

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ
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ПИСЬМЕННЫЙ ТУР
7-8 классы

Уважаемый участник олимпиады!

Вам предстоит выполнить письменные задания.

Время выполнения заданий письменного тура 90 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 потребуются 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 – 62 балла.

Listening (12 points)

Time: 15 minutes

You will hear the pilot Kate Gingford talking about the last few days of her flight around the world in a small aeroplane. For each question 1-6 choose the correct answer. You will hear the recording twice.

1. In Norway, Kate's friends helped her
 - a) plan the route on the map.
 - b) cook a meal before her flight.
 - c) put on the clothes she would fly in.

2. During the flight to Denmark, Kate
 - a) felt very tired.
 - b) spoke to her son.
 - c) enjoyed views of the sea.

3. On Monday, Kate was worried because
 - a) she had to land unexpectedly.
 - b) the plane was difficult to fly.
 - c) a wheel was not working properly.

4. While staying at her friends' farm, Kate
 - a) enjoyed hearing the birds sing.
 - b) got annoyed about losing flying time.
 - c) made sure she got some extra sleep.

5. Kate had to arrive at the flying club in England
 - a) during the afternoon.
 - b) while the weather was good.
 - c) before it got dark.

6. When she arrived in London, Kate was ...
 - a) pleased she had done the trip.
 - b) keen to make another long trip.
 - c) nervous about seeing her family again.

Task 2

You are going to listen to a radio programme about Oymyakon. For each question 7-12 fill in the missing information in the notes above.

Oymyakon, East Russia

Temperatures dropped to $-71,2$ °C in the year (7) _____.

Winters can be (8) _____ months long.

In the last 100 years, little changed in Oymyakon except for arrival of (9) _____.

Fiodor Arnosov – (10) _____ person to live in Oymyakon.

Young people would like:

- (11) _____
- Internet café to meet friends
- disco with music

Evan McGregor travelled there by (12) _____.

Transfer your answers to your answer sheet!

Reading (15 points)

Time: 20 min

Read the text. For questions 1-8 choose the best alternative A, B, C or D.

The Elephant in Chains

When I was small, I used to love circuses, and what I liked best about them were the animals. The elephant in particular caught my attention, and as I later found out, other children liked the elephant too. During the performance, this enormous beast would nobly display its tremendous weight, size, and strength.

But after its performance, and until just before it went out on stage, the elephant was always tied down with a chain to a little stake in the ground that held one of its feet. The stake however was just a piece of wood, hardly a couple of centimeters long. And although it was a strong thick chain, it seemed obvious to me that an animal capable of tearing a tree from its roots, could easily free itself from that stake and flee.

This mystery continued to puzzle me. What held it there? Why didn't it escape?

When I was 5 or 6, I still trusted the explanations given by grownups. So, I asked my teacher, my father, and my uncle about the mystery of the elephant. One of them explained that the elephant didn't escape because it had been mastered. So I asked the obvious question: "If it's been mastered, why do they keep it in chains?"

I don't remember having received a coherent answer. With time I forgot about the mystery of the elephant, I only remembered when I found others who had asked themselves the same question at some time.

Years later, I discovered that, to my luck, someone had been sufficiently wise to come up with the answer: The circus elephant does not escape because it has been attached to a stake just like this one since it was very, very small.

I closed my eyes and imagined a defenseless baby elephant fastened to the stake. I am sure that in that moment, the little guy pushed and pulled and tired himself out trying to get free. But, regardless of his efforts, he couldn't do it, because the stake was too strong for him.

I imagined him tuckering himself out and falling asleep and the next day trying again, and again, and again... Until one day, a terrible day in its history, the animal accepted its futility and resigned itself to its fate. That enormous powerful elephant that you see in the circus does not escape because, poor thing, he thinks he can't.

He has that memory etched into his mind: the futility that he felt shortly after he was born. And the worst part is that he has never returned to seriously question that memory. Never again did he return to test his own strength...

