

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ

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ПИСЬМЕННЫЙ ТУР

7-8 классы

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 сдадите его членам жюри.

Максимальная оценка – 69 баллов.

LISTENING (10 points)

Time: 9 minutes

Task 1. You will hear Richard who remembers some old friends after looking at a photo. Read each statement carefully. For each question (1-10), decide if it's TRUE (T) or FALSE (F) You will hear the recording twice.

1	Richard spent about two months in Thailand.	T	F
2	This photo was taken near the beginning of his stay in Thailand.	T	F
3	Richard was hiding because he doesn't like having his photo taken.	T	F
4	Richard is still in touch with the girl from Manchester.	T	F
5	Carlos is Peruvian.	T	F
6	Melanie's birthday is July 5th.	T	F
7	Jackie had more teaching experience than Richard.	T	F
8	Richard preferred teaching the adults in Thailand.	T	F
9	Rob met his wife when he was teaching in China.	T	F
10	The garden party was in the garden of an embassy.	T	F

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet

READING (14 points)

Time: 25 minutes

Task 1. Read the text 'My Most Embarrassing Travel Mistake', then answer the questions about the text, choosing the best answer (A-D) for each question (1-6).

My Most Embarrassing Travel Mistake

My most embarrassing travel mistake happened during my first trip to Japan. I was trying to get from Tokyo to the smaller city of Odawara. I arrived at the huge Tokyo station and actually felt quite confident. I found the correct platform, saw a train with 'Nagoya' on the destination board, which I knew was in the right direction, and quickly got on. I found a comfortable seat by the window and started to relax.

For the first hour, I was enjoying the view as the countryside flew past. But I slowly began to realise that the train was not stopping at any small stations. In fact, it wasn't stopping at all. I started to feel a bit worried. I looked at my cheap ticket again and then at the other passengers. They all looked like business travellers, and the train was very quiet and modern.

About ninety minutes later, the train finally slowed down. An announcement said we had arrived in Nagoya! I was completely lost, very embarrassed, and a long way past my destination. I got off the train and tried to speak to a station guard. My Japanese was terrible, and his English was not much better, so it was a complete misunderstanding at first.

Eventually, with a lot of pointing at maps and a translation app on my phone, he understood my problem. He laughed and explained I had taken the 'Shinkansen', the super-fast bullet train, not the local service which stops at Odawara. I had to pay a very expensive new fare to get a train back to my destination. I was just relieved that I knew where I was. It was an embarrassing mistake, but now it's a funny story to tell my friends.

1. What was the writer's attitude at the start of the journey?

- A. Worried because the other passengers looked like business travellers.
- B. Surprised by how modern the train was.
- C. Pleased with how they had navigated the busy station.
- D. Anxious about finding the right train.

2. What observation first suggested to the writer that they might be on the wrong train?

- A. The train's failure to make any local stops.
- B. The price of their ticket seemed too low.
- C. The professional appearance of the other passengers.
- D. The destination board showed the wrong city name.

3. What kind of service was the 'Shinkansen'?

- A. A special tourist train with large windows.
- B. A train that only runs at night.
- C. A local service for commuters.
- D. An express service for long-distance travel.

4. Which statement best describes the writer's travel error?

- A. They misread the destination board at the station.
- B. They boarded an express service that did not stop at their intended destination.
- C. They got on a train going in the completely opposite direction.
- D. They bought a ticket for the wrong day of travel.

5. Why was communication with the station guard difficult at first?

- A. The station was too noisy to hear each other properly.
- B. Neither person could speak the other's language well.
- C. The writer was too embarrassed to explain the problem clearly.
- D. The station guard refused to speak English.

6. What did the writer have to do at the end?

- A. Pay for a new, expensive ticket.
- B. Wait for many hours for the next train.
- C. Apologise to the other passengers for the delay.
- D. Get a free journey back to their destination.

Task 2. Read the four reviews (A, B, C, and D) of different language learning apps. For each question (1-10), decide which app is the most suitable.

Language Learning Apps

A. Review by Tom

I used 'Polyglot Pal' to improve my Spanish. It is fantastic for vocabulary building, with thousands of flashcards and fun quizzes. You can even create your own study sets. The best feature is the offline mode, which means you can continue learning when you have no internet, like on a plane. However, the grammar explanations are not very clear, and there is no option to practise speaking with other users. It is not expensive, which is a big advantage.

B. Review by Sarah

'SpeakEasy' is different from other apps. Its main focus is on communication. You get connected with native speakers for short, 15-minute video conversations. It is a bit scary at first, but it is the best way to improve your confidence. It doesn't focus on formal teaching or grammar exercises, so you need to learn that somewhere else. It is a subscription service, so you have to pay every month, which can cost a lot over time.

C. Review by Ben

I tried 'GrammarPro' because my teacher recommended it. This app is perfect if you want to understand how a language is built. It has hundreds of clear lessons on things like verb tenses and sentence structure, with lots of exercises to check your understanding. It feels a bit like a digital textbook. It is not very exciting, and there are no games or videos, but it is incredibly effective for serious students who want to get a high grade in an exam.

