

LISTENING**Time: 10 minutes (10 points)****Task 1**

You will listen to the extract from a videoblog made by an English blogger Jonny Tickle, who loves traveling around Russia and has a lot of videos about various places in the Russian Federation. A couple of years ago he visited Ufa and told his followers about the most interesting locations in the city. Listen to his stories and fill in the gaps with the correct numbers.

You have 15 seconds to read the task.

1. The capital of the Republic of Bashkortostan was founded in _____.
2. The height of the statue of Salavat Yulayev is _____ m.
3. The most famous monument in Ufa was built on the _____ anniversary of the Bashkir people's joining Russia.
4. In 1900 the Russian revolutionary leader Vladimir Lenin stayed for _____ weeks in Ufa.
5. The Lala Tulpan Mosque has _____ minarets.

Task 2

Now listen again and choose the best answers to the questions.

You have more 15 seconds to read the task.

6. What is the significance of the statue behind the speaker?
 - a) It represents a famous historical figure.
 - b) It is the tallest statue in Ufa.
 - c) It was built in the 1960s.
7. What does the monument of friendship commemorate?
 - a) The anniversary of the Russian empire.
 - b) The unification of the Bashkir and Russian people.
 - c) The anniversary of Ufa's founding.
8. Why did they decide to build the monument on this place?
 - a) It has a great view on the main river.
 - b) It used to be a Kremlin here.
 - c) The treaty was signed here.
9. What is the architectural inspiration for the Lala Tulpan Mosque?
 - a) A famous mosque in another country.
 - b) A blooming flower.
 - c) A spring tulip.
10. What is the purpose of the Ordzhonikidze Palace now?
 - a) It is a university.
 - b) It is a park.
 - c) It is a theater.



READING**Time: 15 minutes (10 points)****Task 3**

Read the text about one of the most beautiful and attractive placed in Ufa, the Ufa Botanical Garden. Seven sentences were taken out from the text. Put the appropriate sentences into the correct places. TWO SENTENCES ARE EXTRA, DO NOT USE THEM.

UFA BOTANICAL GARDEN

An amazing green island in the centre of a modern city can be found in the Botanical Garden of Ufa.

(1) (...) More than 5.5 thousand of plants species from all climatic zones of the planet are gathered in the collection of the scientific and educational institution. Citizens and tourists are always interested to visit the park, to walk along its beautifully decorated alleys.

HISTORY

An extensive research centre for breeding and collecting rare plants has been created since 1932. The basis was the ever-growing collection of green plants at the Ufa Agricultural College. Besides technical crops, it included many medicinal and wild flora specimens. (2) (...) At first, the plant nursery was called the South Urals Botanical Garden-Institute.

During the Second World War the planting areas of the garden were used to grow vegetables for the **wounded** soldiers. The scientific work did not stop, being enriched by the experience of biologists and breeders evacuated from Ukraine. (3) (...) The fate of the scientific institution was in question during this period, as the local authorities of the autonomy tried to turn the breeding and research centre into a recreation park. However, through the joint efforts of renowned scientists, it was possible for the Botanical Garden to retain its original status as a scientific organisation.

(4) (...) In the **harsh** climatic conditions of the Southern Urals scientists managed to grow coffee trees, palm trees, relict plants. Special attention in the Ufa Botanical Garden has always been paid to the cultivation of the most beautiful flowers, which made it the most attractive for visitors.

FEATURES

The modern Botanical Garden-Institute in Ufa conducts extensive scientific research in the field of genetics, plant introduction and acclimatisation. The Institute's staff make a huge contribution to the preservation of biodiversity of green spaces. The importance of protection and methods of reproduction of endangered plant species of the Southern Urals in conditions of increasing influence of human industrial activity is great.

(5) (...) A unique collection of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants native to all parts of the world is located on the area of 23 hectares.

PLANT COLLECTION

The hard work of hundreds of staff members of the Botanical Garden preserves, develops and improves the vast and rare collection of green plants collected in a rather **severe** climatic zone of the Ural foothills. The calling card of the Ufa Botanical Garden is the syringarium, which contains about 80 different types of lilacs.

The variety of coniferous and tree plantings in the arboretum attracts many spectators. In addition to the usual varieties of fir trees and pines, one can see here rare fig trees, microbiota and ginkgo biloba. The colours

of the rose garden and lily plants, among which there are many endangered varieties, are amazing. (6) (...) The administration of the scientific institution holds regular flower festivals.

(7) (...) Group tours are offered for up to ten people at a time to visit the indoor areas. When the temperature outside is sub-zero, the greenhouse areas have an atmosphere of subtropical splendour. Around 600 varieties of southern species, including lemons, azaleas, feijoa, araucaria and bananas, are displayed in the indoor environment. Tropical water lilies float in a small pond. Visitors can not only see and smell rare plants, but also listen to lectures prepared by scientific staff.

(A) Now the visitors can observe with surprise and delight the fruits of many years of research and labour of specialists.

(B) The beautiful collection of peonies, irises, dahlias and clematis is also delightful.

