

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ
(МУНИЦИПАЛЬНЫЙ ЭТАП)
ПИСЬМЕННЫЙ ТУР
возрастная группа 9-11 классы

Уважаемый участник олимпиады!

Вам предстоит выполнить письменные задания.

Время выполнения заданий письменного тура 120 минут.

Выполнение заданий целесообразно организовать следующим образом:

- не спеша, внимательно прочитайте формулировку задания;
- напишите правильный вариант ответа в бланке ответов;
- после выполнения всех предложенных заданий еще раз удостоверьтесь в правильности ваших ответов;
- если потребуется корректировка выбранного Вами варианта ответа, то неправильный вариант ответа зачеркните крестиком и рядом напишите новый.

Предупреждаем Вас, что:

- при оценке тестовых заданий, где необходимо определить один правильный ответ, 0 баллов выставляется за неверный ответ и в случае, если участником отмечены несколько ответов (в том числе правильный), или все ответы;
- при оценке тестовых заданий, где необходимо определить все правильные ответы, 0 баллов выставляется, если участником отмечены неверные ответы, большее количество ответов, чем предусмотрено в задании (в том числе правильные ответы) или все ответы.

Задание письменного тура считается выполненным, если Вы вовремя сдаете его членам жюри.

Максимальная оценка – 84 балла.

ПИСЬМЕННЫЙ ТУР

LISTENING (10 points)

Time: 10 minutes

Listen to an interview about the National Geographic Emerging Explorers programme and say whether the sentences (1-10) are true or false.

1. The *National Geographic Society's* main aim is to prevent environmental disasters using the potential of young adventurers, scientists and photographers. **True / False**
2. Emerging Explorers are people who are not yet fully established in their careers. **True / False**
3. Each year about 50 explorers as maximum are selected and supported in their research work.
True / False
4. As well as money, Emerging Explorers get publicity for their work in the magazine. **True / False**
5. The fields explorers carry out their research in are confined to one particular sphere. **True / False**
6. Emerging Explorers generally have a scientific background. **True / False**
7. Storytellers are explorers who record traditional stories from different cultures. **True / False**
8. Alexandra Cousteau's father filmed other Emerging Explorers. **True / False**
9. Alexandra is involved in conservation programmes. **True / False**
10. Alexandra is interested in how new technology can help to spread the environmental message.
True / False

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET

READING (20 points)

Time: 35 minutes

PART 1

Read the text.

Ronan

I work in a fairly traditional office environment doing a typical nine-to-five job. I like my job, but it's annoying that my **commute (A)** to work takes an hour and a half each way and most of my work could really be done online from home. But my boss doesn't seem to trust that we will get any work done if **left to our own devices (B)**, and everyone in the company has to **clock in (C)** and out every day. It's frustrating that they feel the need to monitor what we do so closely instead of judging us based on our task performance, like most companies do these days.

Jo

I used to do a typical five-day week, but after I came out of my **maternity leave (D)**, I decided that I wanted to spend more time with my children before they start school. After negotiating with my boss, we decided to cut my working week down to a three-day work week. This of course meant a significant cut in my pay too, as I'm **paid on a pro-rata basis (E)**. I've since noticed, though, that my workload hasn't decreased in the slightest! I'm now doing five days' worth of work in three days, but getting paid much less for it! I find myself having to take work home just so that I can meet the deadlines. It's **wearing me out (F)** trying to juggle work with looking after my children and my family, but I don't dare to bring this up with my boss because I think he feels as if he's **made a huge concession (G)** letting me come in only three days a week.

Marcus

I work for a global IT company, but because their headquarters is in the States, I do all my work online from home. That means that I don't waste time commuting or making **idle chit-chat (H)** with colleagues. I work on a project basis, and this flexibility is very valuable to me because it means that I can easily take some time off when my children need me to go to their school performances or if I need to schedule an appointment with the dentist. The downside is that without clear office hours, I tend to

work well into the evening, sometimes skipping dinner to finish a task. It can also get quite lonely working on my own, and I sometimes miss sharing ideas with colleagues.

Lily

I'm a **freelancer (I)** and work for myself. This is great because I am in control of what I do and how I spend my time. At first, I was working from home, but I found it really hard to concentrate. There were just too many distractions around: housework that needed doing, another cup of tea, my family members wanting my attention for various things. So, I started to go to a nearby café to work, but the Wi-Fi connection wasn't ideal and I found myself drinking too much coffee. In the end, I decided to rent a desk in a co-working space with five other freelancers like myself. I liked getting dressed to go to work in the morning and being able to focus in an office environment. The other freelancers do similar kinds of web-based work to me and so it's nice to have workmates **to bounce ideas off (J)** as well.

