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9 класс

**ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ ПО
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ПИСЬМЕННЫЙ ТУР

возрастная группа (9 класс)

Уважаемый участник олимпиады!

Вам предстоит выполнить письменные задания.

Время выполнения заданий письменного тура 3,3 академических часа (150 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 90 – баллов.

Listening (20 points)

Time: 30 min

You are going to hear a radio programme about an annual cheese festival. You will hear the programme in several parts. After each part you will hear 2-4 questions. For each question choose the correct answer. First, listen to the introduction and note the example question below.

You will hear the recording only once!

Example

- a. 1836
- b. 1846
- c. 1848

The correct answer is a

1.
 - a. It's an old English name.
 - b. It's the same as the original French name.
 - c. It's a combination of both English and French.
2.
 - a. Fox River
 - b. Little Chute
 - c. Mississippi River
3.
 - a. It is the only way to travel to the Great Lakes.
 - b. It is travelled more than the Mississippi River.
 - c. It was once a heavily travelled waterway.

4.
 - a. a town
 - b. a windmill
 - c. a hotel
5.
 - a. The town organises many festivals.
 - b. Tourists come to see the windmills.
 - c. The town organises one festival every year.

6.
 - a. 1914
 - b. 1920
 - c. 1981
7.
 - a. its proud people
 - b. its dairy products
 - c. its friendly people

8.
 - a. act in a bizarre way
 - b. engage in unusual activities
 - c. eat all the cheese
9.
 - a. Chefs distribute it to the public.
 - b. It is made into works of art.
 - c. It is used to make cheesecake.
10.
 - a. the cheesecake competition
 - b. the cheese carving contest
 - c. judging the various contests
11.
 - a. The cheesecakes are sold for a dollar.
 - b. The cheesecakes are sold by the slice.

c. The winning cheesecakes are eaten by the judges. _____

12.

- a. They are eaten.
- b. They are not accepted.
- c. They are handed out for free.

13.

- a. the tomato and cherry cheesecake
- b. the apple pie cheesecake
- c. the blue cheese cheesecake

14.

- a. It didn't taste like cheesecake.
- b. It won first prize.
- c. Nobody wanted to taste it.

15.

- a. exciting musicals
- b. live music
- c. local food

16.

- a. musical entertainment
- b. a small amusement park
- c. a tea party in a haunted house

17.

- a. present the best cheese curds
- b. eat cheese curds faster than others
- c. win the most cheese curds

18.

- a. ideas for cheese that contain fruit
- b. ideas for different kinds of food that go with cheese
- c. for new recipes with cheese

19.

- a. a type of cheese
- b. a volunteer at the cheese festival
- c. a hat in the shape of a piece of cheese

20.

- a. because he goes to all the Green Bay Packers' games
- b. because he promotes 'cheeseheads'
- c. because a 'cheesehead' saved his life

Transfer your answers to your answer sheet

Task 1. You are going to read an article about dolphin's memory skills. Ten sentences have been removed. Choose from the sentences given (A-K) the one which fits each gap. There is one sentence which you do not need to use.

Dolphins intelligence fuels discovery

Could you recognize a childhood friend you hadn't seen or spoken to in 20 years, just by their voice? Most people would find it difficult, at the very least. That is, unless we're talking about the recently-dubbed 'non-human people' — dolphins. **1....** This kind of memory surpasses the recognition abilities of elephants, monkeys and other intelligent animals.

A study published today shows how these animals possess a truly remarkable social memory. **2....** The researchers demonstrated that the animals easily remembered the 'names' and voices of others they hadn't heard in more than 20 years.

Their findings indicate that the social memory skills of dolphins are truly amazing, perhaps even exceeding the ability of people to remember faces. Early in its life every dolphin develops a signature call. **3....** Whereas these may alter considerably as people age, a dolphin's call remains unchanged throughout its life.

