

Муниципальный этап всероссийской олимпиады школьников  
по английскому языку  
Комплект заданий для учащихся 7-8 классов

**LISTENING**

**Time: 15 minutes**

**Task 1. You will hear four voice mail messages. Which answer fits best: a, b or c? You will hear each message once. Mark your answers for items 1–4 on the answer sheet.**

**Example**

The class will be playing tennis instead of basketball because

- a** it's too hot to have an indoor sports lesson.
- b** the sports hall cannot be used in the summer months.
- c** the teacher thinks an outdoor lesson would be better.

**1** Chris tells John that

- a** he should be ready by six o' clock.
- b** his father wants to leave earlier than planned.
- c** the coach will have left if they arrive too late.

**2** Tickets for an extra TreatFour concert

- a** are available to those willing to stand in line.
- b** can be bought from 4 o'clock tomorrow onwards.
- c** will be sold online from 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

**3** Thomas Black, the organizer of the radio panel discussion, wants

- a** Craig to represent the younger generation.
- b** school pupils of different ages to offer their viewpoints.
- c** to find out if Craig is interested in taking part.

**4** Dan is ringing Mark to ask him

- a** to pick up the things he left behind after training.
- b** how much his sports shoes cost.
- c** whether he needs the things he forgot before the weekend.

**Task 2. You will hear five conversations. For each conversation there are two tasks. First, decide if the statement is true or false. Then, decide which answer fits best: a, b or c. You will hear each conversation once. Mark your answers for items 5–14 on the answer sheet.**

**5** The hostel has no four-bed rooms at all.

true / false

**6** Louise has received information from the hostel that they

**a** can have the two rooms they wanted.

**b** have a confirmed booking.

**c** must pay more than originally planned.

**7** Joe can't be reached for the next week.

true / false

**8** Emma

**a** and Joe were out last weekend.

**b** asked Joe to phone her back.

**c** wondered why Joe hadn't phoned her.

**9** The boys are playing an away match today.

true / false

**10** Chris won't be able to

**a** fetch Mark and arrive at the warm-up punctually.

**b** lend Mark a ball.

**c** set off before two o'clock.

**11** Diana hasn't finished her presentation yet.

true / false

**12** Nick tells Diana that

**a** he recently gave a really good presentation.

**b** interesting presentation topics can be found on the Internet.

**c** presentations can be improved with funny stories or images.

**13** The two people have never met before.

true / false

**14** The 964 bus

**a** doesn't run after 7 o'clock.

**b** runs regularly between Dellgate and Redwood.

**c** stops in Gladstone Street.

## READING

Time: 20 minutes

**Task 1. Read short texts about scientific discoveries below. For each text, choose the correct answer A, B or C.**

1. A new report on the state of the world's plants says that more than 2,000 new species of plants were discovered last year. The list includes a three-metre-tall orchid and an insect-eating plant from Brazil. But the researchers from the Royal Botanic Gardens in London warned that many world plants were at the risk of extinction because of climate change, habitat loss or disease.

- A. More than 2,000 new plants were discovered in Britain last year.
- B. The Royal Botanic Gardens reported on natural risks to plants.
- C. The Royal Botanic Gardens opened a section of exotic plants.

2. Man-made islands are not a new idea. Prehistoric people in the British Isles constructed them about 5,000 years ago. Known as "crannogs", man-made island fortresses were built in lakes. In Europe similar constructions on land appeared much later.

- A. In the ancient times many natural islands in Britain were used for military purposes.
- B. "Crannog" is the name of a fortress on land.
- C. The British were the first to build man-made islands.

3. People tend to think that animals need large brains to perform difficult tasks. However, British scientists say that some insects and worms have immense skills. It suggests that small brains are surprisingly powerful. For example, a bumblebee can tell a plastic flower from a real one.

- A. Insects can perform difficult tasks.
- B. Bumblebees and worms can talk.
- C. Animals need special training.

4. A lost story by one of Britain's best loved children's authors, Beatrix Potter, will be published for the first time – more than a hundred years after it was written. *The Tale of Kitty-in-Boots*, a black cat, was discovered in the writer's exercise book in the archive at the Victoria and Albert museum in London.

- A. Beatrix Potter is a modern English writer.
- B. Beatrix Potter's pet was found at the Victoria and Albert museum.
- C. Readers never saw *The Tale of Kitty-in-Boots* before.

5. Scientists say they've found a new animal that explains the quick evolution of mammals after the extinction of the dinosaurs. The animal, named *Kimbetopsalis*, lived about 65 million years ago, and looked similar to a beaver.

A. *Kimbetopsalis* is an animal that helps to explain why dinosaurs died out.

B. *Kimbetopsalis* is an animal that helps to understand the evolution of mammals.

C. All mammals evolved from beavers.

**Task 2. Read the text about Leon Metelsky. Fill in gaps 6-10 with the missing sentence parts (A-E).**

A young ballet dancer Leon Metelsky is to fulfil his dream of dancing in *The Nutcracker*. Leon, (6) \_\_\_\_\_, has received a place at one of the world's most prestigious ballet schools. It was not an easy task because the boy had to beat hundreds of other young performers.

When Leon started dance classes at the age of three it quickly became clear that he had both (7) \_\_\_\_\_. And now after 9 years of training he is one of 12 lucky boys from across the world to enter the Royal Ballet School in London. The school has produced some of the world's greatest ballet dancers. And Leon hopes that he too will become one of them.

"I'm really excited to start at the school" said Leon. "My parents were both dancers and my two older sisters are dancers so dancing was always in my blood. I'm just glad that after all the work my family has done we have a brilliant result".

Leon's parents Tanya and Vitaly took him to the Academy of Dance in Ensbury when he was three. "From when he could walk he would tell us that (8) \_\_\_\_\_," said mum Tanya. "So when he was old enough we took him along to the same school as his sisters and he just loved it. As a parent, I am little worried that he is going to live away from home at only 11 but he spent a week at the school over the summer last year and said it was the best week of his life".

Katy Gill, who runs the Academy of Dance, said that Leon's love for ballet has brought him so far. "We have other students with the right body and feet like Leon. But if (9) \_\_\_\_\_ then it just becomes hard work," she said. "But Leon is a pleasure to teach because he loves every second of dance. He is an inspiration to the younger dancers who look at him and realise that (10) \_\_\_\_\_".

A. they don't love dance

B. who is in Year 6 at Ferndown Middle School

C. your dreams can come true

D. he wanted to take dance classes

E. the feet and love for ballet

**Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.**

## USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 20 minutes

**Task 1. Fill in each gap 1-5 in the text with a suitable word A-C.**

### San Francisco

Whatever you hope for from a visit to San Francisco in the USA, you won't be disappointed. The hills are just as steep as you imagined they would be, and the Golden Gate Bridge is just as spectacular. It's no surprise then that the city is among the world's (1) ..... tourist destinations. Although many people live there, San Francisco (2) ..... more like a small town than a city of more than 4 million people. Its (3) ..... on the water, its parks, and its hills all mean that you can never see further than a few blocks.

One of the most popular trips is a drive across the Golden Gate Bridge. This is a journey (4) ..... should be saved for a sunny day so that you can (5) ..... the fantastic view, and Golden Gate Park has wonderful gardens, in addition to being great for a picnic.

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|---|------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | A complete | B top       | C full    |
| 2 | A looks    | B makes     | C seems   |
| 3 | A location | B landscape | C scene   |
| 4 | A who      | B where     | C which   |
| 5 | A accept   | B admire    | C attract |

**Task 2. Fill in the gaps 6-15 in the text below with the correct forms of the words in block letters.**

### British Accents and Dialects

Before I went to the UK for the first time, I'd never thought about (6) \_\_\_ DIFFER accents and dialects. In (7) \_\_\_ RUSSIA, for example, they are not numerous. People's (8) \_\_\_ SPEAK across Britain varies much more, sometimes making (9) \_\_\_ COMMUNICATE difficult, even for native (10) \_\_\_ SPEAK. This is because their (11) \_\_\_ CHOOSE of vocabulary differs from region to region, and also because the way they (12) \_\_\_ REAL say words differs. I met someone from Glasgow. His accent was so strong that it was (13) \_\_\_ POSSIBLE to understand what he said. So I asked a friend from London who was with me, but (14) \_\_\_ FORTUNE, he did not understand either! Luckily, (15) \_\_\_ WRITE English doesn't have the same kind of problems as spoken English.

**Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.**

## **WRITING**

**Time: 30 minutes**

**Task.** You have just received poor marks for your presentation. You think your English teacher has rated it unfairly and has also been unprofessional towards you all term. Write an email to the headmistress of your school about your teacher.

Write about the three points listed below in the order you think is best. Don't forget to include a greeting and closing sentence. Make sure you deal with each guiding point clearly and in detail.

- Explain how the teacher has treated you. Give examples.
- Describe how your motivation for learning English has been affected.
- Ask the headmistress how she can help you.

**Please write at least 100 words.**