

**Муниципальный этап всероссийской олимпиады школьников  
по английскому языку  
2024–2025 учебный год  
9–11 классы**

**Письменный тур**

*Уважаемый участник олимпиады!*

Вам предстоит выполнить письменные задания муниципального этапа всероссийской олимпиады школьников по английскому языку. Время выполнения заданий письменного тура – **100 минут**. Максимальная оценка за правильное выполнение заданий письменного тура – **80 баллов**.

Выполнение заданий целесообразно организовать следующим образом:

- внимательно прочитайте формулировку задания;
- напишите правильный вариант ответа в листе ответов;
- после выполнения всех заданий ещё раз удостоверьтесь в правильности

Ваших ответов;

– если потребуется корректировка ответа, то неправильный вариант ответа зачеркните и рядом напишите новый.

Ответы должны быть занесены в листы ответов чёрными гелевыми или капиллярными ручками. Проверке подлежат только листы ответов.

При оценке тестовых заданий, где необходимо определить один правильный ответ, 0 баллов выставляется за неверный ответ и в случае, если отмечены несколько ответов или все ответы (в том числе правильный).

Задания письменного тура считаются выполненными, если Вы вовремя сдаёте их на проверку.

Во время выполнения заданий письменного тура запрещено:

- свободно передвигаться по аудитории;
- общаться с другими участниками олимпиады;
- указывать персональные данные, делать случайные пометки или рисовать на

листах ответов;

– пользоваться тетрадями, учебниками, словарями, справочной литературой, а также любыми электронными устройствами, служащими для передачи, получения или накопления информации (телефон, планшет, смарт-часы, диктофон и др.).

Вы можете выходить из аудитории только в сопровождении дежурного, при этом работа остаётся в аудитории. Время ухода и возвращения записывается дежурным на оборотной стороне листа ответов. Выход из аудитории по уважительной причине не даёт Вам права на увеличение времени выполнения заданий.

Организатор в аудитории вправе удалить участников, нарушивших процедуру проведения олимпиады.

## LISTENING (20 minutes)

Listen to four speakers talking about the people they admire and do TASKS 1 and 2. You will hear the recording two times. You now have 2 minutes to read TASKS 1 and 2.

**TASK 1** Which speaker A–D talks about... ?

- 1 someone who left a more conventional job to help young people in their country \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 someone who believed that war and violence were always wrong \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 someone who showed correlation between people and the environment \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 someone who was full of bright ideas and didn't follow accepted standards \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 someone who was excluded from the professional community of their time \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 someone who has been the victim of violence as a result of their campaigning \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 someone who made scientifically important finds at a young age \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 someone who faced strong disapproval from big business \_\_\_\_\_

**TASK 2** Choose A, B or C to complete the sentences.

9 Mary Anning's discovery was important because it showed that... .

- A animal species could die out
- B fossils could teach us about the past
- C the shape of the southern coast had changed

10 Mary Anning's dog... .

- A fell off a cliff
- B was buried under a large amount of earth and rocks
- C got stuck down a hole while looking for fossils

11 Mary Anning didn't write about her discoveries because... .

- A she had no access to formal education and science
- B she believed that only men could make good scientists
- C she wasn't aware of the significance of her discoveries

12 Kailash Satyarthi started helping children unable to go to school when he was... .

- A 6 years old
- B 11 years old
- C 26 years old

13 Kailash Satyarthi initiated a programme of... .

- A providing poor children with free textbooks
- B raiding factories where children worked
- C tagging products made without child labour

14 Kailash Satyarthi has saved over ... children from enforced labour.

- A 800,000
- B 80,000
- C 18,000

- 15** Rachel Carson first specialised in... .  
**A** marine biology  
**B** ecology  
**C** human biology
- 16** Rachel Carson's book made people realise that... .  
**A** humans shouldn't try to control nature  
**B** pesticides damaged the ecosystem  
**C** birdsong is essential to humans
- 17** These days, more and more people... .  
**A** choose organic food  
**B** help local species of birds to survive  
**C** buy and read Rachel Carson's famous book
- 18** Speaker D sounds apologetic because... .  
**A** she doesn't know enough to talk about her hero  
**B** her choice of hero might seem obvious and boring  
**C** her hero is someone who died many years ago and is not a contemporary
- 19** Speaker D likes... .  
**A** all the Beatles' songs and John Lennon's solo music  
**B** all of the Beatles' music, but not John Lennon's solo music  
**C** only the Beatles songs that John Lennon wrote
- 20** It's amazing that *Imagine*, written in 1971, ... .  
**A** is still relevant today  
**B** really changed the way things were  
**C** contained so many important themes

**TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET**

**READING (30 minutes)**

**TASK 3** The sentences A–D are in the wrong order. Decide on the correct order of the sentences so that they read like a news story.

