

# ПЛЕХАНОВСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ 2023/2024 ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ

## 2 вариант (8-9 класс)

### I. LISTENING TEST

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- You hear a woman telling her son about her favourite schoolteacher. What did the woman like about her history teacher?**  
A. his acting skills      B. his sense of humour      C. his passion for the subject
- You hear a girl talking about maths. What does the girl enjoy most about maths?**  
A. getting clear answers  
B. applying it to everyday life  
C. solving difficult questions
- You hear a man telling a friend about being unable to study art at school. He says that he would have liked to study art in order to**  
A. know more about art history.  
B. learn some techniques.  
C. follow a career in art.
- You hear two students discussing a sports class they have just attended. What do they agree on about the class?**  
A. that the information was relevant for them  
B. that the teacher was knowledgeable  
C. that the new ideas were inspiring
- You hear a girl telling a friend about her brother. How does the girl's brother feel about starting university?**  
A. anxious about meeting new people  
B. worried about managing the workload  
C. concerned about his abilities in his subject
- You hear a student talking to his teacher about an assignment. The boy says that he feels**  
A. uneasy about having to write about an unfamiliar topic.  
B. unsure about how to carry out some research.  
C. doubtful about which writing style to use.
- You hear a science teacher talking to her class. What is she doing?**  
A. cancelling an activity / a plan  
B. changing an arrangement  
C. correcting some information
- You hear two friends discussing learning foreign languages. They both hold the opinion that**  
A. communication does not rely on speaking a language.  
B. it's possible to learn about culture through language.  
C. learning languages is essential for travel.



## II. READING

**Task 1. You are going to read an article about early aeroplane flights. For questions 1 – 6 choose the answer (A, B, C, or D) which you think fits best according to the text.**

### First Aeroplanes

For five years from December 1903 to September 1908, two young bicycle mechanics from the state of Ohio in America repeatedly claimed that they had built a heavier-than-air machine which they had flown successfully. Despite demonstrations and photographs of themselves flying, the claims of Wilbur and Orville Wright were laughed at and dismissed as a practical joke by the magazine *Scientific American*, the newspaper the New York Herald, the US Army and most American scientists.

Experts rejected the Wright brothers' claim without troubling to examine the evidence as they were so convinced, on purely scientific grounds, that flight in powered machines which were heavier than air was impossible. It was not until President Theodore Roosevelt ordered public trials at Fort Myers in 1908 that the Wrights were able to prove their claim conclusively and the Army and the scientific press were compelled to accept that their flying machine was a reality.

It is perhaps not too surprising that a couple of young bicycle mechanics in a remote town on the prairies should be ignored by the intellectuals of the more sophisticated east coast of America at a time when the horse was still the principal means of transport. What is more surprising is that the local newspapers in their home town of Dayton, Ohio, should have ignored the Wrights. In 1904, a local banker, Torrence Huffman, allowed the brothers to use a large piece of farm land owned by him outside the town for their flying experiments. The land was bordered by two main roads and the local railway line so that, as the months went by, hundreds of people actually saw the Wrights flying.

Many of the amazed passengers wrote to the local newspapers to ask who were the young men who were regularly flying near the railway line and why nothing had appeared about them in the papers. Eventually the enquiries became so frequent that the papers complained that they were becoming a nuisance, but still their editors showed no interest in the story, sending neither a reporter nor a photographer.

In 1940, Dan Kumler, the city editor of the Dayton Daily News at the time of the flights gave an interview about his refusal to publish anything thirty-five years earlier and spoke frankly about his reasons. Kumler recalled, "I guess we just didn't believe it. Of course, you must remember that the Wrights at that time kept things very secret."

The interviewer responded in amazement, "You mean they kept things secret by flying over an open field?" Kumler considered the question, grinned and said, "I guess the truth is we were just plain stupid."

**1. What do we learn about the Wright brothers in the first paragraph?**

- A. They said they had built a flying machine.
- B. They gave lots of flying demonstrations.
- C. They laughed at the ideas in the *Scientific American*.
- D. They took photographs of themselves.

**2. How did Theodore Roosevelt become involved with the Wright brothers?**

- A. He insisted that the trial should be in a public court.
- B. He concluded that the brothers were telling the truth.
- C. He ordered the press to tell the truth about the plane.
- D. He ordered the brothers to test the plane in public.