(C) The unique collection of green plants, together with the greenhouse, occupies an area of 23 hectares.

(D) The Botanical Garden-Institute of Ufa is located on the territory of the urban microdistrict Zelenaya Roscha, adjacent to the park named after Foresters of Bashkortostan.

(E) On frosty winter days, visitors particularly enjoy visiting the indoor warm greenhouse, which covers an area of 1,000 square metres.

(F) Over time, the management of the technical school organised the construction of the first greenhouse heated by a steam heating system.

(G) Employees of the Botanical Research Institute on the basis of the garden are engaged not only in cultivation of green plants in the open air and in greenhouses, but also in preservation of endangered species.

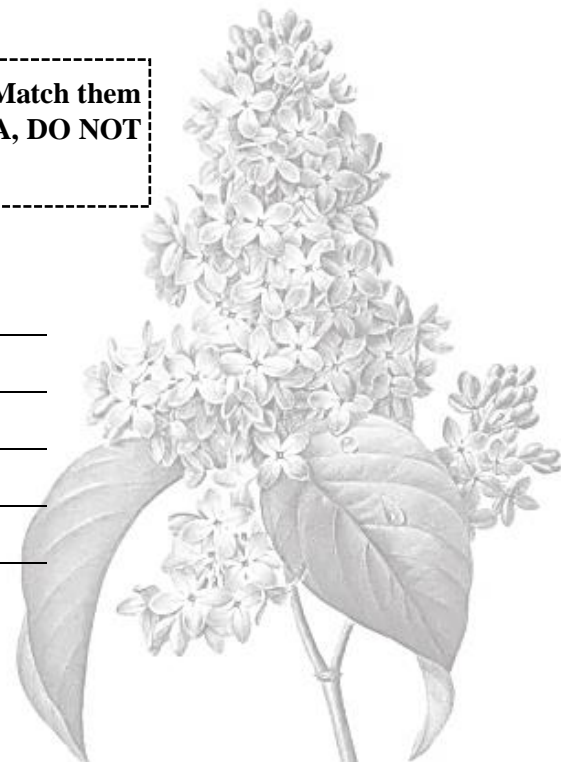
(H) In the post-war period, the collection of greenhouse species began to be enriched and the Ornamental Floriculture Department was expanded.

(I) The Institute has developed methods of selective improvement of forest tree species and crops valuable in economic terms.

Task 4

There are three adjectives which are highlighted in the text. Match them to the nouns to make the collocations. **THREE NOUNS ARE EXTRA, DO NOT USE THEM.**

8. wounded	A. clocks
9. harsh	B. look
10. severe	C. voice
	D. pride
	E. breath
	F. sand



USE OF ENGLISH
Time: 25 minutes (20 points)
Task 5

Read the text below and choose the word that fits best for each space. The first one is done for you.

Example answer: 0 A B C D

HOW A MOUSE SAVED THE PRINCE

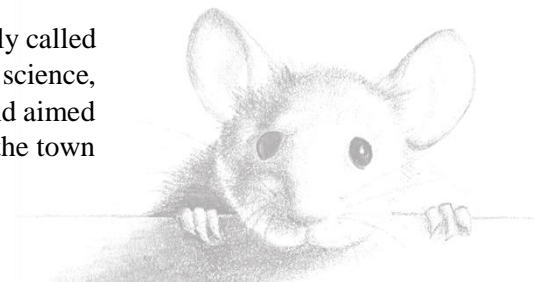
On the bank of the majestic Volga River, in the Yaroslavl region, (0) _____ is a small town called Myshkin. According to one legend, (1) _____ hunting on his lands that belonged to him at that time, Prince Fyodor Mstislavsky decided to rest and spend the night on the most beautiful bank of the Russian river. He woke (2) _____ because a mouse ran across his face. The prince was angry and wanted to kill the greyish creature. But then he saw that it had saved him from a poisonous snake crawling near him. And then he ordered to build a chapel in honour of Saints Boris and Gleb on this place.

(3) _____ time, people began to settle near the chapel. The legend about the mouse saviour gave rise to the name of the town that later appeared there: Myshkin or Mousetown.

Everyone in Myshkin is obsessed (4) _____ mice: museums and hotels, cafes and restaurants – you can find mouse symbols everywhere! You'll have no doubt about which city you're in.

The place has even come up with (5) _____ own awards for special services to the town. For example, the Order of the Mouse was established in 2005. It is awarded to citizens for special merits, contributing to the greatness, glory and prosperity of the city of Myshkin and Myshkin Municipality. The Order (6) _____ several degrees. It depicts a royal mouse in a crown and mantle, and the inscription "The great in the small" is painted on top.

And in 2012, the Golden Mouse Award appeared, (7) _____ is jokingly called the Mouse Oscar. It is awarded for special achievements in the field of science, literature and art, enriching and revealing the fabulous image of the Mouse and aimed at humanising the space of world civilisation. This is how the inhabitants of the town of Myshkin ironically express their worldview.



