

Форма бланка заданий
ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ ПО
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ПИСЬМЕННЫЙ ТУР
9-11 классы

Уважаемый участник олимпиады!

Вам предстоит выполнить письменные задания.

Время выполнения заданий письменного тура 105 мин.

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 сдаете его членам жюри.

Максимальная оценка – 62 балла.

LISTENING (12 points)

Time: 15 minutes

Task 1. You will hear the talk about education. For **Question 1**, choose **from the list (A–J) ALL** the points that are mentioned in the talk. Circle the correct letters. You will hear the talk twice.

- A Less chance to discover interests
- B Fewer opportunities for socialization with peers
- C Personalized learning pace
- D Lack of structure and discipline
- E Individualized attention
- F Loss of full time income
- G Potential for knowledge gaps
- H Reducing the risk of bullying and peer pressure
- I Exhausting for parents
- J Flexible timetable and curriculum

Task 2. For **Question 2**, decide which of the points you have chosen **from the list (A–J) in Task 1** are the examples of **the advantages** of home education. Circle the correct letters.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
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Task 3. For **Questions 3**, decide which of the points you have chosen **from the list (A–J) in Task 1** are the examples of **the disadvantages** of home education. Circle the correct letters.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
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Transfer your answers to the answer sheet

READING (20 points)

Time: 30 minutes

Task 1. For **Questions 1–7**, read the text below and fill in the gaps in it with the options **A-H** given below the text. There is one extra option that you will not need.

Throughout history, new and unfamiliar technologies have always divided public opinion. Every major innovation, from the printing press to the internet, has caused both excitement and fear. **1)** _____. AI boomers are those who view AI as a useful tool with the power to improve industries and solve some of people's greatest challenges. On the other hand, AI doomers believe that AI should be kept under control to avoid dangers to humans.

To AI boomers, the possibilities of Artificial Intelligence are nearly limitless, with advancements in autonomous vehicles, personalised medicine, and intelligent automation promising to create a society that can produce more and better. They see AI as a powerful tool for driving economic growth, improving healthcare and education, and dealing successfully with global issues like climate change. **2)** _____. However, they believe it is possible to manage the situation and keep it under control if the people involved work together to create and apply strict rules. They argue that it is crucial not to let fear stop progress. **3)** _____.

In contrast, AI doomers are concerned about the possible dangers and existential risks that AI could bring, especially as it becomes more advanced. AI doomers worry about situations where AI systems develop a higher level of intelligence, becoming uncontrollable and possibly putting people's lives at risk. **4)** _____. The main worry is that people might lose their jobs to AI, which might be able to perform faster, better and at a cheaper cost. **5)** _____. AI collects a lot of personal data, like browsing history and health records, which worries people about who controls it. Furthermore, AI-powered tools, like facial recognition, can track and monitor people without their permission.

Like in every situation, there are advantages and disadvantages. The only way to make good use of AI is to find a balanced way of using it that recognizes its benefits as well as its risks. **6)** _____. They also stress the need for transparency, meaning that AI systems should be open and clear so people understand how they work and what they do. All this, however, wouldn't be enough without holding someone accountable for the outcomes when using AI. **7)** _____. Those who support the careful use of AI believe that it is possible to make the most of AI's benefits while reducing its potential dangers if governments, technologists, and society work together for the greater good.

- A. Other concerns are linked to loss of privacy.
- B. Even though a world ruled by AI is hard to believe, there are valid concerns related to more immediate issues.
- C. It's necessary to know who is responsible for the effects of AI, both good and bad.
- D. Unlike other technological advances, the use of AI is spreading fast across all sectors of the global population.
- E. Today, artificial intelligence (AI) is the latest stage in this long-term discussion, splitting opinions.
- F. To make this happen, both AI boomers and doomers focus on the importance of ethics – doing what's right and fair when creating and using AI.
- G. This group of AI supporters doesn't disagree with the possibility of risks.
- H. For AI boomers, the focus should be on taking advantage of AI's abilities, making sure that its benefits are available to the wider population, not just to the people at the top.

Task 2. For **Questions 8-12**, read about creative getaways. Match the texts with their features **A-F**. There is one extra option you will not need.

- A. This place was founded by a famous historical prime minister and is the only one of its kind in the UK.
- B. A key goal here is to channel strong emotions into a powerful, positive force for the attendees.
- C. The courses here are led by encouraging tutors.
- D. This experience is for those who want to watch animals and birds in their natural habitat.
- E. This experience includes activities set within a landscape from ancient Welsh legends.
- F. This company organizes trips to international destinations welcoming everyone from novices to experts.

8. Wider Horizons is an outdoor gathering in Berkshire dedicated to reigniting young attendees' (18 to 30 years old) creative spark through workshops, music, ceremony and movement. On the glorious July afternoon I arrived, oak trees cast elongated shadows on the soft earth, a gentle breeze stirred the tall grass, and I found myself surrounded by a group of eccentric, vivacious young adults. A key element of the weekend is transformation: Wild Woman circles channelled sacred rage into empowerment, Forest Play turned ennui into childlike wonder, and poetry workshops used the surrounding woodlands as inspiration. My phone lay untouched, my mind grew quiet, and from that place of silence, the words poured out of me like rainfall.

9. Trigonos is a beautiful and unique environmentally conscious retreat centre in the heart of Eryri (Snowdonia). Its seven hectares (18 acres) include a tranquil

lake. The setting is a key landscape in the ancient Fourth Branch of The Mabinogion. Storytellers Cath Little and Claire Mace led a weekend workshop for women here, exploring the enigmatic figure of Arianrhod, a key female figure in mythology. My connections with the story and the mythological landscape were deepened by this experience; I gained new insights, enriched my own storytelling, and made wise new friends. Activities such as yoga, weaving, cycling, and forest bathing are also offered at Trigonos.