To establish how well dolphins could remember their former companions, Dr Bruck collected data from 43 different bottlenose dolphins at six facilities. He played recordings of signature whistles to dolphins that had once lived with the animals that made the calls. **4....** 'When they hear a dolphin they know, they often quickly approach the speaker playing the recording,' says Dr Bruck.

The kind of study can only be done in captive groups where scientists can know exactly how long the animals have been together. The University of Chicago's study involved recording the signature calls of the dolphins in different locations including the Brookfield Zoo near Chicago and Dolphin Quest in Bermuda. **5....** To attempt a similar study in the wild would be impossible because evidence of whether two dolphins knew each other could never be obtained.

In one notable example, Dr Bruck played a recording of a female dolphin named Allie, who currently lives at the Brookfield Zoo, for Bailey, a female now in Bermuda. **6** But 20 years and six months after their last contact, Bailey still recognized the recording of Allie's signature whistle. **7....** That kind of performance after decades apart was typical, leading Dr Bruck to conclude that dolphins maintain lifelong memories of each others' whistles.

However, the researchers can't give the exact answer why dolphins need this kind of memory. In the open ocean, dolphins may break apart from one group and 'fuse' with other groups many times over. **8....** Such relationships could have required a growth in memory capacity.

Another big question this study raises is how similar dolphins' signature calls are to human words and names. So far no one has been able to test signature whistles in a dolphin's mind.

‘We know they use these signatures like names, but we don’t know if the name stands for something in their minds the way a person’s name does for us. **9...**’, admits Dr Bruck. For the next round of research, the scientists’ goal is to show whether the call represents something similar to a person’s name for humans.

The findings of the University of Chicago have been supported by researchers at the University of St. Andrews in the UK, who suggest there are strong parallels between dolphin and human social recognition. **10...** In other words scientists have yet to establish if the mental processes of a dolphin are like those of human beings.

- A. This long-held view of dolphin intelligence has now been proved incorrect.
- B. On hearing the dolphin it knew, the dolphin approached the loudspeaker which was playing the recording, it hovered around whistling at it, trying to get it to whistle back.
- C. The familiar calls often would perk up the dolphins and elicit an immediate response.
- D. The pair had last lived together at Dolphin Connection in the Florida Keys when one of them was 2 and the other was 4.
- E. It turns out the aquatic mammals put us land-dwellers to shame in the long-term memory department.
- F. This identifying sound is even more reliable than features used by humans to recognise one another.
- G. We don’t know yet if the name makes a dolphin picture another dolphin in its head.
- H. The dolphins at these sites had periodically spent time in each other’s company over a long period, and there were fully verified records to prove this.
- I. They found that dolphins not only recognise each other by their whistles, but often mimic a companion’s unique whistle to get them to respond almost the same way humans do greeting each other.
- J. So probably by remembering individual whistles, dolphins can remember which others were friendly or not, then choose to join or avoid them.
- K. According to the latest research by Dr Jason Bruck at the University of Chicago dolphins have the exceptional ability to recall other dolphins by the distinctive whistle that acts as their name.

Task 2. You are going to read some information about different train journeys. For questions 11-20, choose from the train journeys (A-D). Some of the train journeys may be chosen more than once. They may be given in any order.

Which person or people

| | | |
|---|----|----|
| felt disappointed by the journey | 11 | |
| could feel something interesting while on journey | 12 | |
| did this journey more than once | 13 | |
| thinks the price was too high | 14 | |
| says this was the first time they had been on a journey like this | 15 | |
| have good memories of their journey | 16 | 17 |
| went on the longest journey | 18 | |
| talk about what they could see outside the train | 19 | 20 |

Train Journeys

Cairns to Kuranda (Australia) A

I went on this train journey while I was visiting some friends who lived in Australia. I went away for a few days on my own and before I left, my friends had recommended this trip; it was definitely worth it. It used to be an old mining train that took miners to work every day. This heritage-listed railway line starts on the coast and goes right up the side of a mountain. It is very steep and the views are fantastic looking back out to sea. There is lots of information in the different stations about the people who built the railway originally. It was a very dangerous job and many of them died while doing it, either through accidents or disease. The whole journey only takes about an hour but you see all sorts of amazing things on the way. At one point it even goes through a tropical rainforest and there are some really beautiful plants. It is a wonderful trip to do as a tourist, but I'm sure the miners didn't enjoy it quite so much.

