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Listening

Time: 10 minutes

Task 1

Complete the notes below. Questions 1-10.

You will hear the recording once.

Example	Answer
Name of agent:	Flagstone
Areas dealt with:	1 north suburbs
Rent:	from 2 £ to £ a month
Depends on:	the area availability of 3 garage
Properties available:	West Park Road rent 4 £ a month including 5 Tithe Road rent £380 a month including 6 rental
Viewing arrangements:	meet at office on 7 at 5.00 pm
Need:	letter from bank reference from 8
Must:	give 9 notice of moving in give deposit of 10 pay for contract

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET!

Use of English

7 класс

Time: 40 min.

Task 1

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

For each question, mark the correct letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

Finding gold

Most people would agree that finding the perfect ring for your partner is difficult. However, John Greenwood, a Scottish engineer, (1) _____ himself an extra challenge. (2) _____ of taking a trip to the jeweller's, John (3) _____ much of last year standing up to his knees in freezing water. He was looking for tiny pieces of gold (4) _____ the stones on the river beds in the Scottish Highlands.

Using very (5) _____ equipment, John worked hard to (6) _____ enough gold to make not just an engagement ring for his girlfriend, Morag, (7) _____ also their two wedding rings. 'I was out there (8) _____ weekend and in the evenings before it got dark, in freezing cold water,' he said.

Experts think that John was amazingly lucky to find so much gold in such a (9) _____ time. Many people (10) _____ for 30 years without getting anything.

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|----|---|--------|---|---------|---|-----------|---|---------|
| 1 | A | did | B | made | C | gave | D | had |
| 2 | A | Rather | B | Besides | C | Along | D | Instead |
| 3 | A | took | B | paid | C | spent | D | held |
| 4 | A | among | B | towards | C | against | D | through |
| 5 | A | easy | B | plain | C | necessary | D | basic |
| 6 | A | choose | B | collect | C | pick | D | select |
| 7 | A | or | B | and | C | but | D | even |
| 8 | A | every | B | some | C | most | D | any |
| 9 | A | little | B | short | C | quick | D | small |
| 10 | A | reach | B | follow | C | search | D | keep |

Task 2

Here are some sentences about buying a sports car.

For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

Use no more than three words.

Write only the missing words on your answer sheet.

Example:

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Ben needed to buy a new car..... his old one stopped working.

Answer: **because**

11. It was several months since Jessica last went on a train.

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Jessica hadn't been on a train..... several months.

12. Jessica bought her ticket in advance online.

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13. It wasn't easy to find a seat because the train was crowded.

The train wascrowded that it was difficult to find a seat.

14. Jessica asked what time they would arrive in York.

Jessica asked 'What time we arrive in York?'

15. The journey wasn't boring for Jessica because she had a good book.

Jessica..... find the journey boring because she had a good book.

Task 3

Idioms. Choose the word A, B or C which best completes each sentence (16-25)

16. "What was the exam like, Carol?" "Great! It was a piece of _____."

- a) cheese
- b) cake
- c) old rope

17. Don't tell Frank any of your secrets, he's a bit of _____.

- a) a big nose
- b) a big mouth
- c) a big tongue

18. The so-called scandal turned out to be nothing more than a storm in _____.

- a) a teacup
- b) an ocean
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19. Mike's political career was ruined when a newspaper found out he had _____ and printed the story.

- a) a feather in his cap
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20. He was \$100,000 in debt. His friend offered to lend him \$500, but it was just a drop in the _____ to what he really needed.

- a) swimming pool
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22. Which is the _____ one out in these three words: sparrow, eagle, snake?
a) strange
b) odd
c) next
23. James is _____ now in the company. He's just appointed to the board of directors.
a) a big shark
b) a big fish
c) a bright spark
24. The police are _____; the man they are investigating had nothing to do with the robbery.
a) bark up the wrong tree
b) beat about the bush
c) break the news
25. He had been a market trader for years and offered to show his nephew the tricks of the _____.
a) job
b) trade
c) profession

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET

8 класс

Time: 40 minutes

Task 1

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

*For each question, mark the correct letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** on your answer sheet.*

Wool

Wool comes from sheep and other animals like goats and rabbits. Over a million tonnes of wool is produced every year, of (1) _____ 60% goes into clothes. The wool that is used (2) _____ comes from Australian Merino sheep. Their wool is good for baby clothes, as it is soft, (3) _____ babies warm, and can (4) _____ their bodies.

When wool is first cut from the sheep, it (5) _____ a high level of a valuable oil, so before the wool is used, it must be cleaned. The (6) _____ way to do this is by putting the wool in warm water. The oil that is (7) _____ from the wool is widely used in products like hand creams.

Sheep were first used by humans several thousand years ago, (8) _____ it is believed that this was for meat (9) _____ than wool. When people developed a way of cutting the wool from sheep it (10) _____ a more important material.

