

LISTENING (15 points)

Time: 15 minutes

Task 1. Listen to Anna and Max discussing the information from the Northern (Arctic) Federal University web site.

Mark the statements 1 – 9 as TRUE (the statement agrees with the information), FALSE (the statement contradicts the information) or NOT STATED (there is no information on this statement) according to the conversation. You will hear the conversation twice.

1. Student tutors at the NArFU are mainly responsible for teaching compulsory university courses. _____
2. A freshman mentioned that tutors gave encouragement before exams. _____
3. Arkhangelsk is described as the largest industrial city in the Russian North. _____
4. The city's drama theatre is named after Lomonosov. _____
5. Jazz musicians from France regularly take part in Arkhangelsk festivals. _____
6. Participants of the Summer School combine language study with creative activities. _____
7. The *Naberezhnaya* is described as a place mostly used in winter. _____
8. Tourists compare the White Nights in Arkhangelsk to something magical. _____
9. Tutors sometimes organize trips to historical places outside Arkhangelsk. _____

Task 2. You will hear the information about the excursion. Listen to the guide and complete the fact file (questions 10-15) using one word or a number. You will hear the recording only once.

Time	Location	Main points
11.00	Group meeting and a walk along the 10) _____ of the Northern Dvina	The monument to Peter I Cape Pur-Navolok
12.00-13.00	Scientific and educational 11) _____ Gostiny Dvor	A sightseeing tour "This is Gostiny Dvor"
13.15	Chumbarov-Luchinsky avenue	The story of the oldest house of Arkhangelsk built in 12) _____
13) _____	DINNER	
15.00	"Solombala – the 14) _____ of the Russian Navy"	A walk along the Sedov's embankment Bridges of Kemsky village
15) _____	FREE TIME	

READING (20 points)

Time: 25 minutes

Task 1. For items 1–7, read the text below and choose parts of sentences A–H that fit into the numbered gaps in the text. There is one part of a sentence, which you do not need to use. Write the correct letter in boxes on your answer sheet. You may use any letter only once.

Moscow Zoo

Wildlife is fascinating and people want to get a glimpse into the world of animals. There are numerous zoos in Russia but the Moscow Zoo is an ideal place to enjoy the wilderness.

The Moscow Zoo celebrated its 160th anniversary in 2024. It **1)** _____ by the Imperial Society for Animal Protection and is situated in the centre of the capital.

The zoo has outgrown its old historic territory and now occupies an immense area of 22 hectares, including **2)** _____. The zoo provides a home for more than 10,000 animals representing over **3)** _____.

These animals can be seen in diverse houses and are divided **4)** _____ “Primates”, “The Elephant House”, “The Night World”, “The Animal World of Russia”, “The Cliff of Wild Birds” and many others. The Moscow Zoo is divided into two parts, which **5)** _____.

The old part is famous for its big pond inhabited by waterbirds. In the old part, visitors can also see elephants, **6)** _____. “The Animal World of Russia” pavilion is also in the old part of the zoo, and there are plenty of zoo inhabitants to see here like hares, wolves or badgers.

Among the most popular attractions in the new part of the zoo are the polar bears, who have a new open-air enclosure **7)** _____ which allow visitors to see the animals swimming in the water. Moscow Zoo offers a plenty of activities for visitors, such as walking around the zoo and watching the animals, taking informative excursions, and participating in numerous programmes ranging from feeding animals to volunteering.

- A. into expositions and pavilions, including
- B. new pavilions opened in 2022
- C. was founded in 1864
- D. surrounded by glass and
- E. 1,200 species from all over the world
- F. both African and Asian
- G. are living in the cages
- H. are connected by a pedestrian bridge

Task 2. Read the text again. Find the words in the text using the definitions 8-13 below. Write only one word in each box of your answer sheet.

- 8) extremely captivating and enchanting;
- 9) a date on which you remember or celebrate something that happened on that date one or more years ago;
- 10) very big, huge or even giant;
- 11) very different from each other and of various kinds;
- 12) animals which live in a particular place;
- 13) a small area of land that has a wall or fence around it.

Task 3. Look at the following descriptions (A-G) and the list of zoo animals' "houses" below. Match each description with the correct "house" (14 - 20). Write the correct letter in boxes on your answer sheet. You may use any letter only once.

