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возрастная группа (9 класс)

LISTENING

Time: 10 minutes

You will hear a presentation about the dark side of Halloween. You will hear the text twice. For questions 1-5, complete the sentences below. Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR NUMBER for each answer.

The Dark Side of Halloween

1. The average young trick-or-treater will consume about 3 cups of sugar on Halloween, and _____ around 7,000 calories.
2. The Halloween industry has grown dramatically, _____ Halloween stores have opened up.
3. Children can trip over their Halloween costumes and some are _____.
4. Halloween can _____ violent behaviour in people.
5. On Halloween in the US, people throw eggs at houses, which _____ on impact.

For questions 6-8, choose THREE letters, A-G.

What are the **THREE** activities mentioned in the presentation a person could be held legally accountable for in the US?

6. _____ **A** stealing sweets from kids when they're trick-or-treating
 7. _____ **B** crossing the road wearing dark clothes
 8. _____ **C** putting silly string on trees
- D** giving dogs plastic accessories to play with
E targeting other people's property
F giving dog biscuits to kids
G running away after ringing the bell

For questions 9 and 10 Choose TWO letters, A-E.

Name **TWO** dangers that could put someone's mental and physical health at risk on Halloween:

9. _____ **A** masks
 10. _____ **B** mailboxes
- C** toilet paper
D realistic decorations
E Big Macs

READING
Time: 30 minutes
Task 1

You are going to read an introduction to a book about polar bears. Five sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences A – F the one which fits each gap (11-15). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

The polar bear, more than any other animal, symbolizes the Arctic. People all around the world who will never see one know what it looks like. Like the vastness of the polar sea ice it lives on, the sheer size of an adult polar bear is impressive. Its whiteness matches the backdrop of snow and ice that we all associate with the Arctic.

11 _____ The Arctic is not a forgotten wasteland to a polar bear; it is home, and a comfortable home at that. For thousands of years, the climate, the ice, and the seals upon which it feeds have shaped the evolution of this predator. While it's easy to understand why the polar bear became such a powerful icon, it is difficult even now to comprehend its vulnerability to a changing environment.

The polar bear is a true marine mammal in the sense that it depends on the ocean for its existence. **12** _____ For example, in the United States, the polar bear is considered a marine mammal for legal purposes. In Canada it is a land mammal. Ecologically, however, the polar bear is clearly an integral part of the marine ecosystem, and that's the context I will treat it in.

I began my research on polar bears forty years ago. International concern for polar bears was high, and conservation agreements were in development. Management plans were needed, and The Polar Bear Specialist Group recommended more fundamental research on the bears' ecology. I undertook a wide variety of studies of polar bears, including behaviour, genetics and denning habitat. In this book, I explain the results of that research. **13** _____.

I have followed a few general themes. Firstly, the polar bear does not exist in isolation. It is both a product and part of the polar marine ecosystem. **14** _____ The polar bear has been a significant factor in the evolution of the behaviour and ecology of the arctic seal and vice versa.

Secondly, a polar bear's life revolves around energy. It obtains as much energy as efficiently as possible when there is an opportunity, and then conserves that energy as much as possible. **15** _____ Because their success as predators determines their very existence, and this is the aspect that most peoples have the greatest interest in, I've written the longest chapter on how they hunt and how diverse their techniques are.

A However, the fact that it walks about on the sea ice like a regular land bear, and periodically comes ashore causes confusion.

B In other words, because of their low reproductive rate, they are still vulnerable if not properly managed.

C This is because it is often uncertain when or where the next meal will come from.

D I attempt to provide a broad understanding of the ecology and natural history of polar bears in accessible non-technical language.

E It is constantly influenced by a changing environment and it interacts with other species on a daily basis.

F At special moments when I have time to watch an undisturbed polar bear, I'm often struck by an overwhelming sense that it is simply where it belongs.

Task II.

You are going to read a magazine article about various local campaigns. For questions **16-20**, choose from the people (**A – D**).

- 16.** Local businesses could be badly affected
- 17.** The problem was announced shortly after a report was published.
- 18.** There are plans to build a brand-new building.
- 19.** The problem affects all age groups.
- 20.** The campaign cannot raise enough money on its own.

Community News

A Homes For All

Organisations that help the homeless are warning that people will face even greater hardship this winter unless urgent action is taken to offer shelter to those without a home. This warning follows publication of figures showing an increase in the number of homeless people. Susan Evans of the organisation 'Homes for All' said: "With a shortage of accommodation, more people than ever before - young and old - are having to sleep rough. A cold winter is predicted this year which means that these people will have to put up with sub-zero temperatures. Action must be taken urgently to offer these people shelter." A nationwide demonstration to raise awareness of the problem will take place this weekend. Supporters are welcome.

B Village Protest

Residents of the local village, Shilden, are preparing for a night of protest to save their village from Government planners. Proposals for a new motorway to be built that will run within 2 kilometres of Shilden have caused uproar amongst residents. They claim that they were given insufficient time to respond to the proposal. Tony Fellows, spokesperson for the 'Village Protest' campaign explains: "The planned route cuts across some of the most picturesque countryside in the region. Shilden welcomes thousands of tourists each year. Many of the shopkeepers depend on this trade and would almost certainly face ruin if tourists were put off coming by the damage this road is likely to cause". The all-night protest will take place in the fields where the building work is likely to begin.