- 1 A what B whose C which D that**

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2	A	mostly	B	nearly	C	properly	D	truly
3	A	stays	B	helps	C	rests	D	keeps
4	A	protect	B	wrap	C	care	D	save
5	A	involves	B	contains	C	receives	D	consists
6	A	simplest	B	clearest	C	plainest	D	nearest
7	A	carried	B	passed	C	removed	D	divided
8	A	while	B	but	C	or	D	because
9	A	rather	B	instead	C	apart	D	except
10	A	arrived	B	turned	C	grew	D	became

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11. His friend Frieda suggested that Ben should buy a second-hand car.

'Why _____ a second-hand car, Ben?' suggested Frieda.

12. Ben didn't have enough money for a new car.

Ben couldn't afford _____ buy a new car.

13. Ben contacted the owner of a car for sale after seeing an advert.

Ben got in touch _____ the owner of a car for sale after seeing an advert.

14. Ben drove the car and decided immediately that he liked it.

Ben decided he liked the car as _____ he drove it.

15. The car was cheaper than Ben had expected.

The car was _____ expensive than Ben had expected.

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Reading

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Time: 40 minutes

Task 1

Read the text below and answer Questions 1-7.

Visitor attractions in southern England

A Blackthorn Castle

This famous, historically accurate, reconstructed castle and village enable visitors to travel back in time. Explore the grounds and experience the atmosphere of an ancient lifestyle. In the fields, you can see the type of sheep that the original inhabitants of the castle probably kept. Homemade snacks are on sale.

B Withney Wetland Centre

Visitors will enjoy a visit to Withney whatever the season. In winter, for example, they can watch from the centrally heated observatory as thousands of swans feed on the water. Trained wardens give informative talks or lead guided walks round the site. The visitors' centre may also be hired for private or corporate events.

C Headley Hall

Headley Hall is a large seventeenth-century country house, preserved as it was when it was built. Take time to admire the various works of art displayed, and visit the huge kitchen complete with period equipment — demonstrations are given at weekends. In the park, there is space for the younger visitors to run around, and picnic tables are available.

D Lewis House

Lewis House is the birthplace of Frank Lewis, a renowned painter of the eighteenth century. More of his works are on display here than anywhere else in the world. Visitors can see Lewis's studio and some of the articles he used on a daily basis.

E Canford Wildlife Centre

At Canford we have a new walk-through exhibit called Island Magic. Here visitors can observe many species from the tropical island of Madagascar and read about some of the urgent conservation projects that are taking place there to save endangered species from extinction.

F Oakwell Museum

This is an ideal venue for families. They can visit the childhood gallery with its large playroom, and listen to stories told by actors dressed in the costumes of a hundred years ago. They can also enjoy the popular games and wooden animals of that period.

Questions 1-7

Look at the six visitor attractions in southern England, A-F, in the text.

For which visitor attraction are the following statements true?

Write the correct letter, A-F, in boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet.

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- 1 Visitors can look at animals from another part of the world.
- 2 People can hold a business conference in this place.

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- 3 Visitors can find out what toys were used in the last century.
- 4 Activities are available all year round here.
- 5 You can buy light meals here.
- 6 Visitors can see how food was prepared in the past.
- 7 You can visit modern imitations of old buildings here.

Read the text below and answer Questions 8-14.

Paragliding in Australia

What is paragliding?

Paragliding is a kind of flying, but instead of the wing being made of metal, wood or plastic, it is made of nylon or polyester. The wing (known as a canopy) is attached to a harness by lines, not dissimilar to a parachute. The harness is where the pilots sit – and they report that it outperforms a parachute in terms of comfort.

Is it safe?

Like sailing and deep-sea diving, paragliding is as safe as the person doing it. The big advantage is that it's probably the slowest form of aviation, so if you do crash you'll hit the ground quite gently!

Where do I learn?

There are lots of schools, mainly based inland by appropriate hills or mountains, and there are also schools on the coast near spectacular cliffs. These are very attractive, though the prospect of landing in the sea seems to dissuade beginners! All schools will show you within a couple of days how to inflate the canopy, launch and land. They use radio instruction, tandem flying practice and schoolroom theory sessions to help you get the most from paragliding. It takes about seven days to get your basic licence; then you're free to fly independently at sites across Australia.

What do I need?

Pilots normally wear warm clothes, in case they get very high up, and a helmet in case they stumble on landing. In terms of gear, schools supply basic training, canopies, harnesses, etc. However, you'll probably want to buy your own more sophisticated equipment, which you'll be able to choose much better once you've tried some out on your course.

Who can do it?

There's no upper age limit provided your instructor deems you capable, but the youngest anybody can paraglide is 14. Anybody with good eyesight and good balance is a potential paraglider pilot. It's a very relaxed sport as you're mostly sitting down. You'll probably experience pain in some muscles you didn't know you had whilst learning, but many of those will be due to the walk up the training hill to launch. Flying a paraglider is a great sport. We hope to see you in the air with us this season!

