

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ  
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**LISTENING**

**Time: 15 minutes**  
**(14 points)**

**TASK 1. You will hear people talking in six different situations. For questions 1-6, choose the best answer (A, B or C).**

- 1) You hear a professional musician talking about his work. What type of music does he play?  
A. rock    B. jazz    C. classical
- 2) You hear a man and a woman talking about a band. What does the woman say about their latest album?  
A. She recognises a lot of the tunes.  
B. She finds the words of the songs interesting.  
C. She thinks the album is better than their last one.
- 3) You hear a boy and a girl talking about their guitar lessons. What is the boy's problem?  
A. He feels he isn't improving enough.  
B. He believes the lessons aren't long enough.  
C. He wonders whether he is doing enough practice.
- 4) You hear part of a radio interview with a female singer. Where do most of her current earnings come from?  
A. her solo albums    B. her advertising work  
C. her concert performances
- 5) You hear a composer talking about his latest work. The biggest influence on this piece of music was  
A. the sounds of city streets.    B. the ideas of his students.  
C. the countryside of his youth.
- 6) You hear a man and a woman talking about an open-mic night. Who was the best performer at this week's event?  
A. a violinist    B. a bass guitarist    C. a keyboard player

**TASK 2. You will hear a man and a woman talk about a film the man never gets bored with watching. Order the following bits in the correct order. You will hear the talk twice.**

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| 7)  | A. what the woman thinks about the film           |  |
| 8)  | B. a memorable thing about the 'baddy'            |  |
| 9)  | C. examples of gripping moments                   |  |
| 10) | D. something the two people say about the heroine |  |
| 11) | E. the woman's preference in films                |  |
| 12) | F. why it's family-friendly                       |  |

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| 13) | G. something unusual about the stunts |  |
| 14) | H. where the film got its title       |  |

### USE OF ENGLISH

**Time: 20 minutes**  
**(26 points)**

**TASK 1. Choose the correct answer**

1. As the tree was too high to climb, the mischievous boys ----- their ball down only by throwing sticks at it.

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A) would have knocked | C) will have to knock |
| B) were able to knock | D) may have knocked   |

2. My mother is making a steady recovery from flu and ----- hospital by next week.

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| A) could have left | C) has left       |
| B) is leaving      | D) will have left |

3. Some people argue that certain oriental relaxation techniques ----- yoga and meditation are extremely effective in the treatment of high blood pressure.

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| A) so      | C) such as |
| B) just as | D) both    |

4. As the tree was too high to climb, the mischievous boys ----- their ball down only by throwing sticks at it.

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A) would have knocked | C) will have to knock |
| B) were able to knock | D) may have knocked   |

5. Had this 70 m.-long asteroid entered the Earth's atmosphere, it could have ----- a large city.

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| A) reconciled | C) captured  |
| B) inflated   | D) destroyed |

6. Although the scientific community had hoped that the field of transplantation -----, the shortage of organ donors has curtailed research.

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| A) has progressed | C) must have progressed |
| B) would progress | D) is progressing       |

7. The cut on your leg looks very nasty. I genuinely recommend that you get ----- medical attention.

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|---------------|--------------|
| A) constant   | C) immediate |
| B) relentless | D) adjacent  |

8. I think Jack ---- moving to a quieter area when he retires next summer.

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| A) has considered | C) will be considering |
| B) considered     | D) is considering      |

9. We still ----- that any changes in the law along these lines will be to our advantage.

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|-----------------|------------------|
| A) had believed | C) have believed |
| B) believed     | D) believe       |

10. Water has a moderating effect on temperature, ----- summer and midday heat, and winter and midnight cold.

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- A) diminished  
B) having diminished
- C) diminishing  
D) being diminished

11. When that happened, their hopes ----- because the army had lost its most trusted leaders.

- A) wane  
B) are waning
- C) waned  
D) were waning

12. In every forensic laboratory, there should be ----- with the basic training to make sense of botanical evidence.

- A) each  
B) anyone
- C) someone  
D) one another

13. While the battle ----- out in the open, the technological capability of the coalition forces gave them the lead.

- A) was being fought  
B) had been fought
- C) was fought  
D) would have been fought

14. ----- he gives the appearance of sincerity and reliability, just remember that you can't trust him an inch.

- A) That  
B) As far as
- C) Nevertheless  
D) Though

15. By the end of the week, he will have completed the first stage of the treatment, and we'll know then if he ----- well to it.