**3. Why are horses mentioned in the third paragraph?**

- A. They were used only in the East.
- B. They provided the usual way of travelling.
- C. They were rarely used in Ohio.
- D. They were the only form of transport.



4. **What does the writer find surprising about the flying experiments?**  
A. the lack of interest shown by local newspapers  
B. the attitude of the experts  
C. the lack of flying experiments in the East  
D. the skill of bicycle mechanics
5. **Why did people write to the newspapers?**  
A. to ask why people were flying near the railway line  
B. to make sure that it was the Wright brothers who were flying  
C. to ask why the flights had not been reported in the papers  
D. to complain about the nuisance caused by these flights
6. **Why was the interviewer surprised by the first answer given by Dan Kumler?**  
A. The interviewer knew that the Wrights had opened the gates to the field.  
B. The interviewer thought the Wrights had wanted to keep their flights secret.  
C. The interviewer did not believe what Kumler had told the Wrights.  
D. The interviewer thought that anybody could have seen the Wrights flying.

**Task 2. You are going to read some information about places where people can spend their holidays. For questions 7-13, choose from the holidays (A-G). Holidays may be chosen more than once. There are more holiday options than you need.**

**For Question 14, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think is correct.**

**Which holiday would you recommend for:**

7. two couples who enjoy country walks and touring in their cars?  
8. a young couple who want a break but who have very little money?  
9. a couple with two children aged 4 and 7?  
10. a single man with plenty of money who enjoys going to plays?  
11. four men who want to go fishing and not be tied down by meal times?  
12. a couple who like comfortable surroundings and enjoy dancing?  
13. a couple who like organised activities, preferably in the countryside?

**14. What do holidays B and G have in common?**

- A. On both holidays various activities are organised.  
B. Both are near to a lot of villages.  
C. The bedrooms in both places are for two people.  
D. Both places are surrounded by hills.

#### **Holiday A**

Seaview Guest House is just a five-minute walk from the beach. There are five large family bedrooms and two bathrooms on each of the two floors. We give a warm welcome to everyone, but particularly enjoy having families with young children. Unfortunately, we cannot accept pets. Our terms include breakfast and a three-course evening meal. Price £95 per adult per week. Children under 16 £60. Children under 5 £20.

#### **Holiday B**

Swallow Cottage provides a self-catering holiday, perfect for anyone wanting to get away from it all and have a peaceful break in the heart of the English countryside. The cottage is in a valley surrounded by gentle hills. The area is perfect for anyone who wants to do a little gentle walking or to go fishing in the nearby river. For those who prefer to stay in their cars, there are many possibilities for delightful journeys around the country lanes and surrounding villages. The cottage consists of a dining area, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. Rental £350 per week.



### **Holiday C**

For the dedicated walker, Rangers Mountain Lodge offers the perfect holiday. Situated 1,000 metres above sea-level, the lodge offers wonderful views over the mountains with unsurpassed possibilities for hiking and rock climbing. The lodge is not luxurious but it offers clean and comfortable accommodation, plentiful meals and, most important of all, bracing mountain air. Price £20 per night (breakfast included).

### **Holiday D**

Sheldon House is a hotel which caters for people who expect quality and are not prepared to put up with second best. The hotel dominates the town and guests can enjoy marvellous views out to sea from our sun lounge. The hotel has a fitness centre and both outdoor and indoor swimming pools for the exclusive use of residents. We provide a full English breakfast and a magnificent five-course evening meal with wine included. Every evening after dinner there is dancing to our resident three-piece band. Gentlemen are requested to wear ties in the dining room. Costs for accommodation, breakfast and evening meal from £95 per person daily.

### **Holiday E**

Why not earn some money and have a holiday surrounded by beautiful countryside at the same time? Maybury farm camp offers you the possibility to do just that. During your time with us you will be accommodated in chalets for two people. Breakfast, a picnic lunch and a hearty evening meal are included. The bar is open every evening and we often have dancing in the open air. On five days of every week you will be taken to local farms for fruit picking. It is impossible to say how much you will earn but most campers more than cover the cost of the holiday. Price £80 per week.