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- A** The horse ran wildly down the road causing several cars to have to stop suddenly.  
**B** A dangerous situation developed on a road near Newbury last week.  
**C** The owner of the horse pursued the animal in his car and after ten minutes managed to overtake it and stop it.  
**D** A horse which was being put into a horse box to take it to a race meeting broke free from its handlers.

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- A** The morning rush hour had just begun when lights on the road to Leeds stuck on red.  
**B** Although police were on the scene within ten minutes, a queue over four kilometres long had already built up.  
**C** A chaotic situation developed yesterday at a busy junction near Leeds.  
**D** The problem became even worse when the lights stopped working completely.

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- A** Police are warning members of the public to make sure all windows are closed.  
**B** The thieves entered the house by means of an open window on the ground floor.  
**C** It is the fifth time in nine days that thieves have entered houses in this way in Bedworth.  
**D** A large amount of jewellery was stolen from a house in Bedworth last night.

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- A** The factory closed down over eight years ago and has become a target for vandals.  
**B** It is thought that the land has been bought by a local developer.  
**C** The old sweet factory on Bristol Road is to be demolished in the next few weeks.  
**D** They are planning to build a block of luxury flats there.

**TASK 4** Read the extracts and choose A, B or C to answer the questions.

Flair Electronics have reported a drop in profits this year following disappointing sales figures for their new range of computer software. The Chairman of FE put the blame for this on the growth in the number of companies producing material of a similar nature.

**25** Flair Electronics have... .

- A** made less money this year than last year  
**B** slightly increased their profits this year  
**C** lost less money this year than last year

**26** What do we know about the company's new range of computer software?

- A** Many other companies produce better computer software.  
**B** It does not work as well as it had been expected.  
**C** The company has not sold as much of it as expected.

Every parent worries about what sort of world their children will inherit. As populations grow, clean safe water will become an even more vital commodity and so it is essential that children learn the importance of water and the environment we live in. North West Water has built special educational facilities throughout the north west of England. These unique 'environmental classrooms' are free of charge to any school in the region and provide a range of fun and interactive lessons where young people can learn how water reaches their homes and how they can help in conserving it. Over 3,000 children a year spend time in the classrooms. It has been rated as a fantastic day out by both children and teachers.

**27** According to the passage, what do parents worry about?

- A** Whether the water children drink is clean.
- B** How life will be for their children.
- C** The fact that the world is overpopulated.

**28** The special educational facilities....

- A** teach children how to take water home
- B** can be used for free by any school in England
- C** allow children to study in an entertaining way

A 35-year old man from Leeds walked into his hotel in Keswick in the English Lake District at eight o'clock last night as the local mountain rescue team were preparing to mount a search for him. The man, an inexperienced mountain walker, had had an argument with his wife that morning and had left the hotel to go walking despite warnings of severe weather conditions. He had been reported missing by his wife late in the afternoon. In fact, the man had not been in the mountains at all but, on seeing how bad the weather was, had changed his mind and had decided to take a bus to Windermere. He did not think to phone his wife to tell her of his change of plans. Unfortunately, he missed the bus which he had planned to catch back to Keswick and arrived at the hotel rather later than he had intended.

**29** What do we know about the man?

- A** He was in his forties.
- B** He was not used to walking in the mountains.
- C** He arrived in the Lake District to go hiking with his wife.

**30** Why were the mountain rescue team going to search for the man?

- A** The man was not an experienced mountaineer.
- B** It was thought that the man got lost in the mountains.
- C** The man wasn't warned about the bad weather in the mountains.

**31** Why was the man's wife worried about him?

- A** He had left the hotel in a bad temper.
- B** He had missed the last bus to Windermere.
- C** He didn't return to the hotel the time he had planned to.

Americans were invited to sample the food, the golf and the heritage of Scotland at a meeting held in New York yesterday to promote the tourism opportunities created by films set in Scotland. The move came as the Scottish Tourist Board announced a seven percent growth in tourist spending in Scotland last year. American tourism accounts for a quarter of the overseas visits to Scotland and visitor numbers are expected to increase substantially this year as a result of the large number of 'scenic' films shot there. At the Scottish Travel Fair in Glasgow, it was predicted that the films could have an effect on Scottish tourism for the next 15 years.

