

**ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ ПО
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ПИСЬМЕННЫЙ ТУР**

возрастная группа (7-8 класс)

Уважаемый участник олимпиады!

Вам предстоит выполнить письменные задания.

Время выполнения заданий письменного тура 2 академических часа (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 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 за письменный тур 67 – баллов.

Listening (6 points)

Time: 10 minutes

Task1. You will hear a man talking on the radio about a number of sporting events happening over the next week. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B or C. You will hear the recording twice.

1. The cycling event on Saturday is
A taking place in the local park.
B only for teams of cyclists.
C over two distances.
2. The athletic competition this weekend will
A take place at a new stadium.
B be shown on national television
C be a chance to see some world-class runners.
3. What is interesting about the diving competition on Sunday?
A It is a new competition.
B A local teenager is in it.
C A world record might be broken.
4. What does the speaker say about the tennis tournament?
A There are no more tickets left.
B Ticket prices are more expensive this year.
C Listeners can enter a competition to win tickets.
5. The speaker advises that people going to see the surfing competition
A should wear warm clothes.
B should go to the beach on the bus.
C should take a picnic lunch with them.
6. The free yoga session on Sunday afternoon
A is for all ages.
B needs to be booked in advance.
C will take place in the sports centre.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Reading (26 points)

Time: 40 minutes

Task 1. Read the text and mark each sentence (1-10) T (true) or F (false) according to the text.

1. The Amber Room was presented to Peter the Great.
2. The origin of the Amber Room was German.
3. Catherine the Great installed it in her new Summer Palace.
4. The Amber Room disappeared during the war against German fascists.
5. The Amber Room was found in Germany after the war.
6. It was difficult to restore the Amber Room because nobody had seen it.
7. The Amber Room was restored by Russian artists and craftsmen.
8. The present Amber Room and the ancient one don't look very much alike.
9. The Amber Room is special; there is not anything of this kind in the world.
10. The Amber Room had been restored by the two hundredth anniversary of St. Petersburg.

The Miracle of the Amber Room

Built by emperor, stolen by the Nazis, missing for 50 years...

People used to call it the largest piece of jewellery ever made. Imagine: a vast space of 115 square yards with a ceiling over 25 feet high, entirely incrustated with carved and matched pieces of amber, hundreds of thousands of them, set into panels decorated with marble and semi-precious stones. Catherine the Great considered it her most prized treasure.

When the Nazis came to Russia in 1941, they did everything to take it back to the Third Reich. The Amber Room was of special interest as its origin was German. It made its way to Russia when Prussia's Emperor Frederick William I gave it to Tsar Peter the Great to cement an alliance. Peter's daughter Elizabeth Petrovna installed the gift in the new Summer Palace. Adding amber to her own paintings, mirrors and mosaics she transformed the "Prussian butterfly" into the "Russian peacock".

When the Germans came to the outskirts of Leningrad, the Amber Room vanished. It has never been found. Since the war, numerous theories have been advanced about its whereabouts.

In 1979 the Russian Government decided to recreate the Amber Room. It was very difficult, because the art of amber craftsmanship had disappeared since the 18th century. What was worse, there was no proper documentation of what the room looked like. There were few people who had seen it. There were few black and white photos of the room. So, Russian artists and craftsmen had to do a lot to recreate the Amber Room. The effect is striking.

Historians and artists say that if the original was found, it wouldn't look much different to the restored room. It's unique. There is nothing like it in the world.

Russian president Vladimir Putin and German chancellor Gerhard Schroeder unveiled the restored Amber Room to mark the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of St. Petersburg in 2003.

Task 2. You are going to read an article about a computer game exhibition. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from sentences A-G the one which fits each gap (11 – 16). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Computer game exhibition

Have you ever tried playing the kind of video games that your parents played? The Museum of Science in Manchester, in the UK, has held an exhibition for the last few years, which invites visitors to do exactly that. It offers them the chance to play games from the last 40 years, in various sessions throughout the day. **11**_____ They are full of people every day, playing a wide range of games. **12** _____ For parents, for example, these are usually the games they used to play in their childhood.

There's also an educational purpose of the games. For instance, some old types of computer, dating back 40 years, are also available in the sessions. They were originally used in classrooms to teach pupils to write their own computer programs. **13**_____ Now, the museum is holding workshops that encourage children to learn similar skills – and they're still very popular.

The sessions are also seen as social events, as people discover how much fun it is to play video games with other family members. And there's also an area called *Power Up!* where a number of visitors can sit down together. **14**_____ And nowadays, this is often how fans of video games are more likely to experience playing.

The exhibition also shows how much progress technology has made over the last 40 years. Parents can often remember playing very simple games. But the games that are played today are more complex. **15** _____ And the players also have to use much more complicated techniques.