- A) responded  
B) was responding
- C) is responding  
D) will respond

16. We've had some pretty good directors over the years, but Dr. Radcliff is ----- the most capable of them.

- A) by far  
B) over all
- C) just so  
D) as much

17. The successful education of children with speech defects involves ----- all means of approach.

- A) to explore  
B) exploring
- C) having explored  
D) having been explored

18. He listened to them with great patience ..... he was obviously infuriated.

- A) though  
B) however
- C) nevertheless  
D) in spite of

19. I don't like \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) to take my photograph  
B) my photograph been taken
- C) a photograph is taken of me  
D) having my photograph taken

20. I \_\_\_\_\_ eat all this food.

- A) would rather not to  
C) rather not to
- B) 'd rather not  
D) 'd not rather

***Transfer your writing to the answer sheet!***

**TASK 2. For questions 21-26, read the text below and choose A, B, or C to fill in the gaps**

I went to a new Italian restaurant last night. It claimed to \_\_\_\_\_(21) for everyone's tastes. I went there with my brother. We both have a \_\_\_\_\_(22) preference for Italian food. We also both have a \_\_\_\_\_(23) liking for sitting out-of-doors and this restaurant had a lovely garden. Unfortunately, the food did not \_\_\_\_\_(24) us quite so much pleasure. Although the staff gave us a very warm welcome when we arrived, they didn't seem to \_\_\_\_\_(25) much pride in their service or their cooking. I certainly don't much relish the \_\_\_\_\_(26) of going there again.

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|----|---|------------|---|----------|---|------------|
| 21 | A | cater      | B | cook     | C | feed       |
| 22 | A | large      | B | heavy    | C | strong     |
| 23 | A | peculiar   | B | special  | C | particular |
| 24 | A | make       | B | give     | C | pass       |
| 25 | A | take       | B | do       | C | make       |
| 26 | A | suggestion | B | proposal | C | thought    |

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**READING**

**Time: 30 minutes**

**(20 points)**

**TASK 1. Read the passage carefully and chose the correct answer**

**Cheating and Plagiarism**

Students are responsible for familiarising themselves with the University Code of Student Conduct, as on enrollment with the University the student has placed themselves under the policies and regulations of the University and all of its duly constituted bodies. Disciplinary authority is exercised through the Student Conduct Committee. The Committee has procedures in place for hearing allegations of misconduct. Copies of the student conduct code are available at the Student Services Office.

Academic dishonesty is never condoned by the University. This includes cheating and plagiarism, which violate the Student Conduct Code and could result in expulsion or failing the course.

Cheating includes but is not limited to obtaining or giving unauthorized help during an examination, getting unauthorized information about the contents of an examination before it is administered, using unauthorized sources of information during an examination, altering or falsifying the record of any grades, altering or supplying answers after an examination has been handed in, falsifying any official University record, and misrepresenting the facts to get exemptions from or extensions to course requirements.

Plagiarism includes but is not limited to submitting any paper or other document, to satisfy an academic requirement, which has been copied either in whole or in part from someone else's work without identifying that person; failing to identify as a quotation a documented idea that has not been thoroughly assimilated into the student's language and style, or paraphrasing a passage so closely that the reader could be misled as to the source; submitting the same written or oral material in different courses without obtaining authorisation from the lecturers involved; or 'dry-labbing', which includes obtaining and using experimental data from fellow students without the express consent of the lecturer, utilizing experimental data and laboratory write-ups from other parts of the course or from previous terms during which the course was conducted, and fabricating data to fit the expected results.

1. The Student Services Office familiarises students with the student code.  
A. True                      B. False                      C. Not stated

*Transfer your writing to the answer sheet!*

2. Cheats will automatically be expelled because their behaviour cannot be condoned.  
A. True                      B. False                      C. Not stated
3. The text lists all activities that are considered to be cheating.  
A. True                      B. False                      C. Not stated
4. According to the text, cheating is a more serious offence than plagiarism.  
A. True                      B. False                      C. Not stated
5. It is never acceptable to paraphrase closely.  
A. True                      B. False                      C. Not stated
6. Students can submit the same work in different courses as long as they ask their lecturer and it is not their own.  
A. True                      B. False                      C. Not stated
8. Data must fit the expected results.  
A. True                      B. False                      C. Not stated

**TASK 2. Read the passage carefully and complete the statements.**

In modern times, it was perhaps the “gentleman scientists” of the nineteenth century who came closest to a genuinely objective form of scientific research. These privileged amateurs enjoyed a financial independence which most scientists today cannot have, and which enabled them to satisfy their scientific curiosity without the need to please patrons. With the growth of scientific research after World War II, science has become an expensive occupation. Many scientists today look back upon the 1960s as a golden age of modern-day science, when research was mainly funded by the taxpayer, and scientific enquiry was seen by governments to be part of the public good, and worth paying for. Today, the situation is very different. “Academic freedom” is now often little more than an illusion for most scientists working at universities or in publicly-funded research institutes. Moreover, science is now largely dominated by the interests of the industrial world, and hence, hardly deserves the name “science”.

