

**Муниципальный этап Всероссийской  
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**Английский язык**

**7-8 классы**



## READING COMPREHENSION (20 minutes)

**Part 1. You are going to read an article written by someone who lives in a house in a valley. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-H the one which fits each gap (1 - 7). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.**

### LIVING IN THE VALLEY

We had been living in our valley for sixteen months when we first realised the dangers that could exist in the surrounding hills and threaten our very survival.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ . Until that time, we had felt safe and sheltered in our valley below the protecting hills.

Soon snow began to fall. Within a day it lay some 15 centimetres deep. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ . But on the neighbouring heights the snow was much deeper and stayed for longer. Up there the wind blasted fiercely. Deep in our valley we felt only sudden gusts of wind; trees swayed but the branches held firm.

And yet we knew that there was reason for us to worry. The snow and wind were certainly inconvenient but they did not really trouble us greatly. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ . It reminded us of what could have occurred if circumstances had been different, if the flow of water from the hills had not, many years before, been controlled, held back by a series of dams.

In a short time the snow started to melt. Day after day, we watched furious clouds pile up high over the hills to the west. Sinister grey clouds extended over the valleys. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ . We had seen enough of the sky; now we began to watch the river, which every day was becoming fuller and wilder.

The snow was gradually washed away as more and more rain streamed from the clouds, but high up in the hills the reservoir was filling and was fast approaching danger level. And then it happened - for the first time in years the reservoir overflowed. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ .

The river seemed maddened as the waters poured almost horizontally down to its lower stretches. Just a couple of metres from our cottage, the stream seemed wild beneath the bridge. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ . For three days we prayed that it would stay below its wall. Fortunately, our prayers were answered as the dam held and the waters began to subside.

On many occasions through the centuries before the dam was built, the river had flooded the nearby villages in just such a rage. Now, though, the dam restricts the flow of the river and usually all is well; the great mass of water from the hills, the product of snow and torrential rain, remains behind its barrier with just the occasional overflow. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ . Thanks to this protection we can feel our home in the valley is still secure and safe.

**A** It was the river, the Ryburn, which normally flowed so gently, that threatened us most.

- B** And yet the immense power of all this water above us prevents us from ever believing ourselves to be completely safe in our home.
- C** They twisted and turned, rising eastwards and upwards, warning of what was to come.
- D** It was far deeper than we'd ever seen it so near our home, lunging furiously at its banks.
- E** We can thus enjoy, rather than fear, the huge clouds that hang over the valley, and can be thrilled by the tremendous power which we know the river possesses.
- F** It almost completely blocked our lane and made the streamside path slippery and dangerous.
- G** There in the heights it was like the Niagara Falls, as the water surged over the edge of the dam and poured into the stream below.
- H** It was the year when the storms came early, before the calendar even hinted at winter, even before November was out.

**Part 2. You are going to read a magazine article in which five people talk about their favourite places. For questions 8-22, choose from the people (A-E). The people may be chosen more than once. When more than one answer is required, these may be given in any order.**

**Which person or people**

appreciates a little luxury?	<b>8</b>		
enjoy an area that they appreciated as a child?	<b>9</b>		<b>10</b>
enjoys watching other people in their everyday lives?	<b>11</b>		
appreciates the plantlife in their favourite place?	<b>12</b>		
appreciates a lack of noise?	<b>13</b>		
like an area which few people visit?	<b>14</b>		<b>15</b>
revealed talents as a child which were required in their future career?	<b>16</b>		
stays in inexpensive accommodation?	<b>17</b>		
finds changing circumstances add to their appreciation of the place?	<b>18</b>		
admits the landscape is not very special?	<b>19</b>		

**(A) Bruce**

I don't like landscapes which are completely untamed. It's the human element which is important to me. It's the same when I travel abroad. Lovely villages with old temples attract me, not empty deserts. When I was eight, I went away to school in England and on Saturdays I would cycle to the village of Lavington in its lovely valley. Cycling was a release from school. I loved exploring the bleak hilltops, the sheltered valleys and old villages. Coming from Scotland myself, I found the landscape familiar yet different and I still go back there today. I used to describe my adventures in my private diary. In a way, that was my first attempt at travel writing, at which I subsequently made my name.

