

Уважаемый участник олимпиады!

Вам предстоит выполнить письменные задания.

Время выполнения заданий письменного тура – **1 час 30 минут (90 минут)**.

Выполнение тестовых заданий целесообразно организовать следующим образом:

- не спеша, внимательно прочитайте формулировку задания;
- напишите правильный вариант ответа в бланке ответов;
- после выполнения всех предложенных заданий ещё 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 сдаёте его членам жюри.

Максимальная оценка – 66 баллов.

LISTENING

**Time: 15 minutes
(10 points)**

TASK 1.

Listen to the text. For questions 1–5 choose the correct answer A, B or C. You will hear the recording TWICE.
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1. What was the aim of the survey?

- A.** To find the books enjoyed by adults.
- B.** To decide on the most important book in British culture.
- C.** To make a list of books teenagers should read.

2. What is true about the list?
 - A. There weren't any scary books on it.
 - B. It included eight titles.
 - C. It only included fiction.
3. Why was the list divided into groups?
 - A. So it is easier to find a book you might like.
 - B. To keep it simple.
 - C. Because there weren't enough titles.
4. What does the presenter say about the books that Tina mentions?
 - A. Not all of them are good.
 - B. Most of them were written for teenagers.
 - C. Some of them were not written for teenagers.
5. What does Tina say about the books on the list?
 - A. She can't decide on her favourite book.
 - B. She has only read some of them.
 - C. She doesn't like adult books.

TASK 2.

Listen to the text. For questions 6–10 choose T if the statement is true according to the text, F if it is false. You will hear the recording TWICE.

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| 6. The speaker took up underwater photography after reading an article about it. | ___ | ___ |
| 7. The speaker couldn't swim before the course. | ___ | ___ |
| 8. The speaker decided to buy an expensive camera. | ___ | ___ |
| 9. The course focused on making necessary preparations. | ___ | ___ |
| 10. It was easy for the speaker to use the camera under water. | ___ | ___ |

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET!

READING

Time: 15 minutes
(6 points)

Read the text. For Questions 1–6 choose the correct answer A, B or C.

A TOWN THAT LIVES IN ONE BUILDING

Located in the beautiful state of Alaska, a little town called Whittier is tucked away in a picturesque area surrounded by mountains and the ocean. This hidden gem is hard to reach: the only ways to and from Whittier are either by ferry or through a one-lane tunnel that cuts through the mountains. This tunnel is unique because it is shared by both vehicles and trains, necessitating a precisely managed schedule to accommodate both modes of transportation and both directions of traffic.

Whittier's economy thrives on its port, the town's main source of employment, where cargo ships drop off their containers for rail transportation across Alaska. The town also has a grocery store, a museum, two hotels, and various other job opportunities for all its citizens: police officers, municipal workers, educators at the local school, and marina staff. Tourism has grown over the last few years to become an alternative source of income, drawing visitors to attractions such as the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel, glacier jet ski tours, and scenic boat excursions that offer breathtaking views of marine wildlife and icebergs.

But the most fascinating aspect of Whittier is perhaps the fact that nearly all of its 200-odd residents live under the same roof. The Begich Towers, a 14-story building, is more than just an apartment complex; it's a self-contained town! The harsh winter weather helps to explain the convenience of this unusual way of living. Whittier's winter months are known for their heavy snowfalls and fierce winds. By having all the necessary facilities and services in one building, the residents don't have to brave the cold weather every time they need to run an errand or go to church. Not even the children need to step outside to attend school, which is in an adjacent building connected through a tunnel. It's an ingenious solution that makes life in such an extreme climate much more manageable.

However, the origins of Whittier's unique living situation date back to the early last century when the area was chosen for a military base. Shielded by towering mountains and situated by a bay with unfreezing waters, this location offered an ideal strategic position. Initially, wooden camps housed the soldiers, but as the need for more permanent structures grew with the increasing population, two significant buildings were erected: the once largest building in Alaska, the Buckner Building, and the Begich Towers. The construction of the tunnel in the 1940s, intended to provide railway access, marked Whittier's transformation into an essential cargo and passenger port. After the military left in the 1960s, the Buckner Building was abandoned, and the

Begich Towers became the main residential and communal space for the town's inhabitants.

Nowadays, Whittier's residents just need to hop on the elevator to go grocery shopping, visit the police station, or eat 'out' – though in this case, 'eat in' might be more accurate. There's even a health clinic, which is far from being a hospital but more than enough for minor ailments. In essence, everything the residents may need is a few steps away from their homes. Living in Begich Towers offers a sense of community and convenience that is hard to find elsewhere. The close proximity of homes and businesses fosters a strong bond among the residents. Whether they're sharing a cup of coffee at the café on the ground floor or attending a community meeting, the people of Whittier have created a unique and supportive environment.

Whittier might be small, but it's a remarkable example of adaptability and community spirit. Its single-building town, surrounded by Alaska's breathtaking landscape, is a testament to human ingenuity and resilience.

1. Which adjective would better describe Whittier?
 - A. mountainous
 - B. remote
 - C. reachable
2. If you are going to Whittier through the tunnel...
 - A. you can't use the tunnel while other people are leaving.
 - B. your only option is to take the train.
 - C. you can go by car at any time.
3. Most people in Whittier work in...
 - A. tourism.
 - B. in the shipping industry.
 - C. services.
4. According to the text,...
 - A. having a town in one building is not ideal.
 - B. the school is in the same building.
 - C. the town's church is in the Begich Towers.
5. The towers were built...
 - A. to protect the soldiers from the weather.
 - B. to mark Whittier's transformation.
 - C. to accommodate an expanding population.
6. Which of these can you NOT find in Begich Towers?
 - A. a supermarket
 - B. a hospital
 - C. a restaurant

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USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 15 minutes
(20 points)

TASK 1.

Read the text below and choose the correct word, A, B, C or D, for each space (1–10).

AMAZON RAINFOREST VOLUNTEER

Jeff Scott (1) _____ be a computer engineer. Then he gave up his well-paid job in order (2) _____ work as a volunteer in the Amazon rainforest. I asked Jeff why he (3) _____ this decision.

‘I’ve always been interested in the environment,’ he (4) _____ me. ‘I know that if we (5) _____ something to change the situation, global warming will get worse.’

So what exactly does Jeff do in the rainforest?

‘I’m living with a group of ten other volunteers, in a rainforest lodge,’ he (6) _____. ‘We go out every day with our guide in order to make (7) _____ about the birds, animals and plants. We give these details to scientists so (8) _____ they can see how life in the rainforest is changing.’

I asked Jeff (9) _____ there was anything he missed about home. ‘I didn’t (10) _____ to see my family very much, but I do really miss them.’ Jeff also told me he missed eating hamburgers and chips

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| 1. | A | use | B | used | C | use to | D | used to |
| 2. | A | for | B | to | C | of | D | as |
| 3. | A | makes | B | had made | C | made | D | would make |
| 4. | A | said | B | replied | C | told | D | answered |
| 5. | A | don’t do | B | didn’t do | C | haven’t done | D | wouldn’t do |
| 6. | A | talked | B | told | C | said | D | spoke |
| 7. | A | decisions | B | notes | C | stories | D | projects |
| 8. | A | which | B | what | C | where | D | that |
| 9. | A | unless | B | what | C | how | D | if |
| 10. | A | use | B | used | C | to use | D | using |

TASK 2.

For Questions 11–20, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

EXPLORING THE HEAVENS

Many people look (11) _____ at night sky and become fascinated by the wonders of the universe. (12) _____ it sounds like you, then maybe it's time you got your own telescope. Astronomy is a great hobby and (13) _____ are a few tips for those of you who are thinking of taking it up.

If you don't have (14) _____ money to buy your own telescope, try a pair of binoculars. You can still see a lot as (15) _____ as you don't expect to see so much detail. Explore the moon and the stars. You may even discover a comet. Remember, though, that you (16) _____ never look at the sun directly because it can damage your eyesight.

If you do have the money to buy a telescope, you need to choose (17) _____ a refracting and a reflecting telescope. A refracting telescope is a great way of quickly (18) _____ your way around the heavens. As well as more stars than you can imagine, there are also the planets to explore! You should have (19) _____ difficulty finding Mars and even Saturn with its famous rings. But, if you really want to explore the universe, (20) _____ you will need a reflecting telescope. These telescopes are much at collecting light and will allow you to see things in detail.

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WRITING

**Time: 45 minutes
(30 points)**

**Write a story that involves the following 5 objects: a book, a hill, a motorbike, a gingerbread, and a butterfly.
Write your story in 150-200 words.**

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