Questions 8-14

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes **8-14** on your answer sheet, write

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- 8 A paraglider is more comfortable than a parachute.
- 9 Most paragliding schools are situated by the sea.
- 10 Learners must pass a theory test in order to get their licence.
- 11 Learners are able to paraglide unaccompanied after a week's course.
- 12 It is advisable to purchase some equipment before you do your training.
- 13 Fit people of any age can take up paragliding.
- 14 The preliminary uphill walk may strain some of your muscles.

**TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER
SHEET**

8 класс

Time: 40 minutes

Task 1

Questions 1-14

Read the text below and answer Questions 1-7.

THE BEST SUITCASES

A Briggs and Riley Weekender

A weekend suitcase that's sophisticated and unusually spacious for its type. The strong nylon outer fabric is water and abrasion resistant, so it should handle any knocks without showing signs of damage.

B Mulberry Scotchgrain

Trimmed in brown leather, with gold details, this bag from the renowned fashion house is a truly indulgent buy. If you're investing this much in a suitcase then you'd better be planning an amazing holiday to go with it.

C Rimova Salsa

A design you can trust, this case is built from super light polycarbonate and is incredibly solid. The built-in combination lock offers state-of-the-art security so you can travel with peace of mind.

D Tripp Holiday

Simple and affordable, the Tripp range offers a great selection of tough cases. They also come in a huge range of cheerful colours that should go with anything you choose to put on, and you'll definitely be able to spot it on the luggage carousel at the airport.

E Eastpak Tranverz Holdall

For those who want something in between an annual holiday suitcase and a weekend bag, this is a fantastic compromise. With two wheels and a telescopic handle, the bag is guaranteed for 30 years. Did we mention it also comes in colourful leopard print?

F Herschel Parcel

From the brand behind some of today's most popular rucksacks, this suitcase really is a delight. Custom printed, with Herschel's signature leather toggles this well-crafted case is as cool, stylish and up to date as they come.

G The Diplomat

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Travel in style with this beautiful suitcase that goes back to the days when trains ran on steam and air travel was leisurely. The leather case, part of the Steamline Luggage range, features roller wheels and a metal frame to hold it in shape.

Questions 1-7

Look at the seven reviews of suitcases, **A-G**.

For which suitcase are the following statements true?

*Write the correct letter, **A-G**, in boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet.*

NB *You may use any letter more than once.*

- 1** This suitcase is for those who wish to purchase expensive luggage.
- 2** This suitcase is the right one for people who like to follow the latest fashion.
- 3** It is easy to choose one of these suitcases to match most clothing.
- 4** The manufacturer is confident that this suitcase will last a long time.
- 5** Items in this suitcase will not be affected if it gets wet.
- 6** This suitcase is of a useful, medium size.
- 7** Those who want to be reminded of an earlier age of travel will like this suitcase.

Read the text below and answer Questions 8-14.

THE OXFORD SCHOOL OF DRAMA

One-Year Acting Course

This is an intensive course which is designed for those who have completed their academic studies and have some theatre or film experience already. In order to be accepted, you should be a high achiever, knowledgeable about the industry and determined to succeed.

Term One: Technical classes in acting, voice, movement, applied movement and characterisation, music, singing, film, radio and professional development. The term finishes with an internal production given for tutors and students.

Term Two: All technical classes continue from term one. There is an internal performance of a one-act play, the recording of an audio showreel at a professional studio and the Showcase Drama in front of an invited audience including casting directors and agents.

Term Three: Technical classes continue with additional focus on audition technique, workshops and masterclasses. This term includes a public performance of a play outdoors in the grounds of Blenheim Palace, and the chance to act a short film recorded on location by a professional crew.

How to Apply

Entry to The Oxford School of Drama is by audition only and there are no academic requirements for any of our courses. Once we have received your application form and audition fee, we will email you with a date for your audition and further details about what to expect when you are here. For your initial audition, you will need to prepare two contrasting speeches from plays, lasting no longer than two minutes. There will also be some group work for which you will need to wear loose, comfortable clothing.

If you are applying from overseas, you will be able to submit your first audition by means of DVD, YouTube or link to a secure website. You will be invited to submit this once we have received your application form and audition fee. If you are successful in your first

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audition, you will be invited to attend future auditions here at the school. The school will provide a free bus from central Oxford for those attending auditions.

Questions 8-14

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text?

In boxes 8-14 on your answer sheet, write

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8 Students can begin the one-year course without any previous involvement in acting.

9 Students will act in a performance in front of their classmates at the end of the first term.

10 Family members may attend a performance during the second term.

11 Students are required to make a film on their own in the last term of the course.

12 In their first audition, candidates perform speeches they have worked on in advance.

13 The Oxford School of Drama will send candidates details of local accommodation.

14 Overseas candidates can do all their auditions via a digital link.

TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET

WRITING

Time: 45 min

You see this advert in an international music magazine:

Reviews Wanted

Music Shop

We are looking for reviews of a music shop where you live. Your review should include information about what the shop looks like, if it meets your requirements, the kind of items it sells and the shop assistants. Would you recommend this shop to other people your age? Why?

The best reviews will be published in next month's magazine.

Write your review (120-150 words).