Casablanca to Marrakech (Morocco) B

Marrakesh is the fourth largest city in the Kingdom of Morocco and it isn't far from the capital. We decided to travel by train because it was cheap and it only took three hours. Besides, I thought a train journey through the desert would be exciting and different. In fact, it wasn't quite as much fun as I had hoped. We got to the station in plenty of time and got our tickets without too much difficulty. The chaos started when we went out to the platform. It appeared that everyone else in the station was also planning to get on the same train as us. It was really crowded. When the train arrived, there was a real fight to get on and all the seats were occupied in seconds. My friend and I got separated in the confusion but there was no way we could move so we just had to stand where we were and hold on. My friend managed to sit down after about an hour but I had to stand for the

whole three hours. The scenery was quite spectacular in places but the train was hot and uncomfortable.

Moscow to St Petersburg (Russia)C

The most memorable train journey I have ever been on was between Moscow and St Petersburg in Russia. We were about 17 years old and on a school trip to see the places we were studying in our Russian history lessons. We spent three days in Moscow then took the overnight train to St Petersburg. I remember feeling really excited about it. I had never been on an overnight train journey before. We went to the theatre on our last evening in Moscow and then went straight to the station to get on the train at about 11 pm. There were four of us in each room and our whole group occupied about two carriages of the train. Our teachers were very aware of the dangers of travelling by train at night in Russia and warned us never to walk around the train on our own. They told us to go in groups of three to the toilets so that two people could wait outside together while one person went in. That frightened us a little but nothing happened. I don't think we slept much; we stayed up most of the night talking, but I remember waking up in the morning and realizing it was daylight outside and that we were in a completely new city. It was amazing.

London to Brighton (UK)D

I spent over ten years doing this journey every day of the week. I'm very relieved I am retired now. I still do the same journey sometimes but now I don't have to travel in the rush hour and if there are delays it doesn't matter so much. The journey when it went well wasn't bad at all. It wasn't too long and I was usually able to sit down and read the newspaper. It was quite pleasant as long as there were no annoying people having loud phone conversations. But generally it was fine and not a bad way to begin and end a busy day in the city. The problems and stress came with the all too frequent delays and cancellations. It was extremely frustrating, especially as I was paying so much money for my ticket. The cost was much too high in my opinion. I am glad I don't have to pay that anymore.

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Use of English (40 points)

Time: 40 min

Task 1. For items 1-12, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

LET’S TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

One of the most valuable things in life is friendship. People need this relationship because they expect help and comfort from (1) _ _ _ _ other. Friendship is usually based (2) _ _ _ _ common interests and mutual understanding, true encouragement and sympathy. Psychologists say that individuals with several close friends are happier than those (3) _ _ _ _ them . True friends often know things that family members may not be aware of, no matter (4) _ _ _ _ long they have lived together. Friends turn to one (5) _ _ _ _ for suggestions on how to solve their problems, they share secrets and dreams. There is a tendency (6) _ _ _ _ close friends to be very honest, never leave in trouble and betray. It is (7) _ _ _ _ surprise that friends spend so much time together. In fact, there’s clear evidence that friendships do not only make our lives better, (8) _ _ _ _ also make them longer. A study reveals that when people *do* get enough social support during stressful times, they (9) _ _ _ _ to live longer than those who don’t have anyone to lean on.

It is undeniable that only time can show (10) _ _ _ _ friendship is strong or not – good friends stick together and the best relationships may last a lifetime. However, research shows that in reality people do not always have an accurate picture of (11) _ _ _ _ their true friends are. In a surprising number of cases a person someone considers a good friend does not feel the (12) _ _ _ _ about them. So, be careful who you call your friends!

