

**ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ
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ПИСЬМЕННЫЙ ТУР
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.

Максимальный балл за письменный тур 72 балла.

Listening (8 points)

Time: 15 minutes

Task 1. You will hear people talking in 8 different situations. For questions 1-8 choose the best answer (A, B or C). You will hear each conversation twice.

1. You hear a man talking to an optician about his glasses. What does he need the glasses for?

- A. reading
- B. driving
- C. watching TV

2. You hear a tour guide talking to a group of people. Where are they?

- A. a library
- B. a historic house
- C. an art gallery

3. You hear a woman talking to her doctor. What does he think she might need?

- A. tablets to stay calm
- B. a heart operation
- C. new glasses

4. You hear a man talking about healthy eating. What does he suggest?

A. eating a large breakfast

B. eating a sandwich for lunch

C. eating a big meal in the evening

5. You hear a girl talking about a recent holiday. Why did she come back early?

A. because she didn't like the hotel

B. because something of hers was stolen

C. because she was disappointed with the island

6. You hear a weather forecast on the radio. Which part(s) of England will have the heaviest rainfall?

A. London and south-east

B. northern

C. western and central

7. You have lost some money and you telephone the lost property office. You hear a recorded message. What does the message tell you to do?

A. to call in at the office between 9am and 5pm

B. to contact the police to make a statement

C. to contact your bank immediately

8. You hear a man talking about a new photocopier. What is his problem with it?

A. Too many people want to use it.

B. It is too slow and gets too hot.

C. It does not copy colour sheets correctly.

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET

Reading (20 points)

Time: 20 minutes

Task 1. Read the texts. Mark the sentences T (True) or F (False) according to the information in the texts.

1. European zoos have been using concrete cages for animals.
2. Some animals live in their natural habitats in zoos.
3. Zoos now have to obey new rules.
4. Zoos try to stop species from becoming extinct.
5. The Eden Project consists of more than three greenhouses.
6. The biomes all have the same temperature.
7. The plants in the biomes come from various countries.
8. The Eden Project is in Wales.

(A) ZOOS

The Wildlife Time Capsule

Think of a zoo and images of animals kept in cages is what usually springs to mind. Fortunately, a revolution has been taking place in zoos across Europe, and it looks as though things will never be the same again. This is fantastic news for the animals, who are seeing their concrete cages gradually disappear and are enjoying greatly improved living conditions which are as close to their natural habitats as possible.

A new set of guidelines, called the European Union Zoo Directive, is coming into effect. It has already forced zoos to review their role in animal welfare. Recently British zoos have created natural environments where the animals are happy to live. They use water and other natural barriers as well as hidden fences to separate the animals from each other and from the visitors.

The new conservation role of zoos involves the breeding of endangered species in captivity. This is carried out in cooperation with other zoos. Together they try to maintain the animals' health as well as increase their numbers.

This is an exciting time for Europe's zoos. Their new roles mean that they can become a time capsule, preserving and increasing the numbers and life expectancy of much of our wildlife.

(B) Greenhouses for the Future

How can we encourage people to understand and care for nature now and in the future? The Eden Project at St Austell in Cornwall is a magnificent example of how nature can be protected and appreciated at the same time.

The project is mostly made up of three separate domes, or 'biomes'. These biomes are like special greenhouses and contain plant life and ecosystems from around the world. The Humid Tropic Biome contains plants from hot, wet places such as the Amazon region, West Africa, Malaysia and Oceania. The Warm Temperate Biome houses plants from warm, dry areas such as California, South Africa and the Mediterranean. The third biome has no roof because it contains plants that are suitable for the cool, wet British climate. All of the plants in the biomes are grown from seeds and cuttings that are collected from plants all over the world.

Only certain birds, insects and reptiles that fit within each environment have been included in the ecosystems. Together with other schemes, the Eden Project carries out breeding programmes to try to preserve endangered species.

With its strange glass structures, the Eden Project looks more like a space station than anything you would expect to see in Cornwall. However, it is an exciting new look into the natural world.

Task 2. Read the texts again and tick (✓) the correct box.

	Which article:	A	B	both
9	is mainly concerned with plant life?			
10	is mainly concerned with animal life?			
11	mentions preserving endangered species?			
12	mentions the breeding of various species?			
13	mentions the controlled selection of animals?			
14	mentions new rules introduced?			

Task 3. Find the words/phrases in the texts which mean:

Article A

15. little by little (adverb)

16. similar to (adjective)

17. make something bigger (verb)

Article B

18. to have one's good qualities recognised (verb)

19. all the plants and animals that live in a particular area together with the complex relationship which exists between them and their environment (noun)

20. appropriate for (adjective)

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Use of English (24 points)

Time: 25 minutes

Task 1

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Near-misses

As the skies around the world's airports get more and more crowded, the number of potentially dangerous incidents is 1. _____. Officials are 2. _____ studying a recent incident where a jumbo jet flew so low over nearby houses that everyone thought a crash was 3. _____. One of the four plane's engines had failed just after take-off. The pilot put the other engines 4. _____ full speed to enable him to get high enough to drop most of the plane's fuel. His calmness and experience helped him to 5. _____ a terrible disaster. Somewhat surprisingly, however, it was a further thirty minutes before the pilot received 6. _____ to land due to other incoming flights. Although this sort of incidents is becoming more and more 7. _____, it still remains a/an 8. _____ that it is safer to fly than to cross the road.