However, one serious side of the exhibition is that organisers also want to show that video gaming is an important industry, employing many skilled people. **16**_____ That way, people who enjoy gaming will also understand all the hard work, talent and imagination that go into creating these amazing games.

- A. Visitors each pay for 90-minute sessions.
- B. And at the time, it helped lots of young people to do that.
- C. So they hope the exhibition will share this message.
- D. Then they can all enjoy playing the same game.
- E. However, visitors often choose the ones they're familiar with. They have better storylines and animation, too.
- F. These video games sessions have now become one of the main attractions of the museum.

Task 3. You are going to read an article about four young people taking part in swimming races in open water. For questions 17-26, choose from the people (A-D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person

	made a costly mistake about what strategy to use in the water?	
	found they were handling poor conditions more easily than some other competitors?	
	was lucky to have escaped being seriously injured while swimming?	
	was on the way to victory at an early point in their race?	
	felt confident about producing a good performance prior to the race?	
	remained unaware for some time that others in the race were in difficulty?	
	exceeded their own expectations in the initial stages?	
	missed out on winning due to an unfortunate occurrence?	
	received much-needed support at a critical point?	
	felt they'd learned something from the race despite not being successful?	

A Angela

As I was about to set off, I just kept thinking about what my coach had told me: 'The ones who are ready are the ones who win.' And I knew I'd done everything I possibly could to prepare, even swimming the course a few days previously, so I felt his words really applied to me. On the day of the race, the water was calm but I couldn't see far ahead, and I'd lost sight of the other competitors, so I hoped I was leaving them behind.

Then suddenly I felt a huge bang on my chest and realized other people were actually ahead of me – and one had kicked me hard. She apologized and no damage was done, fortunately, but it was a reminder to try and keep my distance, if possible. Anyway, the incident didn't affect the result – I was so far back by then that I couldn't possibly have won anyway!

B Sam

On the race day, I was a bit cautious getting into the water as it was rough. And there were a lot of other people swimming the same route, so my plan was to try and keep up with them, while also avoiding them so that I didn't get kicked, difficult though that might be. Once in the water, I actually began to swim a lot harder than I'd ever done in practice and I suddenly realized I was keeping up with swimmers who were clearly stronger than me in training. However, I soon noticed they'd all switched to a more relaxed breaststroke, presumably to place themselves and conserve their energy, while I'd made up my mind to maintain the faster overarm crawl and became worn out in the process. Anyway, to cut a long story short, I just decided to put this race down to experience. I found myself further and further behind, and in the end realized I'd never be able to win!

C Krista

There were so many swimmers taking part that I knew I'd have to swim tactically. The only problem was, I didn't really know any tactics! But I decided to put up my speed to pass the swimmer ahead of me, and settle into a rhythm. I passed the next one. That'd always seemed to work OK before. Anyway, I was soon up among the leaders and in with a good chance. The aim of the race was to swim out around a marker, then back to the beach, and run straight to our coach who'd be timing us. The three fastest times would win. However, as I didn't have my glasses on, I rushed up to the wrong person, sadly ... and dropped out of the three places as a result. Oh well!

D Tom

The sea conditions were pretty dire on race day, with big waves rolling towards the shore. I decided I'd just let others go ahead of me and simply aim to finish – that in itself would be an achievement. I resolved to see each wave as a challenge and meet each one head on, then go with the current as much as possible. The trouble was, doing that, I couldn't really see what the other swimmers were up to, so I was amazed when I heard some of them call out that it was too rough and they were giving up! I'd been coping OK, so I ploughed on, although I was getting tired. What really got me through, though, was finding my close friend swimming just nearby, so we made a promise to each other than to keep going now we'd come so far – and we did! That's what I call teamwork – even though we didn't win!

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Use of English (35 points)

Time: 40 minutes

Task 1. Match the beginning (1-10) of each sentence with its ending (a-j).

1	I love you from the bottom of	a	skin and bones.
2	I'll be able to finish more quickly, if you give me	b	out of hand.
3	You shouldn't worry about the exam because you have prepared well and you'll probably find it	c	take your time.
4	I think the horse has not been given enough to eat because it is just	d	crazy.
5	Tom shows no feelings or sympathy for other people – he's so	e	my heart.
6	We need to do something about it! This situation is getting	f	a broken home.
7	Whatever you do, slow down and	g	as blind as a bat.
8	Would you stop shouting, you're driving me	h	a piece of cake.
9	No wonder she is always so sad - she comes from	i	cold-blooded.
10	Without my glasses I can't see where I'm going. In fact, I'm	j	a hand.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Task 2. Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

MUST-SEE IN ALASKA

When Alaska became a U.S. state in 1959, it increased the size of the USA by a fifth.
(11) ... this huge state, with the largest⁷mountain in North America, has the second



smallest population. This (12) ... that there are still large numbers of wild animals (13) ... as polar bears, moose and seals, and trapping and hunting are major (14) The largest group of (15) ... people living in Alaska is the Inuit, who used to be (16) ... as Eskimos. Most of them hunt or fish, but some of those living in cities are (17) ... in government work.