	A	B	C	D
0	<i>it</i>	<i>there</i>	<i>this</i>	---
1.	while	if	because	in order to
2.	---	on	in	up
3.	On	Back in	Over	In
4.	with	of	by	on
5.	his	its	---	it's
6.	is having	had	has to	has
7.	---	that	which	who

Task 6

Similes, idioms, phrasal words and fixed collocations are generally used to make the speech more vivid. Read the text about the animated film 'Northern Amours' and fill in the gaps with the appropriate phrases. The first one is done for you.

Example answer: 0. D

SEVEN INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE ANIMATED FILM 'NORTHERN AMOURS'
THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW

1. BASED ON REAL EVENTS

Many stories in the cartoon seem like (0.) _____, but they are based on real events. As Ramil Rakhimov, the historical consultant, explained, for example, two centuries ago they really scared locusts with shouts and shots, the governor of the Orenburg province Ivan Reinsdorp wrote about it in his report to Catherine II.

2. APPELLING TO ADULTS

'Northern Amours' is a kind children's cartoon about friendship, love and decency, but there are a lot of references to already familiar films. For example, there is a moment when Napoleon tries to (8.) _____ to get out of a snowdrift, swearing in French. The translation of his words refers to the plot of "The Diamond Hand", an immortal masterpiece of Soviet cinema.

3. VOICED BY FAMOUS PEOPLE

The cartoon was made by the studio Mukha, which means a fly, known throughout the country for its comics and clips, together with the film studio "Bashkortostan". Many artists, musicians, TV presenters, who are usually (9.) _____, were invited to voice the characters. Among them there are the world-famous opera singer Askar Abdrazakov, popular national artists Aidar Galimov and Elvin Gray, and many other well-known performers.

4. TWO LANGUAGE VERSIONS

The film is released in two versions of dubbing: in Russian and in Bashkir. The creators say that you will even (10.) _____ if you watch it in Bashkir because there is more wordplay.

5. SEEN ON THE MONUMENT TO SHAIMURATOV

If you come to Shaimuratov's monument on Soviet Square in Ufa and (11.) _____ on it, you can see the characters and objects from the cartoon on the right bas-relief. These are the Amours themselves, the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, the ataman of the Don Cossack army Matvey Platov, the defeated cannons, and even the monogram of Napoleon.

6. IT'S ALSO A GAME!

In addition to the cartoon, the team has released a game. It too is called "Northern Amours" and is available for all mobile devices. It's an archery game, it has forty levels. At first it seems that everything is very simple, but this is a mistaken opinion as by the fifth level you will have to (12.) _____.

7. IT (13.) _____

If you have a "Pushkin Card", you can pay for the ticket with it. This is a domestic cartoon.

A. run like the wind

B. won't cost you a penny

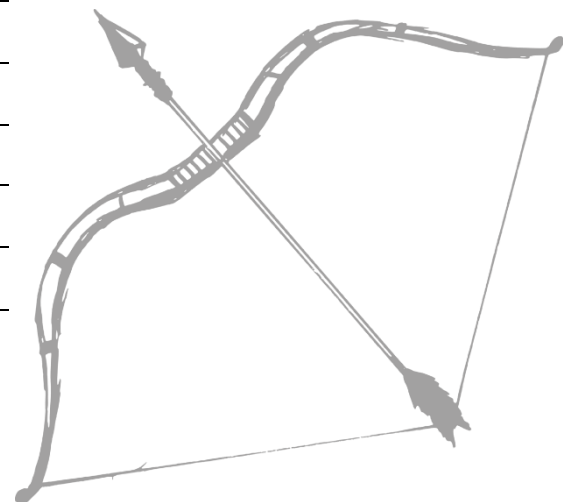
C. work as hard as an ant gathering his harvest.

D. ~~lies through the teeth~~

E. laugh your head off

F. keep a keen eye

G. star billing



Task 7

Write the missed information to fill in the table ‘Main facts about Great Britain’. The first one is done for you.

Example answer: 0. St George

Country	Capital	Patron saint	Flower/plant	Language(s)	Major cities
England	London	(0.) _____ April, 23	Red Rose	English	(14.) _____ (famous football team), Birmingham, Liverpool
Scotland	(15.) _____	St Andrew November, 30	(16.) _____	English Scottish Gaelic	Glasgow, Aberdeen, Paisley
(17.) _____	Cardiff	St David March, 1	Daffodil	English (18.) _____	Swansea, Newport, Wrexham
Northern Ireland	(19.) _____	(20.) _____ March, 17	Shamrock	English Irish Gaelic	Derry, Lisburn, Greater

WRITING

Time: 40 minutes (20 points)

Task 8

Write a short story about your best day ever. Use the target vocabulary to describe the highlights of your day and how you overcame any challenges to become the winner of a competition or a contest. Remember to give title to your story.

Target vocabulary:

1. *best day*
2. *win*
3. *competition*
4. *fail*
5. *overcome*

You must use these words, their word forms or their derivatives at least ONCE in a text as in the example:

e.g. I didn't even hope to win as my competitors were very strong.

You should write 80 – 100 words.