Task 2. For items 13-20, read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Mirror, mirror on the wall!

For hundreds of years, the inhabitants of the tiny Norwegian town of Rjukan went without direct sunlight for almost half a year. To many people here winter **13....** shorter days and long dark nights. The town is situated in deep valleys where mountains cut it **14....** the sun's rays for up to six months every year. Today's technology has made it possible to deliver the sun to the people of Rjukan: the town authorities have come up with a clever way of **15....** light into the town. Giant computer-driven mirrors placed at the top of the steep mountain walls over the town capture the sun's rays and direct them into Rjukan's square.

The idea was **16....** forward over 100 years ago, but it's only now that technological developments have made it possible. Many residents **17....** to the proposal at first as they thought it was a great waste of money for only a little slice of sun. However, now there's really positive **18....** on the mirrors in the town. Many critics had to admit that this idea not only provided some much-needed sun for the locals but it also helped to put the town on the map since this project did manage to **19....** more tourists to the town. People notice that tourists turn their backs on the real sun, and sit instead with their faces to the sun mirror which has really **20** the quality of life.

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|----|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 13 | A includes | B means | C proposes | D involves |
| 14 | A out | B apart | C off | D away |
| 15 | A producing | B making | C creating | D getting |
| 16 | A brought | B put | C held | D come |
| 17 | A objected | B refused | C disagreed | D argued |
| 18 | A answer | B feedback | C effect | D response |
| 19 | A introduce | B attract | C intrude | D direct |
| 20 | A enhanced | B expanded | C inflated | D extended |

Task 3. For items 21-30, match the colloquial names for certain types of people (A-J) with the correct description below.

21. Last weekend he watched television for 14 hours straight! He's so lazy and does nothing the whole day.
22. He's eager to go home and keeps checking how much longer he has to work.

23. She likes to impress others by frequently mentioning famous or important people she's met.
24. Unfortunately she is not usually asked to dance by anyone. She just stands there hoping.
25. He's so very annoying! I can't stand him.
26. Her speech was over an hour long at the meeting.
27. I never know where to find him, he goes from job to job, from place to place.
28. She's very aggressive, bossy and domineering. She's unpleasant to deal with.
29. He's really convinced that drag racing on city streets is a harmless game.
30. He goes to parties and other occasions without an invitation. He just walks in.

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|--------------------------|
| A a good mixer |
| B a clock-watcher |
| C a battle-axe |
| D a windbag |
| E a couch potato |

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| F a name-dropper |
| G a rolling stone |
| H a pain in the neck |
| I a wallflower |
| J a daredevil |

Task 4. Match dates, places, events and people.

| | Date | | Event/place | | Name |
|-----------|-------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| 31 | 1666 | A | the Civil War (the War of the Roses) | a | Christopher Columbus |
| 32 | 1455-1485 | B | World War II | b | Abraham Lincoln |
| 33 | 1861-1865 | C | the end of the British Republic | c | Sir Christopher Wren |
| 34 | 1969 | D | Moon Landing | d | Winston Churchill |
| 35 | 1492 | E | Declaration of Independence was ratified | e | Oliver Cromwell |
| 36 | 1485 | F | Restoration of London after the Great Fire | f | Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin |
| 37 | 1776 | G | the Great Depression | g | King Henry VIII |
| 38 | 1929-1939 | H | Discovery of America | h | Thomas Jefferson |
| 39 | 1939 | I | American Civil War | i | Franklin D. Roosevelt |
| 40 | 1660 | J | the Establishment of the Tudor Dynasty | j | House of Lancaster and House of York |

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Writing (10 points)

Time 40 minutes

Think of a town/city in your country which you consider would be a good place for a tourist to visit for the weekend except Moscow. Write a report about such a town/city using the following plan:

- introduction;
- how to get there;
- historical information;
- tourist attractions;
- why everyone should visit the town/city.

Write your report. Use 200-250 words.

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