1	A spreading	B raising	C developing	D increasing
2	A momentarily	B currently	C nowadays	D actually
3	A definite	B positive	C inevitable	D sure
4	A in	B on	C off	D up
5	A escape	B pass	C miss	D avoid
6	A permission	B permit	C allowance	D approval
7	7. A common	B normal	C ordinary	D general
8	8. A proof	B fact	C evidence	D truth

Task 2

For questions 9-17, read the text below and think of the word that best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

BLOGAHOLICS

A blog or a weblog is a frequently updated internet journal that **9. ____** intended for the general public to read. Blogs are popular as they give their authors, bloggers, **10. ____** own voice on the Internet. It is a place **11. ____** ordinary people can share interests – whether through a political commentary, a personal diary **12. ____** a list of links to favourite websites.

Professional as **13. ____** as amateur journalists often use blogs to public breaking news, while personal bloggers may prefer sharing their inner thoughts **14. ____** the rest of the world.

For many people, blogging is just a hobby, but for others it can become an obsession. Bloggers **15. ____** fall into this group can feel forced to write several times a day and become nervous if something prevents them **16. ____** blogging.

As with other addicts, these people spend more and more of their time on their obsession and may end **17. ____** failing to care for their families, friends and jobs.

Task 3

For questions, 18-24 find the names of the British rulers that are hidden in the word search below to match interesting facts about them. Words can go across or down. There are two names in the word search that you do not need.

18. (1066-1087) By the time of his/her death on 9 September, 1087, this monarch had maintained the authority over both England and Normandy for over two decades. He/She built over 50 castles and fortifications during his/her reign. One of the most memorable of them was the White Tower, which remains the central structure of the Tower of London.

19. (1837-1901) This monarch's reign of 63 years and 216 days was a period of industrial, political, scientific, and military change within the United Kingdom, and was marked by a great expansion of the British Empire. He/She married a German and had nine children.
20. (1558-1603) According to his/her own words, this monarch 'was married to England'. The Spanish Armada was defeated, which strengthened the monarch's power. The period of his/her reign was 'The Golden Age' of art and literature.
21. (1553-1558) This monarch was a child of King Henry VIII and his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, and was crowned at Westminster Abbey on 1 October, 1553. The monarch's nickname was "Bloody".
22. (1952-2022) This monarch's reign of over 70 years was longer than any British monarch's. In 1977 he/she celebrated the 25th anniversary of the accession to the throne. To mark it, this person visited 36 countries – no monarch had visited so many places within such a short period.
23. (1509-1547) This monarch was born dreaming of war. When he/she took the throne in April 1509, he/she knew what kind of monarch he/she wanted to be. The monarch was married six times and was recognized as Head of the English Church.
24. (2022 - present) This monarch is the oldest person to ever take the British throne. He/She was the first of the British Royalty not to be educated at home and to earn a university degree. The monarch was married to Lady Diana Spencer, known as Princess Diana.

THE BRITISH ROYALS

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O	E	L	I	Z	A	B	E	T	H	M	R
V	N	I	V	H	M	V	Y	F	U	E	E
I	R	Z	K	P	K	V	M	A	R	Y	D
H	Y	A	D	I	P	I	W	M	Q	P	W
F	K	B	A	G	M	C	I	B	Q	T	A
L	Z	E	Q	T	T	T	L	U	X	X	R
P	E	T	E	P	R	O	L	I	E	G	D
X	G	H	X	A	W	R	I	O	C	Q	D
X	Z	E	R	H	V	I	A	N	N	A	K
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B	K	L	N	L	O	A	P	D	O	H	N

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Writing (20 points)

Time: 30 minutes

Read the advertisement.

Stories wanted! We are looking for stories for our teenage English-speaking on-line (online) magazine. Do you have a blog? Are you fond of storytelling? If your days are eventful and thrilling, turn them into an exciting adventure story for the Best Blog Story Contest! Your story must begin with: Dear readers, I experienced an amazing adventure today.

Write a story about one day of your life. Remember to:

- start with the sentence from the advertisement;
- describe time, place, characters, weather and events in an entertaining way;
- include description of emotions/feelings;
- in conclusion, write about the role of incidents in people's lives.

In your story, do not forget to follow the plan, use vivid language and express your ideas in a clear and logical way.

Write 120-200 words.

Transfer your answer to the answer sheet!