### **Holiday F**

Sanders is a four-star hotel in the centre of Melton, a city only 30 kilometres from the coast. The hotel prides itself on the excellence of its accommodation and food. All bedrooms have bath, toilet, television, hair dryer and tea-making facilities. Dining in our beautiful restaurant is an experience in itself but if sometimes you do not feel like coming down to the restaurant, meals can be served in your room at any time of day or night. You will find all the advantages of being in a large city so close at hand - theatres, art galleries, shops and the magnificent Cathedral are all just a few minutes' walk away from the hotel. Price per night including breakfast and evening dinner £120 per person.

### **Holiday G**

The Walton Club welcomes people who want an active holiday in the countryside. Situated in the midst of rolling hills 20 kilometres from the city of Melton, the club welcomes anyone from the age of 21. Every day we organise a wide variety of activities including golf, hang gliding, horse riding, canoeing, dancing, walking. Accommodation is in twin-bedded rooms, all with private bathrooms. Cost £320 per week covering accommodation and full board (activities extra).

**Task 3. You are going to read a newspaper article about a young man who works in the kitchen of a fast food restaurant. Eight sentences have been removed from the article. For questions 15 – 22 choose from the sentences (A-I) the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.**

### **MY FIRST WORK EXPERIENCE**

When I graduated from cookery school, I could have applied for jobs in ski chalets or on board ships sailing around the Caribbean. Instead, I applied to work in a fashionable fast-food restaurant and suddenly found myself working very long hours in hot, sweaty kitchens full of completely crazy characters. I thought that starting at the bottom of the food chain, as opposed to the high life of skiing and sailing, would be good training. (15) \_\_\_\_\_. At 7.45 each morning I come into the kitchen with all the other cooks, exhausted from working a 10-hour shift the night before. (16) \_\_\_\_\_. Nothing is where it should be. Vegetables have been left on the floor and raw fish has been left uncovered in the fridge. A couple of dustbins have not been emptied and everything has to be cleaned before we can begin the day's work. (17) \_\_\_\_\_. I fill a sink with water, throw in several box loads of stuff and wash each leaf separately. My hands are so cold I can hardly feel them. Between 9 and 10, the line chefs start arriving. (18) \_\_\_\_\_. They walk around the kitchens shouting orders at the poor cooks like me whose job is to prepare all the ingredients. But if anything goes wrong once the customers' orders start coming in, you can guess who gets the blame. If they run out of sauce, than it's the cook's fault for not preparing enough in the first place. (19) \_\_\_\_\_.



The chefs are only under pressure at particular points in the day. The cooks are under pressure all the time. (20) \_\_\_\_\_. This is when the waiters get told what the day's special menus are. Then, no sooner are we back in the kitchen to start the lunch service than three deliveries of food and drink arrive all at the same time. (21) \_\_\_\_\_. I am faced with carrying boxes of frozen chips or bottles of fruit juice from the lorries down two flights of stairs to the store rooms. By mid-afternoon, the lunchtime rush is dying down. (22) \_\_\_\_\_. Then I am allowed to have my free staff 'lunch', by which I am too tired to eat.

- A. This means I get sent to sort them out.
- B. These are the people who get all the glory.
- C. Before we open at midday, all the staff meet in the restaurant.
- D. I arrive home twelve hours after I left.
- E. My first job of the day is shopping, and cutting leaves and lettuces for salads.
- F. However, I don't get anything to eat until the end of my working day, at 6 that evening.
- G. There's been a break of just about four hours and the kitchen has not been tidied from last night.
- H. I couldn't have been more wrong.
- I. If the chicken goes cold, then it's the cook's fault for not keeping it in the oven longer.

### III. USE OF ENGLISH

**Task 1. For questions 1-10 choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.**

#### Sandwiches

One of the most popular and healthy fast foods is the sandwich. In the Middle Ages food was often piled on a piece of bread rather than a (1) \_\_\_\_\_. At the end of the meal, the bread was either eaten or (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the dogs.

The modern sandwich, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, was invented in 1762 for John Montague, the 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Sandwich. He always used to get so (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in playing cards for money with his friends that he (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the table to go to have something to eat. Instead he ordered his servant (6) \_\_\_\_\_ him a piece of meat between two slices of bread. His friends began to ask for 'the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ as Sandwich' and so the name was born.

Over the last centuries, the sandwich has seen several changes. In the early 1900s the crusts were often (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and the sandwich was eaten with a fork. Late developments include the filled roll and toasted sandwiches. In the last fifty years in the UK there has been a big (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the popularity of this snack with most people choosing to have a sandwich for lunch. This trend started in the 1960s and it is still going (10) \_\_\_\_\_ today.

