

**Задания для муниципального этапа Всероссийской олимпиады школьников по  
английскому языку в 2018 / 2019 учебном году  
9-11 класс**

**LISTENING**

**Time: 10 minutes**

*You will hear an interview with a woman called Marta Stanston, who runs a mobile restaurant that she sets up in different places.*

*For items 1-10, choose the best option (A, B or C).*

*You will hear the text twice.*

1. After college Marta worked as a...  
A waitress.  
B manager.  
C chef.
  
2. What did Marta dislike about her first job?  
A It was really badly paid.  
B The boss didn't listen to her.  
C She found the staff unfriendly.
  
3. The idea of opening a mobile restaurant came to  
A Marta.  
B her friend.  
C her mother.
  
4. The mobile restaurant works like this:  
A first you decide on a menu, then you advertise.  
B first you cook, then you advertise.  
C first you advertise, then you decide on a menu.
  
5. At first, what did Marta find most surprising about mobile restaurants?  
A They are only advertised online.  
B Food never gets thrown away.  
C Menus can be easily changed.
  
6. For Marta, the best thing about mobile restaurants was  
A knowing she would have customers.  
B being able to work outdoors.  
C finding that waiters weren't needed.
  
7. Marta had difficulty serving food on a beach because of  
A the sun.  
B the rain.  
C the wind.

8. Marta brought an umbrella to the beach to
- A protect herself from the sun.
  - B protect her customers from the sun.
  - C protect herself from the wind.
9. Marta tries to avoid serving meals in her home because
- A she doesn't have enough furniture.
  - B the neighbours have complained.
  - C there is a lack of space.
10. What worries Marta about the future?
- A mobile restaurants going out of fashion.
  - B the wrong people opening restaurants like hers.
  - C health inspectors coming to her restaurant.

**TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET**

## READING

**Time: 30 minutes**

### Task 1

*For questions 1-15, read a magazine article about students leaving school and choose from the people (A-E). The people may be chosen more than once.*

- A James Bradley
- B Ann Dawkes
- C David O'Donnell
- D Naomi Jackson
- E Anthony Stein

#### Which statement refers to which person (people)?

- I used my year out to prevent future financial problems 0 \_\_E\_\_
- I spent my year out with a companion. 1 \_\_\_\_
  - Boredom motivated me to choose a field of study. 2 \_\_\_\_
  - I couldn't make up my mind what career to choose, 3 \_\_\_\_
  - A disappointing experience helped me decide what to do. 4 \_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_
  - I discovered what I was good at during my year out. 6 \_\_\_\_
  - My year out made me eager to start studying again. 7 \_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_
  - I took someone else's advice. 9 \_\_\_\_
  - I became more mature during my year out. 10 \_\_\_\_
  - I completed a preparatory course before going to university. 11 \_\_\_\_
  - I was tired of studying when I started my year out. 12 \_\_\_\_
  - I am in a better financial state than many people I know. 13 \_\_\_\_
  - I worked for a relative during my year off. 14 \_\_\_\_
  - I discovered that I had a particular fear. 15 \_\_\_\_

## Taking a Break

*As the end of the school year approaches, millions of students face the same problem — what next? The majority start looking for a job, while others embark upon university courses just weeks after finishing their secondary education. However, there are a brave few who, for one reason or another, take a year out of education before going to university. I recently went out in search of some successful "year outers" to find out about the advantages of such an option.*

James **Bradley** was undecided as to what he wanted to study. "On the one hand I wanted to do an English degree, but on the other I quite fancied the idea of going to drama school and becoming an actor, so I decided to take a year out to think about it. During this time I joined an amateur dramatic society. Sadly, it soon became apparent that not only did I suffer from terrible stage fright, but also that an actor's career was not as glamorous as I had thought. However my experience did give me the chance to study a number of excellent plays which made me realise that what I really wanted to do was teach." Consequently, James went to university to study English Literature, and after doing a PGCE, got a job teaching English at a secondary school, which he enjoys immensely.

After all those years of education, many feel they deserve a break. **Ann Dawkes**, who now works for a computer programming company, told us that she had reached the point where even her favourite subjects had become a chore. "I had completely lost interest in learning and when I left school I wanted nothing more than to sit at home watching TV." After six months of that, though, Ann was desperate to do something more challenging, and enrolled on a short course in computer programming with a renewed thirst for knowledge, before going on to university to get a degree in computer studies.

**David O'Donnell's** year out was supposed to give him the opportunity to learn the basics of farming before he went on to study at an agricultural college.

"After a few months of helping out on my uncle's farm I realised that my dreams of farming were nothing like the reality." While he was there, however, a farm-hand started teaching him to repair the farm machinery, something he soon discovered he had a flair for. "That was six years ago," says David. "He encouraged me to sign up for a mechanics course and now I work for a major tractor manufacturing company. I'm glad I did decide to try farming before starting an agricultural course - otherwise I might never have discovered my real talent."

For many, the idea of starting university signifies the beginning of real adulthood. **Naomi Jackson** took a year out to travel around southern Europe with a friend as a gesture of farewell to her youth. "I supported myself by working in restaurants and bars and had a fantastic time. I learnt to manage my own finances and see a bit of the world at the same time. By the time I went to university I felt calm and relaxed and prepared to settle down to some serious work, which I doubt I would have been ready for straight after finishing school."