**(B) Sophia**

There is a miniature railway that goes from Hythe to Dungeness, run by amateurs. I always travel first class as it doesn't cost much more than the regular fare. The scenery is not spectacular. The train moves across Romney Marsh with its sheep, and alongside a canal. But there is one point on the journey that I always look forward to - when our miniature world takes a detour through back gardens. For a few moments, we passengers spy on people at random points in their day, making a cup of tea, doing the washing up, unfolding a deckchair. I see myself in their eyes, a woman in a tiny train carriage, looking into other people's homes. It's the ordinariness of the landscape that attracts me. Just fields and sheep and a distant grey sea. That makes me look more closely, to search for something that opens my eyes.

**(C) Matthew**

The Hartland Peninsula is a remote and lovely coast. The beaches are hard to reach and scattered with rocks, so crowds are largely non-existent here. They attract a few brave surfers but most visitors prefer instead to reflect on the majesty of the sea. The coast, which faces the Atlantic, is notorious for shipwrecks. There are coast walks which you can combine with trips inland up beautiful damp valleys, full of oak trees, ferns and wild flowers. We stay in modest self-catering accommodation with a family who have some property in the village of Southole.

**(D) Annette**

My favourite place in England is the Trough of Bowland, a landscape of wide-open moorland which is perfect for hiking. There are not many residents and not many visitors either. It's an unknown corner, empty and remote, and I like the feeling of space. I discovered the area by chance when I was a student, and since then I've made an annual visit, either alone, or with my boyfriend, and now with my son. It has changed little since my first visit. Having a child makes these visits more special. It makes me sad that he's growing up in an urban environment.

**(E) James**

I purchased Glenthorne, my favourite house in Britain. It was a question of obtaining pure peace and reconnecting with my English roots and coming home. I grew up in what is now known as Sri Lanka, but at the age of twelve went to school in Devon, in the west of England. I used to cycle around the moors and village backstreets. We had a story about a place we would never cycle past: if you went down the driveway you'd never return. That place was Glenthorne. It's the place of my dreams. It's a magic, secluded, romantic house. You can't hear anything except sea, wind and birds.

**Transfer your answers to the ANSWER SHEET**

**USE of ENGLISH (20 minutes)**

**Part 1. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence, using no more than THREE words.**

0 My teacher wouldn't let me leave early.

My teacher refused to let me leave early.

1 She started working here three years ago.

She has been working here \_\_\_\_\_ .

2 They make cars in that factory.

Cars \_\_\_\_\_ in that factory.

3 I haven't played tennis before.

This is the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ .

4 The metro is cheaper than a taxi.

A taxi is \_\_\_\_\_ the metro.

5 How much do these shoes cost?

What is \_\_\_\_\_ these shoes?

6 I didn't see the tree and I drove straight into it.

If I \_\_\_\_\_ the tree, I wouldn't have driven straight into it.

7 I haven't got enough time to write the letter.

I've got \_\_\_\_\_ to write the letter.

8 'You've passed your exam, Richard,' said the teacher.

The teacher told Richard that he \_\_\_\_\_ exam.

9. Mike enjoys playing golf more than I do.

I don't enjoy playing golf as \_\_\_\_\_ does.

10. Have you got a smaller size than this?

Is this \_\_\_\_\_ you have got?

**Part 2. Rewrite each group of words so that it contains the punctuation listed.**

0 first of all who is going to carry the suitcase asked emilie.

(two capital letters, one full stop, one comma, one question mark, speech marks)

**'First of all, who is going to carry the suitcase?' asked Emilie.**

11 hes won a thousand euros on the lottery however he wont even take us to pizzeria napoli to celebrate

(four capital letters, one full stop, one comma, two apostrophes, one exclamation mark)

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12 were meeting uncle david on Tuesday evening at eight.

(four capital letters, one full stop, one apostrophe)

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13 i told marys son that he should be honest go the police and tell the truth  
(two capital letters, one full stop, one comma, one apostrophe)

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14 hi alison said james whats happening  
(four capital letters, one question mark, three commas, one apostrophe, two  
pairs of speech marks)

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15 youll never believe what happened first of all we met up with peters friends  
from university then we all went to brighton for the day  
  
(five capital letters, one full stop, two commas, two apostrophes, one  
exclamation mark)

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**WRITING**