Match the words and phrases in bold (A-J) with their definitions (1-9):

- 0) a period of time a woman takes off work due to the birth of a child **D**
- 1) to record the time you begin work _____
- 2) to make someone very tired _____
- 3) to share ideas with someone in order to get feedback on them _____
- 4) calculated according to how many hours you work _____
- 5) to be allowed to decide what to do by yourself _____
- 6) to give or allow something in order to end an argument or conflict _____
- 7) a regular journey between work and home _____
- 8) a person who sells their services or work by the hour or day _____
- 9) talk that is informal and irrelevant to work _____

Are the sentences (10-15) true or false?

- 10. Ronan's boss thinks his employees will not be as productive if they work from home. **True / False**
- 11. Ronan thinks that the performance of employees should be judged according to how much time they spend in the office. **True / False**

12. Jo is paid the same for a five-day work week as she is on a three-day work week. **True / False**
13. Jo feels exhausted trying to manage both a five-day workload and childcare. **True / False**
14. Although Marcus sees the benefit in not having idle chit-chat, he misses interacting with his colleagues. **True / False**
15. Lily didn't like working from the café because the coffee wasn't very good. **True / False**

PART 2

Read the text and choose the correct answer (16-20).

Skye is located off Scotland's northwest coast, some 184 km from Glasgow. The island measures 77 km in length and 38 km at its widest. The largest island in Scotland's Inner Hebrides, Skye covers an area of 1,740 sq km, about half the size of the state of Rhode Island in the USA. Skye's landscape is dominated by the spectacular Black Cuillin Hills, which an English journalist H.V. Morton (1892-1979) described in his book in Search of Scotland. 'Imagine Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries frozen in stone and hung up like a colossal screen against the sky. It seems as if Nature when she hurled the Cuillins up said, "I will make mountains which shall be the essence of all that can be terrible in mountains."'

According to legend, the island, once flat, was inhabited by Cailleach Bhur, the goddess of winter. She had enslaved a beautiful girl, the sweetheart of spring, who appealed to the sun for help. In response, the angry sun buried his burning spear at Cailleach Bhur as she rode across Skye. But he missed his mark and destroyed the landscape which broke into a range of hills — the Cuillins. Skye's inhabitants often tell this tale to explain the curious fact that these hills are rarely snow-covered, even in winter. When surrounding hills are covered with snow, the Black Cuillins stand dark against the sky.

Twenty peaks feature in the Black Cuillins, 15 of them more than 914 m in height. The tallest, Sgur Alasdair, stands 1,009 m high. The peaks came into existence some 50 million years ago. The Red Cuillin Hills, some 16 km to the east are more rounded than the Black Cuillins. The south of the island stands the unusual rock known as the old Man of Storr. Both these formations had their beginnings 10,000 years ago.

Little of Skye's landscape can support the barley, oats and other crops grown elsewhere in Scotland. Areas of human settlement occur only rarely. Thousands of seabirds nest on the island's coast and shore. The puffin, which nests on dangerous rocks, can catch small fish in great numbers. It is not

unusual for a puffin to return to its nest with as many as 14 fish in its mouth. Yet Skye's puffin population is far from growing due largely to the attacks of lesser black-backed gulls which rob the puffins of their catch before they can reach their nests to feed their young.

16. Which of the following is true?

- A Skye is located on Scotland's northwest coast.
- B Skye is the largest hill area in Scotland.
- C Skye, the largest island in Inner Hebrides, dominates over Scotland.
- D The state of Rhode Island is about twice as big as Skye.

17. According to legend

- A the sun got angry with a beautiful girl who had become the sweetheart of spring.
- B the goddess of winter was enslaved by the sun.
- C Cailleach Bhur terribly missed the sun.
- D the angry sun made the Black Cuillins almost never snowcovered.

18. What is not typical of Skye?

- A The average height of the mountains is about 1000 m.
- B The peaks are quite old, dating back millions of years.
- C There are many areas of human settlement there.
- D Local people grow mostly barley and oats.

19. It follows from the text that Black Cuillins could hardly be described as

- A terrifying.
- B inviting and inspiring.
- C dark and gloomy.
- D a screen against the sky.