As government grants for students gradually decrease in value there is an increasing number of school leavers who delay going to university so they can earn some money to support themselves when they do go. **Anthony Stein** told us that he spent his year out packing boxes at a factory. "It was the most boring job on earth, but as I was living at home I was able to save most of my wages." Anthony's hard work paid off, though, as he was able to get through university without taking out a single loan, unlike many of his friends who are now deep in debt.

*Whatever the reason for taking a year out, it seems to give young people a chance to discover their real interests and talents. Perhaps then, for those who aren't entirely sure about what they want to do in the future, a twelve-month break is the answer.*

## **Task 2**

*Read the article about a new invention carefully and then decide which of sentences 16-20 are true, which are false, according to the text. Mark «true» or «false» in your answer sheet.*

### **PEDAL POWER TV TO UPROOT COUCH POTATO**

A television set that will only work if children pedal an exercise bicycle to provide the electricity has been invented by researchers examining weight problems at a New York hospital.

Experiments involving overweight children aged between eight and twelve showed that those who had to pedal when they wanted to watch their favourite programmes not only watched far less television, but also recorded impressive loss of fat.

The 'couch potato TV' was developed by researchers at St Luke's Roosevelt Hospital as a result of growing concern over weight problems among an increasing number of American children. David Allison, who headed the research, said: 'I am not naïve enough to think we're going to solve the world's weight problems with TVs hooked to bicycles. But there are other things we could do that are only limited by our imagination.'

Mr Allison once proposed that people should be charged to travel in lifts in an effort to encourage them to use the stairs. He said that 13% of American children were considered seriously overweight, and that the number was growing. During the tests children who had the 'couch potato TV sets' watched on average one hour of television a week, while children in a second 'control' group watched more than twenty hours.

*True or false?*

16. The new invention is a television set combined with a bicycle.
17. The aim of the experiment was to measure how much electricity we can generate through exercise.
18. Mr Allison says watching television limits children`s imagination.
19. Mr Allison tried to discourage people from using lifts.
20. The invention has reduced the number of overweight children in the USA by 13%.

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**USE of ENGLISH**

**Time: 40 minutes**

**Task 1**

*For questions 1-12, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your word in the answer sheet.*

0	<i>kindness</i>
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**Caring for House Plants**

You can kill house plants with (0) ....., either by overwatering or overheating them. Try to copy the plant's (1) .... environment as closely as possible, and remember a few (2) .... rules. First, keep the temperature at a level at which the plant seems (3)..... Also, no plant likes sudden changes in temperature or (4) .... ; most plants are quite (5) .... to various conditions, as long as the change is gradual.

KIND  
NATURE  
BASE  
COMFORT  
HUMID  
ADAPT

A plant doesn't need water unless its leaves are (6) .... drooping, but it is important to have some (7) .... around the roots, so keep the soil damp. Don't overfeed plants, as this results in unhealthily rapid (8)..... It will be necessary for you to re-pot your plants (9) ....., in order to give them more space; the (10) .... time to do this is when the roots begin to grow up the side of the pot.

VISIBLE  
MOIST  
  
GROW  
OCCASION  
GOOD

**Task 2**

*For items 11-17, choose the word which is spelt incorrectly and substitute it for a correct homonym. Write the homonym into the answer sheet.*

*Example:*

0. The night arrived at the castle.

0	<i>knight</i>
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11. Great some cheese, please!
12. The walls were bear, there were no pictures on them at all.
13. When are you going to rap Christmas presents?
14. I would like to sheikh hands with the President.
15. On our way to the river we found a huge route blocking our path.
16. The capital of Whales is Cardiff.
17. There is expensive wooden furniture in all the sweets of our hotel.

### Task 3

For items 20-30, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only ONE word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers on the answer sheet.

Example:

0	<i>at</i>
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#### GOOD AT LANGUAGES

At school, Sarah Biggs says she was very bad (0).....languages. Now she speaks English, Spanish and Italian and works (18).....a bilingual secretary in a travel company in England. (19).....several foreign languages at work is not easy, but for Sarah, and other multi-lingual secretaries (20).....her, it is all standard practice.

Sarah comes from Spain, (21).....she attended school and college. But it was time spent abroad after college (22).....encouraged her interest in languages.

In her job, Sarah has (23).....great deal more responsibility than the title of secretary would suggest. She stresses the importance of (24).....fluent in Spanish because part of her job is dealing (25).....customers from Latin America.

When such clients come from abroad, she has to translate everything (26).....say into English. She is given (27).....time for preparation at all, so this aspect of her job is one of the (28).....difficult.

It is important for Sarah to be up-to-date with changes in her own language, so she reads Spanish newspapers and books looking for new additions to (29).....vocabulary. Sarah says she (30).....not give up this job even if they offered her a better salary in another company.

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**WRITING**

**Time: 30 minutes**

You see this notice in the school magazine.

We are going to have a *Week of Russian music* at school from 10-17th January, 2019.

Write a review of the concert of a Russian musician you`ve recently been to.

What do you think of the concert?

What is your opinion of the choice of songs, the performer (s)?

What is your opinion of the venue of the concert (the facilities, acoustics)

Mention if you recommend to visit this concert or not and why.

The best review will be published in the magazine!

*Write your review. Use 100-140 words.*

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