**9. The writer points out that in the 1960s ...**

- A. scientists carried out their research activities at the public expense
- B. academic freedom was already a thing of the past
- C. research activities were largely carried out under the sponsorship of industry
- D. scientists believed that they were entering upon a golden age

**10. According to the passage, the major difference between the “gentleman scientists” and present-day ones ...**

- A. has become a highly controversial issue in university circles
- B. is not nearly so obvious as some people believe it to be
- C. is that the former were free to research as they chose, while the latter are not
- D. has frequently been ignored by governments and universities

**11. The phrase “part of the public good” in effect means ...**

- A. beneficial to society
- B. recognized by the general public as being good
- C. setting good standards for society
- D. ensuring a better future for society

*Transfer your writing to the answer sheet!*

**12. The writer of the passage argues that contemporary scientific research ...**

- A. offers one of the most exciting and stimulating of careers
- B. finds its best milieu within the universities
- C. is far more concerned with theory than with any practical application
- D. is, to a large extent, controlled by the interests of industry

**13. The writer of the passage regards the “gentleman scientists” of the nineteenth century as privileged because**

- A. the choice of field was rapidly expanding
- B. they were always well-rewarded for their efforts
- C. there were plenty of patrons willing to finance them
- D. they were unrestricted by financial pressures

**14. The main idea of the text is that ...**

- A. most scientists today can enjoy financial independence
- B. science has become an expensive occupation
- C. science today has no «academic freedom» and is largely dominated by the interests of the industrial world
- D. science today hardly deserves the name “science”.

*Transfer your writing to the answer sheet!*

**CULTURE STUDY**

**Time: 15 minutes**

**(20 points)**

**TAKS 1. Choose the correct variant and fill in the ANSWER SHEET.**

- 1) Which is Kate Middleton's royal status?  
A. The Duchess of Cornwall                      B. The Princess Royal  
C. The Princess of Wales                        D. The Duchess of Sussex
  
- 2) How many children did Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip have?  
A. 1            B. 2            C. 3            D. 4
  
- 3) There is a game, which Elizabeth II banned the royal family from playing. It is ...  
A. Alias            B. Monopoly            C. Golf            D. Tetris
  
- 4) In order to ..., the British Royal protocol says that two heirs should never fly on the same flight together.  
A. protect the royal lineage                      B. make the trip more comfortable  
C. carry less food supply                        D. reduce the expenses
  
- 5) There is a tradition among the royals to ...  
A. always have porridge for breakfast.                      B. never wear brown shoes.  
C. never shake hands with common people.                      D. dress young boys in shorts only.

**TASK 2. Choose the correct option.**

- 6) The Loch Ness monster was named after a river in Scotland which it inhabited, according to a legend.  
A. True            B. False

*Transfer your writing to the answer sheet!*

7) Stonehenge visitors are allowed to come up to the stones and touch them only in the evening.

A. True      B. False

8) Dundee is one of Scottish cities.

A. True      B. False

9) Big Ben's official name since 2012 is Pugin Tower.

A. True      B. False

10) French was the official language in the UK for almost 300 years.

A. True      B. False

**TASK 3. On the left there are the names of some famous Brits and Americans. Match them with what they are famous for. Two lines from the column on the right are extra.**

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|--------------------------|---|
| 11) Sylvia Plath         | A. a British actor/actress, who was born into Scottish nobility.                                      |
| 12) Abraham Lincoln      | B. an American author, disability rights advocate, political activist and lecturer.                   |
| 13) Helen Keller         | C. an American business magnate who built his wealth in railroads and shipping.                       |
| 14) Cotton Mather        | D. an English naturalist, geologist, and biologist.   |
| 15) Tilda Swinton        | E. an American poet, novelist, and short story writer.  |
| 16) William Turner       | F. an English mathematician, computer scientist.  |
| 17) Cornelius Vanderbilt | G. the 16th president of the United States and is famous for ending slavery.                          |
| 18) Alan Turing          | H. a Canadian actress resident in the U.S., "America's Sweetheart" during the silent film era.        |
| 19) Mary Pickford        | I. a member of a group of provincial English Catholics involved in the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605. |
| 20) Emily Davison        | J. an English Romantic painter, printmaker and watercolourist.  |
|                          | K. an English suffragette who fought for votes for women in Britain in the early twentieth century.   |
|                          | L. a New England Puritan child prodigy, clergyman, theologian, and writer.                            |

***Transfer your writing to the answer sheet!***

## WRITING

Time: 40 minutes (20 points)

**TASK 1. Comment on the following quotation by Rudyard Kipling:**

"One man in a thousand, Solomon says.  
Will stick more close than a brother.  
And it's worth while seeking him half your days  
If you find him before the other.  
Nine hundred and ninety-nine depend  
On what the world sees in you,  
But the Thousandth Man will stand your friend  
With the whole round world agin you."

**NOTE:** You should write a composition of **minimum 200 words** and **maximum – 250 words**. In your composition use the following words and expressions:

*mutual understanding,*  
*life-long friends,*  
*a shoulder to cry on,*  
*trustworthy.*

Underline them in your composition.

It is **obligatory** for you to think over the title of the composition.

***Use the following plan:***

- make an introduction, explaining how you understand the author's point of view;
- express your personal opinion on the topic and give reasons to support it;
- give examples from literature or cinema to illustrate your reasons (at least 2);
- make a conclusion restating your position.

***Transfer your writing to the answer sheet!***

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