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| 1. A plate      | B cup        | C dishes     | D hand          |
| 2. A consuming  | B fed        | C nourished  | D throwing out  |
| 3. A therefore  | B however    | C moreover   | D in addition   |
| 4. A concerning | B busiest    | C connecting | D involved      |
| 5. A unlikely   | B denied     | C refused    | D had argued    |
| 6. A taking     | B carrying   | C to bring   | D obtained      |
| 7. A same       | B similar    | C like       | D some          |
| 8. A cutting    | B separating | C removed    | D to be chopped |
| 9. A increase   | B decrease   | C growing    | D expanse       |
| 10. A long      | B light      | C strong     | D hardly        |

**Task 2. For questions 11 - 18, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.**

#### Life on a Native American reservation

There are around 800 reservations in the US where Native American tribes live and they are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ people. Over 30 000 members of the Lakota tribe live on the Pine Ridge Reservation, but life there is not easy.

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<p>Some people do not have a car or telephone and many live in simple (12) _____ houses. There are only one or two stores where they can buy things. Lots of people are (13) _____ and times are tough. Despite the many (14) _____ of life on the reservation, people still (15) _____ to live there and want to stay. Some Native Americans are trying to attract (16) _____ to come and learn more about their lives, their traditions and their music. On some reservations, people are opening shops selling Native American jewellery and other samples of their craftwork. Children of the Lakota learn from their elders, who hold the (17) _____ of the tribe. Traditional stories are very important to Native Americans. The elders tell their children and grandchildren about their people and their tribal history. It is important that the tradition of storytelling is continued by the younger members so that these stories should not be forgotten. Even writing down the stories or putting them onto a computer may not prevent them from being lost (18) _____.</p>	<p>WOOD EMPLOY DIFFICULT CHOICE VISIT  WISE  EVER</p>
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**Task 3. For questions 19 – 26 choose the correct preposition. You may use prepositions more than once. Some of the prepositions are not needed. The meanings of the verbs are given below the text.**

<b>A</b>	<b>without</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>about</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>in for</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>out</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>within</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>through</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>beyond</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>on</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>back</b>

**Joan’s story**

Joan has been **going** (19) \_\_\_\_\_ the difficult time at work, so she decided to cheer herself up by **going** (20) \_\_\_\_\_ a competition. The prize was a luxury holiday in the Carribean. Joan has had to **go** (21) \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday for several years now, so she really wanted to win. The competition was to write a story beginning ‘Suddenly the lights **went** (22) \_\_\_\_\_ ...’ The problem was that Joan could not think of an idea for the story.

‘How can I **go** (23) \_\_\_\_\_ getting a good idea?’, she asked me. ‘It must be something special so that my story should go (24) \_\_\_\_\_ all the others.’ I suggested she went to the library to **go** (25) \_\_\_\_\_ some books of short stories – she might get some ideas there. So she **went off** to see what she could find.

She soon found some great stories. She read one and then another and she **went** (26) \_\_\_\_\_ reading all afternoon till it got dark outside. Then she noticed a strange smell and suddenly the lights in the room flickered a couple of times and then faded away. She looked up and saw that the library was on fire. Of course that gave her the idea for the story. Now she was sure she would win the prize!

- 19. experiencing an unpleasant or difficult situation
- 20. doing or competing in
- 21. not have something which you usually have
- 22. stopped giving light
- 23. start to do or deal with something
- 24. be much better than something else
- 25. examine the contents of something carefully
- 26. continued

**Task 4. Idioms of comparison. For questions 27 – 32 choose the word or phrase (A, B or C) which best completes each sentence.**

27. It’s hard to believe that Peter and Nick are brothers, isn’t it? They’re as *different as* \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. milk from honey                      B. chalk and cheese                      C. margarine from butter

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28. I know our dog looks very ferocious, but don't worry, Liz, Fido's *as gentle as* \_\_\_\_\_ especially with children.  
 A. snowflakes                      B. washing-up liquid                      C. a lamb
29. He might look kind and sympathetic, but deep down he's *as hard as* \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. nails                      B. a mountain                      C. an iceberg
30. 'The box isn't too heavy, is it?'  
 'No, it's *as light as* \_\_\_\_\_.'  
 A. a feather                      B. dust                      C. lightning
31. Justine is feeling a bit under the weather today, but I expect she'll be *as right as* \_\_\_\_\_ by the weekend.  
 A. sunshine                      B. roses                      C. rain
32. After her illness she looked *as thin as* \_\_\_\_\_!  
 A. a wire                      B. a rake                      C. a stick insect