**32** The reason for the meeting in New York was to....

- A** advertise films made in Scotland
- B** encourage people to visit Scotland
- C** spread Scottish culture in America

**33** Why might members of the Scottish Tourist Board be feeling pleased?

- A** More tourists visited Scotland last year.
- B** They had an increase in their salaries.
- C** Visitors spent more money in Scotland last year.

**34** This year it is expected that...

- A** more people will come to visit Scotland
- B** a quarter of all visitors will come from America
- C** there will be an increase in 'scenic' films made in Scotland

**TASK 5** Read the article and choose from the sentences A–G to complete it. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

*How robots are transforming everyday shopping experiences*

Like most ideas that seem revolutionary at first, the concept behind the robot shop is actually very simple. In fact, it has already been around for many years in the form of vending machines selling bars of chocolate or drinks. The idea has been further developed to create the first robot shop, which may eventually change the future of shopping.

The prototype robot shop in a suburb of London looks like a giant vending machine.

**35** \_\_\_\_\_ The display on the right is refrigerated and holds items such as milk, yoghurt and cheese, while the display on the left has an impressive selection of biscuits, coffee, cakes and crisps. It does not have the variety of conventional shops, but it can cope with a late-night request for bread and painkillers.

A central console is what allows you to actually do your shopping. You key in the code numbers of the goods you want, which are displayed just underneath each item in the window, and a huge robot arm reaches out and picks up each item, bringing it over to the console inside the shop.

An electronic display shows you the total you have to pay. **36** \_\_\_\_\_ Unlike supermarkets, in robot shops you can only collect the goods after you have paid. When the robot arm finds the things you want, it drops them into a hatch and you reach inside to take them out. If this happened before you paid, you could easily walk off with the goods without having paid for them.

The systems could not yet be described as entirely efficient. There is a lot of room for improvement. The robot arm represents one of the biggest problems. **37** \_\_\_\_\_ The arm has to be very accurate in order to pick up the item it has reached for, carry it to the hatch and safely drop it into it.

The difficulty of judging customer attitudes is another reason why the robot shop has to be tested. Customers are still cautious about doing most of their shopping in a robot shop, but this is only to be expected; every innovation has been regarded with some suspicion at first. **38** \_\_\_\_\_

The manufacturers of robot shops suggest that the small shopkeeper in inner-city areas represents their biggest potential client. **39** \_\_\_\_\_ People in the area value the convenience of being able to pop out virtually all hours of the day and night for some item they have forgotten or suddenly feel like buying. Small shopkeepers are likely to invest in robot shops equipment, rather than employ part-time staff to work twenty-four hours a day.

The question is whether the customers will prefer the impersonal service of a robot shop to the conventional type of shopping where there is human contact. **40** \_\_\_\_\_

Machines do not take lunch breaks, they hardly ever make mistakes and they are never rude to customers, isn't this the sort of efficiency people want from a shop these days?

**A** Not least of which are concerns about mechanical failure, especially when they occur in the middle of the night.

**B** The challenge is to create a piece of machinery which will be delicate enough to pick up eggs but at the same time strong enough to pick up bottles of mineral water and baked-bean cans.

**C** The first thing you notice are the two large display windows which are absolutely packed with goods.

**D** The real question is whether, over the three-month testing period, enough people will overcome their doubts and start shopping here in significant numbers.

**E** For security reasons, you have to do this before the robot arm starts gathering your goods.

**F** Many shops like these only survive because they stay open late, or even around the clock in some cases.

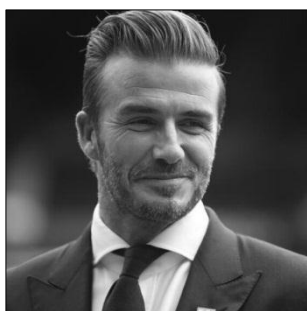
**G** Experience with similar mechanised service equipment, such as cash dispensers, suggests that there are considerable advantages for both customers and shop owners.