10. The best place to refill your creative cup is at Gladstone's Library. It truly is a bookish fantasy; you while away the hours reading and writing in a wood-panelled, nostalgic book-filled space, before heading upstairs to dream in the book-themed bedrooms. Rooms start at 96 pounds a night at this gem at Hawarden near Chester, founded by encouraging William Gladstone, which includes a delicious on-site breakfast, access to reading rooms, and use of a common-room style lounge, complete with roaring fires and sofas. The UK's only residential library is the perfect getaway for creatives in any field looking to rest, write, read and be.

11. The Solway Firth landscape painting weeks at Auchencairn House combine the inspirational scenery of the coast and the wonderful walled garden with excellent and supportive tutors and warm and friendly hosts. Breathe the calm by day, relax with stately home dining, and just paint.

12. I have been on two photography holidays with Creative Escapes. I visited Sicily and Japan and the holidays were wonderful. The company only takes small groups and its tutors are experienced photographers. They give individual help and advice, so not only did my skills improve, but I also developed my own style. There were complete beginners and experienced photographers on the trips but we all supported each other in the projects and feedback sessions. Beautiful locations for learning, accommodation and special memories.

Text	8	9	10	11	12
Feature					

Task 3. For Questions 13-20 read the texts in Task 2 once again and decide if the statements below are True (T), False (F) or the information is Not mentioned (NM) according to the texts.

13. Wider Horizons is a special event for people in their 40s, 50s and 60s.

14. The narrator of the Berkshire text found that being away from their phone helped their creativity.

15. All visitors to Trigonos must study mythology before they start the retreat.

16. The storytelling workshop in Eryri was exclusively for women.

17. Gladstone's Library is one of dozens of residential libraries in the UK.

18. William Gladstone, the founder of the library, is still involved in its daily operations.

19. The painting week at Auchencairn House focuses on portrait painting.

20. The author learned new things from other travellers on her Creative Escapes holidays.

Question	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
T / F / NM								

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet

USE OF ENGLISH (20 points)

Time: 30 minutes

Task 1. For **Questions 1–10**, read the text below and think of the words in the box which best fits each gap. Change the form of the word to make it lexically and grammatically correct. You should write a correct word in your answer sheet. There is one extra option that you will not need.

know, just, appear, fill, vision, call, carve, relate, make, memory, do

Russian Gingerbread

Gingerbread is a sweet pastry with spices that give it its name. Russian gingerbread cakes are famous not just for their taste and aroma, but also for their attractive 1) _____. They usually are stamped or painted with colored glaze designs, so they are perfect as gifts for 2) _____ events.

The history of gingerbread goes back to the distant past. Its predecessors were already 3) _____ in the first millennium B.C. In Russia, gingerbread appeared in the 9th century A.D. In those days, gingerbread was called “honey bread”, because honey was the main ingredient of the dough and determined the taste and smell of the cake. Later, when Russia established trade 4) _____ with the Eastern countries, gingerbread acquired the aroma of ginger, peppermint, clove, nutmeg and other spices, and became 5) _____ known as “gingerbread”. Such Russian cities as Tula, Tver, Novgorod, Pokrov, Gorodets, and Ryazan were especially famous for their gingerbread 6) _____. Tula gingerbread makers were the first to add fruit 7) _____ in gingerbread, and that made the product even more popular. In the 19th century, Tula gingerbread stores were opened in some European capitals.

Making stamped gingerbread cakes is an art. First, the dough is made from rye flour, honey, eggs, water and spices. The dough is cut into pieces, rolled out, and each piece is put on a special board with a 8) _____ pattern. The cake is turned over so that the stamped image is on top and the surface is glazed with sugar syrup, which sets off the picture and makes it more 9) _____ after baking. Each carved board is used to create just one design for gingerbread, and a new design 10) _____ for a new board. In the past, gingerbread boards were made by craftsmen, and nowadays, new designs are created mostly by professional artists.

Task 2. For **Questions 11-20**, read the sentences below and substitute the underlined part of each sentence with a rhyming idiom **A-L**. There are 2 extra options you will not need. You should write the correct idiom on your answer sheet.

Example:

0. The show aired Sunday evening in the time of day when the largest number of people are watching and was watched by 15.7 million viewers.

a) prime time

11. The English test wasn't difficult. I finished it in 10 minutes.

12. She wore her favourite short T-shirt and slim-fit jeans.

13. This summer's popular destination for holiday-making is Alaska.

14. If you happen to visit Texas visit a restaurant which serves American version of Mexican food.

15. Shorts are not acceptable here – you have to wear long pants and shoes.

16. Just a very small piece of cake for me, please.

17. There are no significant color changes due to long usage, as the book has been properly maintained.

18. Christmas may become a very successful or very unsuccessful time for smaller retailers.

19. Did you really send her a birthday card by the post? It will never get there in time!

20. They are definitely part of the rich and fashionable people who travel around the world for pleasure. They spend every winter in the Caribbean.

A) brain drain

B) jet set

C) make it or break it

D) snail mail

E) fair and square

F) teeny-weeny

G) crop top

H) Tex-Mex

I) no go

J) hot spot

K) wear and tear

L) easy-peasy

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet

WRITING (10 points)

Time: 30 minutes

You have been asked to write a post for a school website about an unusual event: archaeologists have unearthed a mysterious object under your school.

Your post must contain:

- an introduction
- a description of the object found by the archaeologists
- at least two reasons why this is an important founding / discovery for your school
- a conclusion.

Your text must also include all of the following words:

yell, artifact, portal, relic, seal

Use 100–140 words.

Transfer your text to the answer sheet