**Task 5. For questions 33 – 39 choose the types of the books (A - L) the following extracts are taken from. There are more options than you need.**

**The World of Books**

<b>A</b>	science fiction novel	<b>E</b>	a fairy tale	<b>I</b>	autobiography
<b>B</b>	anthology	<b>F</b>	hardback	<b>J</b>	guidebook
<b>C</b>	manual	<b>G</b>	cookery book	<b>K</b>	thriller
<b>D</b>	whodunnit	<b>H</b>	dictionary	<b>L</b>	romantic novel

33. Once upon a time there was a giant who lived in a cave in the Blue Mountains.
34. **POWERING OFF YOUR TABLET**  
 To turn off your tablet, press and hold the Power / Lock key. Then enter PIN, password or draw your unlock pattern, if necessary.
35. New Zealand is a land of contrasts. Tropical rain forests, alpine waterfalls, barren semi-deserts, green farmland meadows, golden sun-drenched beaches, stormy coasts and wide flat plains are seen almost side by side.
36. Set the oven to 150 °. Rub a little butter round the inside of a large cake tin, 25 cm across. Put a piece of buttered paper on the bottom of the cake tin.
37. It was the year 2478 and exactly fifty years since the Second Galactic War.
38. My childhood, as far as I remember, was a very happy one. I was born in the small Sussex village of Westfield in the days when the sight of a car going through the village would be a cause of excitement and wonder.
39. 'I never murdered him, I tell you. It's not true!'  
 'I know that, sir. I've known it all along,' Inspector Bates said quietly. 'You know that too, don't you Mr Pike?'  
 'What? What on earth are you talking about?'  
 'The murderer couldn't have been your cousin, Mr Pike, could he? Because it was you!'

**Task 6. For questions 40 – 45 choose the best variant (A, B, C or D).**

40. We were so hungry that all the food at the party \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. was eaten                      B. were eaten                      C. had eaten                      D. isn't eaten
41. Mother won't give her son any pocket money unless he \_\_\_\_\_ properly.  
 A. will behave                      B. won't behave                      C. doesn't behave                      D. behaves



42. \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ to become a pilot when you went to school?  
A. Did ...want      B. Had...wanted      C. Have....wanted      D. Were.....wanting
43. \_\_\_\_\_ a hidden treasure in the yard the boys called the police.  
A. Having finding      B. Found      C. Being found      D. Having found
44. This winter there are \_\_\_\_\_ accidents on the roads in comparison with the last winter.  
A. a lot fewer      B. less fewer      C. by far many      D. more less
45. My friend runs \_\_\_\_\_ than I. So it isn't a surprise that he has won.  
A. a little more slowly      C. a lot more quickly  
B. much more quicker      D. little more quickly

**Task 7. Country Studies. For questions 46 - 50 choose the best answer A, B, C or D.**

46. **The dynastic war of the fifteenth century between the royal houses of Lancaster and York was named by the novelist Sir Walter Scott \_\_\_\_\_.**  
A. The War of the Roses  
B. The Hundred Years War  
C. The Napoleonic Wars  
D. The North War
47. **Beefeaters are \_\_\_\_\_.**  
A. The Queen's Guards at the Buckingham Palace  
B. The Yeomen Warders in the Tower of London  
C. The imaginary giants of the English folklore  
D. The conspirators who attempted the Gunpowder Plot in 1605
48. \_\_\_\_\_ **is an English author of children's books, who created Peter Rabbit, Jeremy Fisher, Jemima Puddle-Duck, Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle, and other animal characters.**  
A. Jane Austin  
B. Alan Alexander Milne  
C. Beatrix Potter  
D. James Matthew Barrie
49. **The flower symbolizing England is \_\_\_\_\_**  
A. Thistle  
B. Carnation  
C. Rose  
D. Tulip
50. **What is the oldest university in the UK?**  
A. University College London  
B. University of Cambridge  
C. University of Edinburgh  
D. University of Oxford

***Transfer all your answers to the answer sheet***