1. The performance by the elephant was watched with ...
 - a) pity
 - b) admiration
 - c) regret
 - d) a silent question

2. The chain was attached to the ...
 - a) stage
 - b) ground
 - c) stick
 - d) tree

3. When a person said that the elephant had been mastered, he/she meant that it had been ...
 - a) trained to obey orders
 - b) taught to control feelings
 - c) made leader
 - d) put in complete control of the situation

4. As a child the narrator received the answer that he considered ...
 - a) reasonable
 - b) false
 - c) true
 - d) unclear

5. The narrator eventually found a person who ...
 - a) discovered the answer
 - b) explained the answer
 - c) suggested the answer
 - d) criticized the answer

6. The baby elephant could not free himself because of ...
 - a) physical weakness
 - b) mental weakness
 - c) lack of food
 - d) sleep deprivation

7. How does the narrator feel about the situation with the elephant?

- a) critical
- b) concerned
- c) sympathetic
- d) disappointed

8. The story represents

- a) an account of events
- b) descriptive narrative
- c) a conversational piece
- d) viewpoint narrative

For questions 9-15 decide if each sentence is true or false according to the text. If it is true, write T on your Answer Sheet. If it is false, write F on your Answer Sheet.

9. Most of the children were concerned about circus animals.

10. It was easy to notice that the elephant was able to escape.

11. The chain was too strong for the elephant.

12. The explanations that the narrator heard from grownups were clear and reasonable.

13. The narrator returned to the question he was concerned about when he saw a baby elephant tied to the stake in the circus.

14. The explanation that the narrator got as a grownup was based on good sense.

15. The baby elephant stopped pulling the stake because it had no chance of being successful.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Use of English (20 points)

Time: 25 min

Task 1. For items 1-6, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Australia Day

Australia Day is celebrated (1) the 26th of January every year. It is the biggest nationwide public (2) ... that is celebrated across the country. There are no rules (3) ... to celebrate this day but it is great if you feel (4) ... participating in any way. It is the day to focus on what it means to be Australian. Australians show their love to the country (5) ... making traditional Australian food, dressing up in Australian colours, attending concerts and parades. Some people prefer visiting museums or spending time on the beach. To hoist the Australian flag up in the front yard (6) ... also a good idea!

Task 2. For items 7-12, read the text below and decide which option (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. Choose only one option in your answer sheet.

It seems hard to believe that I've been here in Ireland for a whole week now. I promised to tell you how I was getting on. When I first got here, I just couldn't (7) _____ used to the slow pace of life. Now, though, I'm learning to (8) _____ things easy and I'm beginning to feel really at home. My first impression of the Irish is that they are really friendly and helpful, and they certainly know how to enjoy life! I've managed to (9) _____ a little cottage here. The countryside around is marvellous, and very green (10) _____ it rains a lot. I've already done some fishing and sailing and have made friends with some of the young people in the village. We (11) _____ most evenings in the local café which has a real peat fire, great music and a very (12) _____ atmosphere. Still I miss you so much here!

	A	B	C	D
7	become	get	start	set
8	take	keep	make	save
9	rent	pay	ask	lend
10	so	although	because	despite
11	have	take	spend	waste
12	busy	attractive	cheerless	pleasant

Task 3. Match the idioms 13-20 with their meanings.

13	Keep your shirt on	a	You are joking
14	Go fly a kite	b	Sick; not feeling well
15	You're pulling my legs	c	Get away from me; leave me alone
16	Eat your words	d	You said something and now you wish you hadn't said it
17	It is raining cats and dogs	e	Listen; pay attention
18	Bend an ear	f	Keep a secret
19	Under the water	g	It's raining very hard
20	Don' spill the beans	h	Wait a minute; stay calm

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Writing (15 points)

Time: 30 min

Your friend Rob has won a writing competition. For his prize, he has to choose between two places. He has written to ask your advice. Read his email and the descriptions.

- Write Rob an email giving advice.
- Give three reasons for choosing one of the places.
- Give one reason for not choosing the other place.

Write about 100-140 words. DO NOT WRITE THE DATE OR ADDRESS.

“I’m sending you a description of the two places. I can go to either of them for 10 days. Travel and accommodation are free. Which of these places do you think I should visit? Should I go to the USA or London?”

AMERICAN DREAM

You will have a great time here in Camp Florida, USA. You will sleep in a tent under the stars. You can swim, surf, do archery, go climbing – and much, much more. Includes a trip to Disneyland.

THE LONDON EXPERIENCE

Stay in a luxury hotel in this exciting capital city. See all the famous sights and visit art galleries and museums. Shop in London’s top stores. Watch London’s top musicals and rock shows.

Transfer your text to the answer sheet!