D. Review by Lucy

'LingoQuest' turns language learning into an adventure. Every lesson is a game where you earn points and unlock new levels. It is very colourful and fun, so you forget you are even studying. It is great for beginners to learn basic phrases and vocabulary. The only problem is that it does not go to a very high level. Once you know the basics, the lessons start to feel a bit too simple and repetitive.

7	Which review is for an app that is good for learners who enjoy playing games?	A	B	C	D
8	Which review is for an app that allows you to talk to real people?	A	B	C	D
9	Which review is for an app that lets you study in a place without WiFi?	A	B	C	D
10	Which review is for an app that is criticised for not being useful for advanced learners?	A	B	C	D
11	Which review is for an app that is described as being like a sort of book?	A	B	C	D
12	Which review is for an app that is the best choice for understanding how sentences are formed?	A	B	C	D
13	Which review is for an app that can become expensive in the long term?	A	B	C	D
14	Which review is for an app that is not designed for classroom-style learning?	A	B	C	D

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet

USE OF ENGLISH (17 points)

Time: 25 minutes

Task 1. Here are some sentences about seaside holidays. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

1) Mark couldn't lift the suitcase, he was too weak.

Mark wasn't _____ lift the suitcase.

2) "Why don't we go to the beach?", I said.

I suggested _____ to the beach.

3) There was nobody on the beach when we arrived.

There wasn't _____ on the beach when we arrived.

4) Susan couldn't swim as well as Betty.

Betty _____ than Susan.

5) I last saw dolphins when I was a child.

I haven't _____ I was a child.

Task 2. For each question, choose which of the four possible answers fits the space best.

6. The football team showed great _____ to win the match.

- A. indifference
- B. disregard
- C. ignorance
- D. determination

7. We need to _____ the data before closing the system.

- A. transfer
- B. save
- C. upload
- D. share

8. She prefers _____ tea to black tea.

- A. tasty
- B. green
- C. bitter
- D. beer

9. The rock band gave an electrifying _____ last night.

- A. album
- B. record
- C. concert
- D. festival

10. He placed the cold drinks in the _____ to keep them cool for the party.

- A. bookshelf
- B. fridge
- C. wardrobe
- D. bathtub

11. The _____ of the smartphone allows me to take great photos.

- A. camera
- B. flash
- C. focus
- D. lens

Task 3. An anagram has all the same letters as another word, but in a different order. For example, dear is an anagram of read. Read the clues and write the anagrams.

0	Change "beard" into something you can eat.	<i>bread</i>
12	Change "asleep" into a word used by polite people.	
13	Change "below" into a part of the body.	
14	Change "cheap" into a fruit.	
15	Change "hated" into the opposite of life.	
16	Change "heart" into our planet.	
17	Change "danger" into a place outside the house.	

CULTURE STUDIES (10 points)

Time: 6 minutes

Read the sentences and decide if the sentences (1 – 10) are True (T) or False (F).

1	The national bird and symbol of the United States of America is the bald eagle.	T	F
2	"Pride and Prejudice," a novel exploring social commentary and manners, was written by the British author Charles Dickens.	T	F
3	The famous Big Ben clock tower in London is officially called "The Great Bell of Westminster."	T	F
4	Before it was called Great Britain, the island was known by the Romans as "Albion."	T	F
5	Members of the Royal Family are not allowed to give autographs because they might be forged and used for illegal purposes.	T	F
6	The thistle is the national emblem of Scotland, while the unicorn is a mythical creature that also represents Scotland on the Royal Coat of Arms.	T	F
7	Did J.K. Rowling originally plan for Harry Potter to have a different, much darker, ending where he actually dies permanently?	T	F
8	The Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef system, is a significant natural landmark located off the coast of Ireland.	T	F
9	In Scotland, some people celebrate Hogmanay (New Year's Eve) by "first-footing," where the first person to enter a house after midnight should be a dark-haired male bringing gifts like coal or whisky.	T	F
10	The flag of Canada prominently features a stylized red maple leaf.	T	F

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet

WRITING (18 points)

Time: 25 minutes

Imagine that one day, while tidying an attic, moving house, or simply exploring an unusual old building, you came across a hidden door (or an old chest, or a forgotten book). You open it and find something completely unexpected that changes your understanding of something or leads you to a new adventure.

Write a short story of your own creation. You can choose any subject or genre (e.g., mystery, adventure, everyday life, fantasy) that inspires you.

Your story must start with the following sentence: "It was a perfectly ordinary Saturday morning until I came across the hidden door."

Your story must end with the following sentence: "From that moment on, I knew my world would never be quite the same."

In your story you should include:

- a title;
- three required words:
 - **curiosity**
 - **whisper**
 - **ancient**

You must use all three of the following words at least once within your story. Please **underline** them.

- a description of feelings and emotions;
- direct speech (dialogue);
- an unexpected ending.

Write 100 – 150 words

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet