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***Задания муниципального этапа всероссийской олимпиады
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по английскому языку(9-11 классы)***

Уважаемый участник олимпиады!

Вам предстоит выполнить только письменные задания. Время выполнения заданий письменного тура - 115 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 сдаете его членам жюри. Максимальная оценка – 54 балла.

ПИСЬМЕННЫЙ ТУР

Part 1

LISTENING (7 points)

Time: 15 minutes

You will hear an interview with volunteers. For items 1-7, choose the best option (a, b or c). You will hear the text twice.

1. What does Dana NOT mention as a health benefit of yoga?

- a. Eliminating stress.
- b. Fighting diseases.
- c. Making one sleep better.

2. What does Dana say about yoga classes?

- a. They are typically two hours long.
- b. They consist of three main stages.
- c. They are conducted in a cool room.

3. Speaking about yoga styles, Dana points out that they are ...

- a. difficult.
- b. fashionable.
- c. diverse.

4. What is Dana's opinion of hot yoga?

- a. It's not suitable for people with health problems.
- b. It's the best kind of yoga for all people.
- c. It should be practised in warm countries only.

5. According to Dana, what is TRUE about yoga breathing?

- a. It's necessary to increase blood pressure.

- b.* It's the main aspect of any yoga style.
- c.* It takes months to learn.

6. What does Dana say about yoga mats in yoga studios?

- a.* They are provided free of charge.
- b.* It's best to have a personal mat.
- c.* It's very expensive to rent a mat there.

7. According to Dana, what is TRUE about doing yoga at home?

- a.* Common objects can be used instead of professional equipment.
- b.* One needs to buy many things to practise yoga at their place.
- c.* It's hard to find the necessary equipment to do yoga at home.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Part 2

Reading (13 points)

Time: 30 minutes

Task 1

You are going to read the text about Reusable bags. For item A-F choose the phrase which you think fits best according to the text. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Reusable bags

Using fewer resources and producing less waste are issues not only for big corporations and factories to worry about. Each of us can make a big difference in how we impact the environment. People can continue to consume excessively and create billions of pounds of waste each year, **1** _____ a more environmentally-friendly lifestyle.

Plastic bags do not easily decompose, and they contribute to the pollution of nature. A plastic bag can take from 15 to 1,000 years to break down, depending on the environment. Moreover, the cost of recycling plastic bags outweighs their value. This is another reason **2** _____ to landfill sites. This results in huge piles of garbage **3** _____, releasing bad smells throughout the day and serving as a distraction for tourists.

It is high time for us to use alternative sources, so as to reduce the impact of plastic bags on the environment. One such change is to get rid of plastic bags and use reusable bags.

There are many reasons **4** _____, and it is necessary to switch to reusable bags. A lot of oil and natural gas go into the production of plastic bags, which are not recyclable. Choosing reusable bags saves on these natural resources and protects the environment. Besides, the nature around us is polluted by plastic bags **5** _____

or get into animals' homes. Sometimes animals try to eat these bags, thinking they are part of nature, 6 _____.

- A. because they often fly away into trees
- B. that can be easily seen across the city
- C. or they can make changes to adopt
- D. why plastic bags are not ideal at all
- E. why most plastic bags find their way
- F. which may simply lead to their death

Task 2

Read the following abstracts. Choose to the abstracts 7 -13 the appropriate headline (A-H). There is one extra headline which you do not need to use. Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

7.

The Serengeti is a vast ecosystem in central Africa. It spans 30,000 square kilometres. And in the local language, it means “endless plains.” This region of Africa is situated in north Tanzania and extends to southwestern Kenya. The Serengeti includes Serengeti National Park and a number of game reserves and conservation areas. They are all maintained by the governments of Tanzania and Kenya. The region hosts the largest mammal migration in the world. It is a popular destination for African safaris.

8.

The Serengeti has various flora and fauna. A diverse group of animals call the Serengeti home, including Africa's “big five” group. It consists of the African elephant, the Cape buffalo, the African leopard, the African lion, and the African black rhino. Cheetahs, giraffes, crocodiles, hippos, more than 500 bird species, and many more animals can also be found across the area. Blue wildebeests, gazelles, and zebras inhabit the region too, along with lions and hyenas. They are familiar to fans of the Disney film, The Lion King.

9.

The most popular time to visit the region is between July and October. The peak of the blue wildebeest migration, usually in October, is an especially popular time in the park – when visitors come to see more than 2 million animals travel up to 800 km from Serengeti National Park to the Maasai Mara National Reserve. This is a huge attraction for tourists. And while many think it is an intense and short-lived phenomenon, it is actually a fairly slow trek. Visitors want to peer into the secret lives of the animals that call this region home.

10.

The Serengeti landscape is divided into two regions defined by their dominant vegetation – woodland and grassland. Woodlands are grassy areas dotted with trees, mainly acacia. Grasslands include riverine, plains and derived grasslands. The large area of the Serengeti is interrupted by the only active volcano there that still ejects lava, which turns white when exposed to air. The landscape is dotted with a number of kopjes. They are large rocky formations that are the result of volcanic activity. The Simba Kopje is a popular tourist stop.

11.

The great migration occurs during the main dry season, which lasts from June through October. The two wet seasons, a short one and a long one, occur from November to December, and from March to May, respectively. Temperatures in the region remain fairly constant throughout the year, with the wet seasons being the warmest. Although a popular image dictates that Africa is mostly a very hot place, it is actually pleasant in the Serengeti. It seldom gets uncomfortably hot, and temperatures drop during the night and early mornings.

12.

The Maasai people had been grazing their cattle in the open plains for around 200 years when the first European explorers visited the area at the end of the 19th century. Because the hunting of lions made them so scarce, people decided to make a game reserve in the area in the 1920s. These actions became the basis for Serengeti National Park, which was established in 1951. As part of the creation of the park, and in order to

preserve its wildlife, the Maasai were relocated to the Kenya highlands – a move that is still controversial.

13.

By choosing to visit the Serengeti, tourists are supporting the country's huge investment in the future. Tourism provides valuable income used to support the conservation work of the national parks in Tanzania. It is also used to help wildlife research and for education in local communities. The animal diversity of the Serengeti is very high. There are at least four globally-threatened or endangered animal species. Thus, it is not surprising that Serengeti National Park is listed as a World Heritage Site.

- A. *Full of life*
- B. *Safari lovers*
- C. *A protected region*
- D. *Glimpses of history*
- E. *The tourist season*
- F. *Beneficial tourism*
- G. *A comfortable climate*
- H. *Scenery to remember*

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Part 3

Use of English (20 points)

Time: 30 minutes

Task 1

For items 1-7, read the text below and decide which option (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Emily was disappointed. She finally settled on the one person she felt she could seek advice from. She decided to turn **1** _____ at the docks unannounced and hope George would be around when she knocked on his door.

She didn't **2** _____ either of her brothers who she was visiting. One of them would try to stop her, while the other would feel she betrayed a confidence. Emily could **3** _____ wait until her day off, and once she had dropped Luke at school, she took a bus to the dockyard. She had chosen her time carefully: late morning, when George was still likely to be in his office, while her brothers would be fully **4** _____ loading or unloading cargo at the other end of the dock. Emily said to the man on the gate that she'd come to apply for a job as a cleaner. He pointed indifferently towards the red-brick building and still didn't **5** _____ her. As she walked towards Spencer House, Emily looked up at the windows on the fifth floor and **6** _____ which office was his. She recalled her encounter with Mrs. Gray, and the way she had been shown the door the moment she mentioned her name. Now Emily not only had a job she **7** _____ and where she was respected, but she'd had two other offers in the past few days. She didn't give Mrs. Gray another thought as she walked straight past the building and continued along the quayside.

1

a) off

b) up

c) in

d) on

2

- a) say b) speak c) talk d) tell

3

- a) hardly b) merely c) rarely d) nearly

4

- a) timed b) governed c) occupied d) tested

5

- a) remember b) review c) remind d) revise

6

- a) wondered b) wandered c) considered d) regarded

7

- a) pleased b) enjoyed c) amused d) satisfied

Task 2

Choose the correct words to complete the text, a, b, c or d.

The history of graffiti

The first drawings on walls **8**..... in caves thousands of years ago. Later the Ancient Romans and Greeks wrote their names and protest poems on buildings. Modern graffiti **9**..... to have appeared in Philadelphia in the early 1960s, and by the late sixties it had reached New York. The new art form really took off in the 1970s, when people began writing their names, or ‘tags’, on buildings all over the city. In the mid seventies it was sometimes hard to see out of a subway car window, because the trains were **10**..... covered in spray paintings known as ‘masterpieces’.

In the early days, the ‘taggers’ were part of street gangs who **11**..... with marking their territory. They worked in groups called ‘crews’, and called what they did ‘writing’ – the term ‘graffiti’ was first used by The New York Times and the novelist Norman Mailer. Art galleries in New York began buying graffiti in the early seventies. But at the same time that it **12**.....to be regarded as an **13**..... form, John Lindsay, the then mayor of New York, declared the first war on graffiti. By the 1980s it became much harder to write on subway trains without being caught, and instead many of the more established graffiti artists began **14**..... roofs of buildings or canvases.

The debate over whether graffiti is art or vandalism **15**..... on. Peter Vallone, a New York city councillor, thinks that graffiti done with permission can be art, but if it is on someone **16**..... property it becomes a crime. ‘I have a message for the graffiti vandals out there,’ he said recently. ‘Your freedom of expression ends **17**..... my property begins.’ On the other hand, Felix, a member of the Berlin-based group Reclaim Your City, says that artists **18**..... cities for the public from advertisers, and that graffiti represents freedom and makes cities more vibrant.

19..... decades graffiti has been a springboard to international fame for a few. Jean-Michel Basquiat began spraying **20**..... the street in the 1970s before becoming a respected artist in the ’80s. The Frenchman Blek le Rat and the British artist Banksy have achieved international fame by producing complex works with stencils, often making political or humorous points. Works by Banksy have been sold for over £100,000. Graffiti is now sometimes big business.

8. a. appeared b. has been appearing c. has appeared d. was appearing

9. a. is seemed b. seems c. seemed d. has seemed

10. a. complete b. incompletely c. incomplete d. completely

11. a. was concerning b. were concerned c. concerned d. concerns

12. a. began b. begins c. is beginning d. begun

13. a. artist b. arts c. artistic d. art

14. a. using b. use c. used d. have used

15. **a.** is going still **b.** is still going **c.** was still going **d.** was going still

16. **a.** else **b.** elses **c.** else's **d.** elses's

17. **a.** when **b.** where **c.** how **d.** which

18. **a.** are reclaiming **b.** were reclaiming **c.** have reclaiming **d.** have been reclaiming

19. **a.** For **b.** Since **c.** Yet **d.** By

20. **a.** on **b.** at **c.** by **d.** to

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Part 4

Writing (14 points)

Time: 40 minutes

Stick or carrot? Which is more effective in bringing up children? Write an essay describing advantages and disadvantages of each and give your opinion.

Write 200-250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (stating the problem);*
- describe advantages of each way of upbringing and give 1–2 examples to illustrate it;*
- describe disadvantages of each way of upbringing and give 1–2 examples to illustrate it;*
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion;*
- make a conclusion restating your position.*

Use the answer sheet.