14) "The Primate House"	A. Special enclosures are prepared to welcome these species with wooden houses and shelves built, since secretive animals like lynxes prefer hidden places to have a rest.
15) "The Terrarium"	B. This "house" resembles a dark cave, where illuminated cages are placed. In the enclosures there are big and small holes. Different species of rodents, as well as representatives of bats hide in these shelters.
16) "The Cat House"	C. It is the newest zoo area, where visitors can watch various species like ring-tailed lemurs and macaques. A home to these species in large enclosures provides a chance to learn more about their behaviour as they are mostly active and social.
17) "The Cliff of Wild Birds"	D. It's a special area within a zoo dedicated to showcasing various spiders, scorpions, or ticks. It looks like a nature exhibit showing the habitat of the species but it's quite difficult to see them even in their glass "house" as they are night hunters.
18) "Arachne Land"	E. Visitors of this "house" can see crocodiles, turtles, iguanas. The longest species at the Moscow Zoo is the reticulated python, which is one of the newest residents of the zoo's collection.
19) "The Night World"	F. This "house" is equipped with an automatic water temperature regulation system. This three-level building with a complex of pools provides the most comfortable environment for the animals, which include walruses and bearded seals.
20) "Flipper-Footed Mammals"	G. This "house" looks like a coastal rock that serves as a nesting site for large numbers of species. For example, these rocks are important ecosystems for colonies of puffins.

USE OF ENGLISH (20 points)

Time: 20 minutes

Task 1. There are some funny Russian idioms (1-6) that may have an unexpected meaning. Match the Russian idiom to its English equivalent. There are two English idioms you do not need.

1. Быть не в своей тарелке	A. As a duck takes to water
2. Повторюшка – дядя хрюшка	B. As scares as hen's teeth
3. Кот наплакал	C. When pigs fly
4. Когда рак на горе свиснет	D. To have an elephant in the room
5. Быть как рыба в воде	E. A copycat
6. Делать из мухи слона	F. To be like a fish out of water
	G. To keep your head above water
	H. To make a mount of a molehill

Task 2. There is one word that fits all three sentences. (questions 7-13) Write the word into the answer sheet.

7. All members of my family have _____ hair.

The match went on in the spirit of _____ play and good sportsmanship.

I bought a wooden salad bowl at the local craft _____

8. Chris arrived very early to the airport to be at the _____ of the queue when the check-in desk opened.

My sister's got a really good _____ for figures, but I'm hopeless at maths.

Who is your _____ teacher?

9. Nikki already had a _____ idea of how she wanted her career to develop.

It soon became _____ that Paula would not be able to finish the race.

The water in Baikal is so _____ that you can see the bottom.

10. There is unlikely to be any _____ in the weather this week.

Kaliningrad is a wonderful place to go on holiday if you need a _____.

Could you give me some _____ for the parking meter.

11. The tree had rough and warm _____

Our dogs always _____ when there are strangers nearby.

A _____ is a sailing ship of three or more masts.

12. A lot of teenagers can _____ very well.

PE teachers often use a whistle to _____ their student' attention.

As Christmas holidays in Russia _____ nearer, the big stores start to get unbearably crowded.

13. Take a _____, you work too much!

When people wish you good luck they say: "_____ your leg!"

You need twenty-one days to _____ a bad habit.

Task 3. Read the sentences and fill in the gaps (14-20) with the blend words given in brackets. Blend means a new word formed by combining two other words.

14. Most Russian teens wake up late in summer, so they skip breakfast, but have.....
(breakfast + lunch) instead.

15. If you are getting (hungry + angry), Russian pancakes with jam or sour cream are just what you need!

16. When we spend summer holidays in the village, mum often makes (mock + cocktail)
for children with strawberries, raspberry and mint from our garden. Delicious!

17. These days a lot of Russian teens as well as their peers in other countries are (costume + play)
..... fans, they dress up as their favorite anime characters and enjoy it.

18. One of popular travel accommodations in Russia today is (glamorous + camping)
..... It gives you a chance to be close to nature with just a little more comfort.

19. Russian teenagers enjoy being smart. A lot of my peers listen to various (iPod + broadcasts)
..... for self-study.

20. In fact, teenagers in Russia learn some (internet +etiquette) earlier than their
parents, as they start using gadgets early in life.

WRITING (20 points)

Time: 30 minutes

Describe the picture

You may need the following words:

Plaque (= *a piece of metal, stone, wood, or plastic with writing on it that is attached to a wall*), border guards.

In your writing

- name the picture and the artist
- describe the people (age, clothes, actions etc.) and objects you see in detail
- name the place in the picture and the historic event it is connected with
- express your feelings and emotions and explain them

Write your answer in 90–120 words.

“Don’t cry, grandfather!” by Vladimir Liho