C New Youth Club

Youngsters in the city-centre will lose out on a much-loved project if substantial funds are not found this year. The 'New Youth Club', which is open to young people from the ages of 10 to 17, is being threatened with closure by Health and Safety officials who claim the building is unsafe. The club, built 30 years ago, was badly damaged by heavy storms last year and city engineers estimate that one hundred thousand pounds is needed to repair structural damage. With only limited funds at their disposal, managers fear the club will have to close. Youngsters from the club have organised an Open Day on Tuesday in an effort to raise some of the money needed to enable the repairs to be undertaken. "This alone won't be enough, however" warned Adam Ross, Youth Leader.

D Save Lea Valley

A rare species of butterfly and many native plants face extinction if the 'Lea Valley office complex' project goes ahead. This is the claim made by local environmentalists involved in the 'Save Lea Valley' campaign. They argue that the proposed development, to be built on the site of woodland dating back hundreds of years, will rob the country of several rare species of wildlife. 'Local people would be horrified if they knew of the consequences of this project,' claimed environmentalist Ian Wilson yesterday. "We need to instigate a local campaign to alert everyone to the dangers. We are starting by writing letters to everyone in the area asking for their support. The office complex developers must not be allowed to do this."

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 20 minutes

Task 1

For items 21-30, read the text and think of the best word which fits the gap. The first example (0) is already done for you.

Joshua bell is one of the best violinists (0) in the world. He was born in Indiana in 1967. When he was a very small child, his parents saw him using rubber bands to mimic the sounds his mother made when she played the piano. Bell was just four years old (21) ___ his father bought him a violin, and Bell gave his first concert (22) ___ age seven.

Joshua Bell is known (23) ___ his love of classical music and his commitment to the idea that everyone should have access to it. Bell has been on *Sesame Street* and has helped make soundtracks (24) ___ multiple films, for example he played the theme song for *The Red Violin* and back in 2007 *The Washington Post* held the experiment involving Bell playing violin in a busy subway station at rush hour. Bell decided to use his Stradivarius violin, an instrument with an estimated value (25) ___ over three million dollars. Three days before the experiment, Bell played a concert where the bad seats cost (26) ___ 100 dollars. The people who designed the experiment estimated that (27) ___ 75 and 100 people would stop to listen to Bell and that he would make about 100 dollars during the hour that he played.

Bell showed (28) ___ at the subway station wearing a black long-sleeved shirt, jeans, and a baseball hat. He started playing pieces (29) ___ Johann Sebastian Bach and Shubert's Ave Maria. It became evident fairly quickly that people often look and see (30) ___ really seeing or listening. In the end, the world-renowned violin prodigy played for about 47 minutes. To

everyone's surprise, only six people actually stopped to listen. Most of the commuters were completely indifferent to Bell's performance. They didn't notice or care that a world-famous musician was playing a concert for free right in front of them.

Task 2

This task is history and culture oriented and requires your knowledge of dates and facts. Please fill in the gaps 31-40.

Throughout the times there were many events that influenced the future course of American history and had a tremendous impact on the relations between the countries and the people. One of such events was the well-known **Boston tea party** that took place in **31**_____.

Back at the end of the **32** _____ century the British government implemented a heavy burden of taxation on their American colonies. There was a lot of growing tension in the colonies and Parliament cancelled all aspects of the acts, except the tax on tea. The **33**_____ Company founded in **34**_____ held a monopoly on the importation and transporting of tea to Great Britain. The company sold tea wholesale and later the tea was sold to the colonies. Thus, the tea was much more expensive than tea carried illegally from Dutch ports.

Arriving at Boston in late November, the tea ship **35**_____ was not allowed to unload the tea. Samuel Adams - the leader of *Sons of Liberty* spoke before a large crowd and suggested sending the ship back to Britain. Aware that law required the ship to land its cargo and pay duties within **36** _____ days of its arrival, he directed members of the *Sons of Liberty* to watch the ship and prevent the tea from being unloaded.

On the night of **37**_____ a group of about 60 men came to the Griffin's wharf, boarded the ships, and dumped the **38** _____ tea chests with £18,000 value were destroyed and the tea was thrown into the water. In **39** _____ British Parliament introduced measures to punish the protesters which was called *Intolerable Act* and a new administration was established for the territory. As a result the colonies got more united and the American patriots called for independence and in **40**_____ the American Revolution began.

1 A 1876 B 1492 C 1773

2 A 18th B 15th C 19th

3 A West India B North India C East India

4 A 1778 B 1872 C 1600

5 A Calcutta B Dartmouth C Boston

6 A 10 B 20 C 50

7 A November 15, 1786 B December 16, 1773 C November 24, 1876

8 A 342 B 648 C 560

9 A 1875 B 1784 C 1774

10 A 1775 B 1774 C 1776

WRITING

Time: 40 minutes

You have recently become a member of a volunteer movement. At school you have heard a number of negative opinions related to volunteering. You think that volunteering is extremely beneficial, and the criticism is unjust. You have decided to write a leaflet appealing to people to join the movement and accentuating its merits.

You should

- think of the volunteer movement you belong to
- use an eye-catching headline
- identify the target audience
- use convincing arguments (3-4) in favour of this activity

Write your **leaflet** in **140-180** words.

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET!