

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ
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(МУНИЦИПАЛЬНЫЙ ЭТАП)

ПИСЬМЕННЫЙ ТУР

возрастная группа (7-8 классы)

Уважаемый участник олимпиады!

Вам предстоит выполнить письменные задания.

Время выполнения заданий письменного тура 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 ответа в разделе **“Writing”** учитываются все виды ошибок (лексические, грамматические, орфографические, пунктуационные) и почерк (работа должна быть выполнена разборчивым почерком).

Задание письменного тура считается выполненным, если Вы вовремя сдаете его членам жюри.

Максимальная оценка 55 баллов.

LISTENING (10 points)

Time: 10 minutes

a) Listen to the teacher Ms. Rivera and her student Jake talking about his science school project. Decide if the statements are T (True) or F (False).

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| 1. Jake has already started writing his science project outline. | T/F |
| 2. Ms. Rivera advises to formulate the hypothesis in at least five sentences. | T/F |
| 3. Jake is doing an experiment about how light influences plant growth. | T/F |
| 4. It is possible for Jake to work on the project with a partner. | T/F |
| 5. Jake will not finish the outline until the day after tomorrow. | T/F |

b) Listen again. For each question, choose the correct answer.

6. Jake has a difficulty with the science project outline because
- A) He doesn't know the topic.
 - B) He didn't understand what to include into it.
 - C) He lost his notebook.
7. Jake plans to use
- A) Pea seeds
 - B) Bean seeds
 - C) Grass seeds
8. Jake's project outline should be
- A) One page
 - B) One or two pages
 - C) As long as he wants
9. According to Ms. Rivera, _____ shows good planning.
- A) A good hypothesis
 - B) The list of materials
 - C) A timeline with dates

10. Jake says he will

- A) Wait for Maya to start the experiment
- B) Finish and send the outline as soon as possible
- C) Update the group list

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

READING (15 points)

Time: 30 minutes

Task 1.

	<i>Need a friend?</i> <i>Here is our guide for you to choose a faithful companion!</i>
(1)	Dogs are one of the most popular pets around the world. They are known for their loyalty, intelligence, and ability to form strong bonds with humans. Whether you live in a small apartment or a big house, there's a dog breed that will suit your lifestyle. Some dogs need a lot of exercise and space, like Border Collies or German Shepherds, while others, like Pugs or Bulldogs, are happy with short walks and indoor play. Dogs can also be trained to help people—for example, guide dogs for the blind or therapy dogs for hospitals.
(2)	Perfect pets for people who want a more low-maintenance companion are cats. They are clean animals that groom themselves and use a litter box, so they don't need to go outside. Cats can be very affectionate, but they also enjoy their independence. You might find your cat curled up beside you one moment and exploring the garden the next. They are playful, especially when young, and love chasing toys or climbing cat trees. Many people love cats because they are quiet, graceful, and full of personality.
(3)	Fish are ideal pets for those who enjoy watching rather than touching. Setting up an aquarium can be a relaxing hobby, and watching colorful fish swim gracefully can reduce stress. There are many types of fish to choose from—goldfish for beginners, or more exotic tropical fish like bettas or angelfish for experienced owners. Fish don't need walks or cuddles, but they do need clean water, the right temperature, and proper food. A well-maintained tank can become a beautiful centerpiece in any home.
(4)	Do you enjoy sound and interaction? Birds are ideal for you. Parrots, canaries, and budgies can brighten your day with their songs and chatter. Some birds, like African Greys or Cockatoos, can even learn to talk or mimic sounds. Birds need space to fly or stretch their wings, so a large cage and time outside of it are important. They also need toys to stay mentally active. Although they are small, birds have big personalities and can form deep bonds with their owners.
(5)	Small mammals like hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, and gerbils are great first pets, especially for children (with adult supervision). They don't need much space and are fun to watch as they run on wheels, dig tunnels, or munch on vegetables. Each animal has its own needs—for example, rabbits

	need fresh hay and space to hop, while hamsters are nocturnal and love to explore at night. These pets are usually gentle and easy to handle, making them perfect for families or people living in smaller homes.
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A. Questions 1-5. Scan the text. Choose the best heading for each of the paragraphs (1-5). Mind there are 2 extra headings.

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| A. Tiny pet – big heart | E. Security experts |
| B. Loyal and independent | F. Not so simple to look after |
| C. Loving but independent | G. Ideal first pets |
| D. Useful enough | |

B. Questions 6-10. Which pet from the text would be most suitable for these people? Choose the correct option. Each pet can be chosen only once!

- 6. Maria – Busy Graphic Designer:** I actually work from home so I love having something beautiful and calming to look at during the break between my online meetings. I want to have a pet but unfortunately do not have time to walk or train an animal.
- A. a dog B. a cat C. a goldfish D. a parrot E. a hamster
- 7. Tom – Retired Teacher:** I live alone but enjoy chatting out loud, even when no one's around. I want a pet that can keep my company and “chat back”.
- A. a dog B. a cat C. a goldfish D. a parrot E. a hamster
- 8. The Chen Family – Parents with Two Young Kids:** Well, we live in an apartment and want a pet that is small, cute, and easy to handle— but not too fragile! Because our kids are very active!
- A. a dog B. a cat C. a goldfish D. a parrot E. a hamster
- 9. Alex – College Student:** I jog every morning, you know, hike on weekends, and want a companion to join my adventures.
- A. a dog B. a cat C. a goldfish D. a parrot E. a hamster
- 10. Sofia – Writer:** I hope I can find a pet that can match my schedule – I work late and sleep in. I want my pet to take care of itself, at least in the morning, I don't want to be woken up by barking or chirping.
- A. a dog B. a cat C. a goldfish D. a parrot E. a hamster

Task 2. Questions 11-15.

Look at the text in each question. For each question, choose the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

The London Underground

Many visitors to London rely on the Tube — the city's underground railway — to get around. Opened in 1863, it's the oldest metro system in the world. While efficient, it can be confusing: some stations have multiple exits, and not all lines appear on every map. Locals rarely call it "the subway" — that's an American term. Also, beware: "Mind the gap" isn't just a slogan — the space between the train and platform can be dangerous!

11. What can you understand from the text about the London Underground?

- A. It's newer than metro systems in other major cities.
- B. Some station layouts or maps may not show all available information.
- C. "Mind the gap" is only played for tourists' amusement.

Driving in the UK

In Great Britain, cars drive on the left side of the road — a fact that surprises many international visitors. Rental cars have the steering wheel on the right, and roundabouts are common. Speed limits are posted in miles per hour (not kilometres), and many rural roads are narrow with high hedges, making visibility tricky. Also, don't expect automatic transmissions — most UK cars are manual.

12. Based on the text, what is NOT mentioned as a challenge for a foreign driver?

- A. Speed limits.
- B. Adjusting to left-hand driving and manual gear shifts.
- C. Narrow roads.

The British Weather

British weather is famously unpredictable. You might need a raincoat in July or sunglasses in November. Locals often carry an umbrella "just in case," and layering clothes is wise. The saying "four seasons in one day" is not an exaggeration. Also, "it's raining" doesn't always mean heavy downpour — drizzle counts too. Don't trust a sunny morning to last!

13. What should you keep in mind when planning outdoor activities in Britain?

- A. You should only plan them between May and August.
- B. Be ready to change your plans and dress in layers.
- C. It never actually rains heavily — only drizzles.

Tea Culture

While “afternoon tea” with scones and sandwiches is a tourist favourite, most Brits don’t have it daily. Instead, “a cuppa” — a casual cup of tea, often with milk and no ceremony — is the real national habit. Tea is offered during breaks, after bad news, or to welcome guests. Asking for coffee instead won’t offend anyone, but you might get a curious look in rural areas.

14. What is said about British tea-drinking customs?

- A.** Afternoon tea is a part of daily routine for most families.
- B.** It is rude to ask for coffee in British homes.
- C.** Tea is a comfort or social gesture.

Historic Sites and Queues

Britain is packed with castles, cathedrals, and Roman ruins — many free or cheap to enter. But popular sites like Stonehenge or Edinburgh Castle often have long queues, especially in summer. Booking tickets online in advance can save hours. Also, audio guides sometimes offer more quirky facts than the official plaques — like which king hated broccoli or which ghost haunts the west tower.

15. The best strategy for visiting top historic attractions in Britain is

- A.** Only to visit in winter to avoid queues.
- B.** To hope all sites are free and bring no cash.
- C.** To book tickets beforehand and consider renting an audio guide.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

USE OF ENGLISH (20 points)

Time: 25 minutes

Task 1. For items 1-10, read the text below and decide which option (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Computer Games: Behind the Fun

Last weekend, something strange happened while I was gaming. I was playing an online battle royale with my friends when, suddenly, the screen froze. At first, I thought it was just a technical (1) _____ — you know, the kind that happens when your Wi-Fi acts up. But then my character disappeared completely! I (2) _____ my brother, who was sitting next to me, “Did you see that?” He didn’t answer — he was too focused on his own game. I tried to talk (3) _____ him, but he just waved me away. Typical!

(4) _____ I restarted the game, I lost all my progress. I wanted to quit, but my team begged me to stay. One of them even (5) _____ sending me extra in-game currency to make up for it. That was kind — I didn’t expect that! I (6) _____ myself that gaming is supposed to be fun, not stressful. So, I took a deep breath and jumped back in. Honestly, I don’t (7) _____ why I got so upset — it was (8) _____ a game, after all.

Later that night, I couldn’t sleep. I (9) _____ thinking about what happened. It wasn’t a major incident, but it felt weird — like the game was glitching on purpose! I decided to check my settings and update the software. Problem solved. No harm (10) _____.

1.	A. event	B. accident	C. incident	D. occasion
2.	A. told	B. said	C. spoke	D. talked
3.	A. at	B. into	C. about	D. to
4.	A. Moreover	B. However	C. After	D. In spite of
5.	A. suggested	B. offered	C. supposed	D. proposed
6.	A. remembered	B. reminded	C. reviewed	D. reused
7.	A. learn	B. study	C. know	D. teach
8.	A. only	B. alone	C. lonely	D. hardly
9.	A. ran	B. held	C. kept	D. remained
10.	A. had	B. made	C. took	D. done

Task 2. Complete the sentences (11-20) with homophones (a homophone is a word that is pronounced like another word but has a different spelling and meaning).

Example: Can you _____ your name on the _____? (write, right)

11. I can't _____ you — please come _____!
12. Don't _____ suddenly and drive slower, otherwise you might _____ the vases that we are transporting!
13. She picked a beautiful _____ from the garden to decorate the cake made with wheat _____.
14. Put the books over _____ — they belong to _____ group.
15. She _____ her driving test last week — it's now in the _____.
16. Can you _____ a minute? I need to check the _____ of this package.
17. A postman is a tall _____ who delivers _____.
18. He _____ to Paris last week but now he's at home with the _____. He is running a temperature and can't leave bed.
19. It took _____ team a full _____ to finish the project. But we did it together!
20. That was a _____ dinner! Did you _____ the cheese yourself?

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

WRITING (10 points)

Time: 25 minutes

You see a competition announcement in an English-language magazine. It is for the best review of the last book you've read.

ARTICLES WANTED!

A book-worm? Tell us about the last book you've read!

- *What is the title of the book and who is the author?*
- *What are the most important events in the book?*
- *What is your opinion of the book? Would you recommend it to our readers and why?*

Write an article answering these questions.

We will print the most interesting articles in our magazine.

Write 100-120 words.