pet peeves.
During holidays, grandparents love to their grandchildren with treats and hugs.
- 8) She spilled ketchup on her long, flowing skirt and had to change her outfit.
He deliberately tried to the hardest issues, concentrating on areas of possible agreement.
- 9) New bowls for chilly season also include cheesy baked polenta with mushroom ragu.
The number of computers in schools in recent years.
- 10) Clip the microphone to the collar of your jacket.
Jamie was outside ... the hedge.

Task 3. Find one word in the box to match the description of social types. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. You will earn 1 point for each correct answer. Please, be careful with spelling.

A NIGHT OWL	A TOUGH COOKIE	A CHEAPSKATE	A WET BLANKET	A HOMEBODY
A FUNSTER	A COACH POTATO	AN EYE CANDY	A BUSYBODY	A WALL FLOWER
A GO-GETTER	A WHIZ	A SPONGER	A ROLLING STONE	A GATE CRASHER

- 11) Someone who doesn't like to spend money.
- 12) Someone who interferes in other peoples' lives and want to know everything about everyone.
- 13) Someone who is very shy and frightened to be involved in social activities.
- 14) Someone who is determined to be successful and able to deal with difficulties easily.
- 15) Someone who comes to the party without being invited to.

Task 4. Choose 5 phrases out of the given below to complete the sentences. Change the form if necessary. You will earn 1 point for each correct answer. Please, be careful with spelling.

the gift of gab, a hard act to follow, like gold dust, fishing expedition, canary in a coal mine, run to earth, light years ahead, out-and-out, scratch the surface, bring to light, put it on the back burner, at a crossroads, cast aspersions, give as good as one gets, the light dawned, a wild card, put it on the back burner, fill the shoes

- 16) Jim says that he doesn't intend to on anyone, but he still talks badly about us!
- 17) This guy's usually my if he's reporting an issue with the system, it's worth looking into.
- 18) The quality of the images you get is of what it was just a decade ago.
- 19) We worked hard on the project at first, but when a new project came along, we
- 20) As a journalist and successful politician he knows how mighty the pen, or at least

Task 5. Complete the sentences with the appropriate verbs to form a collocation. The first letter of the word and number of letters are given. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. You will earn 1 point for each correct answer. Please, be careful with spelling.

- 21) A niche, a way, an ice sculpture, a turkey, initials are things you c_____ (5 letters)
- 22) Plants, cattle, the store, a garden, the fire are things you t_____ (4 letters)
- 23) A company, a race, a bath, errands, fever are things you r_____ (3 letters)
- 24) Your ankle, somebody's words, facts, moustache, lips are things you t_____ (5 letters)

Task 6. Choose 4 phrases out of the given below to complete the sentences. Change the form if necessary. You will earn 1 point for each correct answer. Please, be careful with spelling.

come around, dish out, hurry along, slip away, ferret out, lead up to, get on, pass by, spin out, set back, flutter away, belt out, keep down, weasel out, drown out, peel out, man up, trail off, go up, drone on, pig out, wolf down

- 25) Why does the manager always _____ these meetings for such a long time?
- 26) The party was boring—you were smart to _____ early.

27) I hate the way he _____ his food at dinner so he can leave the table as quickly as possible.

28) The teacher _____ a scolding to each one who was involved in the prank.

CREATIVE WRITING

PART 3. WRITING

Maximum: 30 points (for all tasks)

3.1 Maximum: 5 points.

3.2 Maximum: 5 points.

3.3 Maximum: 20 points.

Task 3.1. Are you a computer whizz-kid? Explain to your friend, in exact detail, how to do the following using your phone:

- take a screenshot;
- set an alarm on your phone;

Choose ONE and write 50-70 words.

Task 3.2. Are you fond of star gazing? When was the last time you were observing stars? Were you stunned at the beauty of the starry sky? What did you feel when you were looking at the stars? Describe the beauty of the starry sky and your feelings. Write 80-100 words.

Task 3.3. Competition entry. We are planning a series of TV programs about the most important national or local charity organizations in your country. What organization would you nominate to be included in the series?

Your entry should include general information about the charity foundation, its primary goals, and the ways it raises money. Your aim is to encourage as many people as possible to join this organization or donate money to this organization. Use this quote by the unknown: ‘I wondered why somebody did not do something. Then I realized: I am somebody’.

Use the following words and expressions in your part of the book chapter:

1. Mutual
2. Empathy
3. Unrivalled
4. Rewarding
5. To secure

Do not change the words!

Write 200–250 words in a neutral style. Organize the information into sub-sections. Provide the attention-grabbing titles and subheadings for your part of the book.