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#### USE OF ENGLISH (20 minutes)

**TASK 6** Match the people 41–50 and their portraits A–L. There are two extra portraits which you do not need to use.

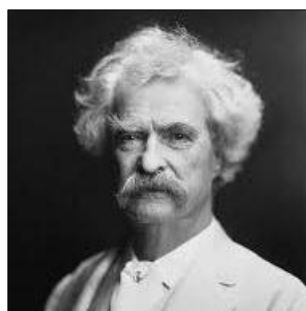
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| <b>41</b> The UK's current head of state        | _____ | <b>46</b> A Founding Father of the USA           | _____ |
| <b>42</b> England's national poet and dramatist | _____ | <b>47</b> An outstanding American scientist      | _____ |
| <b>43</b> 'The British Bulldog' of World War II | _____ | <b>48</b> America's 'King of Rock and Roll'      | _____ |
| <b>44</b> An English professional sportsman     | _____ | <b>49</b> A famous American actor and politician | _____ |
| <b>45</b> The current Mayor of London           | _____ | <b>50</b> The 46th president of the USA          | _____ |



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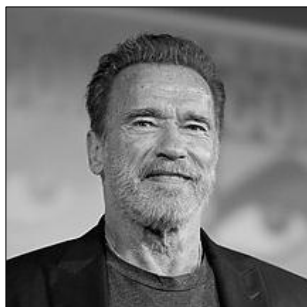
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**C**



**D**



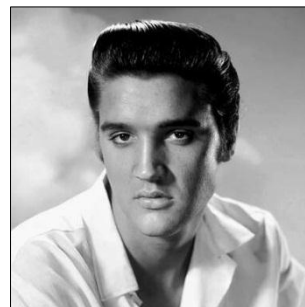
**E**



**F**



**G**



**H**



**I**



**J**



**K**



**L**

**TASK 7** Think of **one word** which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.

- 51 – Neil Armstrong was the first men to \_\_\_\_\_ on the Moon.  
– Many people leave the \_\_\_\_\_ to find work in towns and cities.  
– She always had dreams of moving to La-La \_\_\_\_\_ and becoming a famous actress.
- 52 – It's a secret, so let's keep it just \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.  
– He visits his parents every month and sometimes in \_\_\_\_\_ .  
– Their house is sandwiched \_\_\_\_\_ a supermarket and a school.
- 53 – In this camp you can enjoy an excellent \_\_\_\_\_ of leisure and sporting facilities.  
– We looked out of the plane window as we flew over the \_\_\_\_\_ of mountains.  
– The bird is out of \_\_\_\_\_ of my binoculars, so I can't make out what species it is.
- 54 – She wrote her first three books \_\_\_\_\_ another name.  
– You shouldn't drive a car \_\_\_\_\_ the influence of alcohol.  
– You'll find his records filed \_\_\_\_\_ the heading 'Non-resident'.
- 55 – She hadn't heard his \_\_\_\_\_ and jumped as the door opened.  
– The \_\_\_\_\_ to the city from the north affords the best views of the river.  
– I'd like to ask his opinion but I find him difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ .



- 56 – You are definitely burning the candle at \_\_\_\_\_ ends – going to bed late and waking up early every day.  
– For this job you will need a good knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ English and Chinese.  
– Taking her courage in \_\_\_\_\_ hands, she opened the door and walked in.
- 57 – The case had a \_\_\_\_\_ bottom where documents or even a small phone could be hidden.  
– His argument is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ assumption that all women want children.  
– She was wearing \_\_\_\_\_ eyelashes for the photo shoot.
- 58 – At long last the couple decided to arrange a \_\_\_\_\_ for their wedding.  
– This particular kind of \_\_\_\_\_ grows in Egypt.  
– Jane had a dinner \_\_\_\_\_ so she couldn't attend the meeting.
- 59 – Michael felt \_\_\_\_\_ out when the other children started playing the board game.  
– After the party, Susan's mum was \_\_\_\_\_ with all the tidying up to do.  
– I decided to take dance lessons before the Prom because I have two \_\_\_\_\_ feet.
- 60 – After working hard in the garden, he needed to \_\_\_\_\_ for a while.  
– He had to \_\_\_\_\_ against the gate when he felt dizzy.  
– The future of the economy will \_\_\_\_\_ on the number of goods the country can export.

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**WRITING (30 minutes)**

**TASK 8** In TASK 6 there are portraits of twelve famous people. Choose one person, past or present, you would most like to meet. **Write an essay (150–190 words)** using the plan below.

- Introduce the person and briefly explain who he is (occupation, country, time period, etc.).
- Mention his most impressive achievement(s). Explain why it would be interesting for you to meet and talk to this person.
- Think of 2 or more questions that you would like to ask. What do you think you could learn from this person?

Do not forget to include an opening and closing comment.

**WRITE ON THE ANSWER SHEET**