20. The author states that it is usual for a puffin

- A to eat about 14 small fish at once.
- B not to return to its nest.
- C to catch quite a number of small fish.
- D to be caught by black-backed gulls.

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USE OF ENGLISH (34 points)

Time: 35 minutes

PART 1

For items 1-8, 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).

Example:

0	BEAUTIFUL	
	Tolstoy closes the second part of “Sevastopol” with these words: “The hero of my tale whom I love with all the power of my soul, whom I have tried to portray in all his beauty, who has been, is, and will be (0), is Truth”.	BEAUTY
	For fifty years, in novels, tales, essays, and (1), he celebrated his hero with unflagging devotion.	EXHORT
	The (2) and lineaments of the hero are not always as other men have seen them, but the identity, the character of the hero is never in doubt.	DO
	The increasing grumble of the contest between privilege and labour – the most (3) war the world has seen and not yet at its crisis – assaulted his ears; he hearkened while most other members of the narrow circle of culture were deaf or indifferent, and he took his stand on the side of the workers against his own rank and skin.	PORTENT
	The unholy alliance of culture, the civil authority he strove to (4) by broadsides against each member of the triune tyranny, and so he conceived a new theory of art, a new reading of the gospels, and an anarchism so individual that it excludes most other anarchists.	SOLVE
	Even his own disciples he allowed to go their own way; he took no part in their organization and left them to make their own interpretation and their own (5) of his teachings.	APPLY
	Loving all mankind, having sympathetic knowledge of all sorts and conditions of men, he was nevertheless strangely (6)	SOLE
	At the end of his life his (7) to his ideas alienated from his family this	DEVOTE

most tender, home-loving man.	
The young (8) of the world left him behind, for they broke our new highways of thought which he could not travel; young Russia sees in him a splendid survivor of an elder age of storm and struggle, calls him master but not leader.	IDEAL

PART 2


For items (9-18), complete the colour-related phrases using the correct colour from the box:

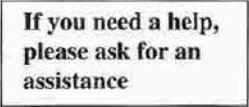

green white grey blue (2) black (2) red (3)


9. A company “in the” owes money.
10. Electrical equipment in the house like fridges and washing machines are called “.....” goods'.
11. When something happens “out of the” it is unexpected.
12. Getting a “..... light” means that you can start a project.
13. Someone who “sees” is very angry.
14. Some people call having interesting and new ideas “..... sky thinking”.
15. “ Monday” was the day the stock markets crashed.
16. A company “in the” has more money than it owes.
17. The amount of corporation tax companies should pay is a “..... area”.
18. If a person is caught “..... -handed”, he or she has been discovered doing something wrong or illegal.

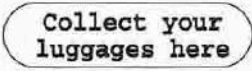
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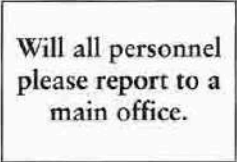
There is a mistake / are mistakes in each of these signs and sayings (1-16). Rewrite all of them correcting these mistakes.


Example: 


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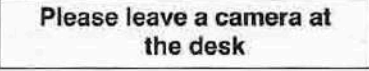
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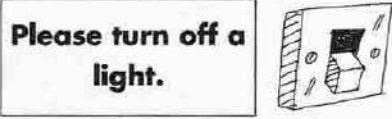
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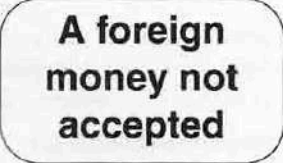
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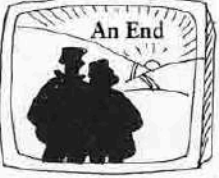
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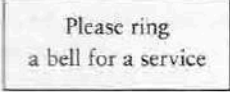
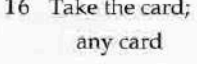
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WRITING (20 points)

Time: 35 minutes

You see this announcement on an English-language website.

Articles wanted

The most useful thing I have ever learned

What is the most useful thing you have learned? Who did you learn it from? Why is it useful?

Write us an article answering these questions.

We will publish the best articles on our website.

Write 180-220 words.

Observe the following guidelines:

- All content is relevant to the task.
- Target reader is fully informed.
- The tone is friendly and informative.
- The topic is clearly introduced and developed through the paragraphs.
- The subject is appropriate for the English website.

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