Anchorage is the largest city in the state, with a (18) ... of around 230,000. In 1964, large areas of the city centre were (19) ... in an earthquake but the people soon rebuilt the offices and apartment buildings. Although it is only 571 kilometres (20) ... of the Arctic Circle, Anchorage has a surprisingly mild (21) Because of its remote location, Anchorage (22) ... many tourists who want to (23) ... life in the wild. A (24) ... number of them fly into




Anchorage International Airport before hiring a pilot and (25) ... into the remote areas of Alaska.


11.	A	otherwise	B	yet	C	despite
12.	A	means	B	proves	C	demands
13.	A	such	B	same	C	similar
14.	A	companies	B	industries	C	firms
15.	A	starting	B	first	C	native
16.	A	known	B	called	C	recognised
17.	A	involved	B	included	C	focused
18.	A	people	B	population	C	popularity
19.	A	destroyed	B	collapsed	C	broken
20.	A	down	B	south	C	under
21.	A	climate	B	temperature	C	weather
22.	A	appeals	B	attracts	C	brings
23.	A	experience	B	contact	C	look
24.	A	broad	B	considerable	C	main
25.	A	taking up	B	letting down	C	setting off



Match the photos to the descriptions

26	 <p>Hadrian's Wall</p>	A	<p>This waterfall hidden in the dense forest is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the USA. It is one of the five highest waterfalls in the country. Unlike other famous waterfalls, this one does not dry up in summer or freeze in winter.</p>
27	 <p>Stonehenge</p>	B	<p>Due to its location, unusual design and age, this unique construction is very popular with the creators of fantasy films. "The Highlander", the Harry Potter saga and many other equally famous films were filmed here. It magnificently emphasizes the natural beauty of this wonderful place.</p>

<p>28</p>	 <p>Wistman's Wood</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>This unbelievably beautiful lake surrounded by mountains is one of the most amazing lakes on the planet. It is one of the ten bluest and deepest lakes on Earth. The lake is considered one of the cleanest on the planet, as there are no natural or anthropogenic pollutants in the area.</p>
<p>29</p>	 <p>Yellowstone National Park</p>	<p>D</p>	<p>It's one of the world's deepest canyons, a symbol of America - no less famous than the Statue of Liberty and Hollywood - a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a universally recognized wonder of the world. Huge clusters of rocks, cliffs, waterfalls, canyons and caves resemble towers, pagodas and fortress walls in their shapes.</p>

<p>30</p>	 <p>Mount Snowdon</p>	<p>E It is the largest ancient Roman structure in the world, with a total length of 84 miles. It is considered an icon of British culture and one of the country's oldest landmarks; it is a UNESCO Heritage Site. Built of stone and peat across the narrowest part of the island, it was intended to protect the Romans from hostile tribes.</p>
<p>31</p>	 <p>Crater Lake</p>	<p>F It is a natural wonder of about 40,000 huge interconnected dark basalt columns formed by an ancient volcanic eruption. These columns form a kind of springboard that begins at the base of the cliff, and goes into the sea.</p>
<p>32</p>	 <p>Multnomah Falls</p>	<p>G It's one of those places in the world which are surrounded by mystery and legend. It is a unique megalith located in the southern part of England. It is not just a landmark, but an</p>

			<p>archaeological site protected by UNESCO. To this day there is no reliable data about the origin and purpose of the ancient megalith, but there are a number of theories.</p>
33	 <p>Glenfinnan Viaduct</p>	H	<p>This national park is located in the crater of a huge super volcano. It is also a nature reserve protected by UNESCO. The Super volcano occupies the area of three U.S. states. In the past many explorers conducted expeditions and tried to convince people that there is such an incredibly beautiful and at the same time dangerous place on earth.</p>

34	 <p data-bbox="453 734 762 770">The Giant's Causeway</p>	I	<p>This forest with its mossy boulders and breathtaking views, is surrounded by legends of druids and ghosts. Although these are all myths, it's easy to see why the forest has become a source of mystical tales.</p>
35	 <p data-bbox="453 1245 721 1281">The Grand Canyon</p>	J	<p>This is the second highest mountain in Great Britain. Its peak, which resembles the mouth of a chilled volcano, rises majestically above the five other peaks. The local name for the mountain is Yr Widdfa, which translates as 'The Great Grave'. According to an old legend, the giant that King Arthur killed on top of the mountain rests here.</p>

26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35

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