

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ
ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ
МУНИЦИПАЛЬНЫЙ ЭТАП. 7–8 КЛАССЫ

Part 1. Listening

Time: 15 minutes (10 scores)

Task 1

*Two teenagers, Olivia and Daniel, are talking about what they could do in their free time. Listen to their conversation and answer questions 1–3 choosing from the list of hobbies A–E. You will hear the conversation only **ONCE**.*

1. Which hobby/hobbies does **Daniel** suggest?
2. Which hobby/hobbies does **Olivia** suggest?
3. Which hobby/hobbies do they decide to take up?
 - A Canoeing
 - B Fishing
 - C Water-skiing
 - D Mountain-biking
 - E Rock-climbing

Task 2

*You will hear a young man called Toby Wood talking on the radio about what it's like to work in the kitchen of a famous chef. For each question 4–10, choose the correct letter **a**, **b** or **c**.*

4. Toby says that working in Oliver Rix's restaurant kitchen was
 - a) very enjoyable.
 - b) too hard.
 - c) very amusing.
5. What was one of Toby's problems in the kitchen?
 - a) He made too much noise.
 - b) He couldn't find anything.
 - c) He prepared too many vegetables.
6. What is important to Oliver about the biscuits?
 - a) learning to cook them
 - b) making them look good
 - c) checking they taste nice

7. Oliver becomes angry when
- a) the customers complain.
 - b) his cooks throw food away.
 - c) food isn't ready on time.
8. The restaurant was started
- a) on the family investments.
 - b) thanks to a good credit story.
 - c) on the finance of the local authorities.
9. What do the kitchen staff say about Oliver?
- a) He should pay them more.
 - b) He is wrong to shout at them.
 - c) He teaches them many things.
10. Oliver encourages his young cooks to
- a) continue working for him.
 - b) train with other chefs.
 - c) learn from each other.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Part 2. Reading

Time: 15 minutes (10 scores)

*Read **Green economy** and decide if the following statements 11–20 are true (T), false (F) or not stated in the text (NS). Choose the correct answer.*

Green Economy

The green economy is an emerging marketplace and a new growing billion-dollar sector. It includes things such as organic produce and products, the construction of 'green buildings' and alternatively-fuelled vehicles. It also includes renewable energy sources such as wind and electricity, and so represents an economic model in contrast to the more traditional model based on fossil fuels (coal, petroleum and natural gas).

The idea of the green economy is based on the awareness of the independence of human economic activities and ecosystems and the terrible impact that these activities can have on climate change and global warming. The green economy seeks to optimize the synergy between three of values: social, environmental and financial. This is most commonly referred to as the 'triple bottom line'. Furthermore, this type of economy is environmentally sustainable and is based on the belief that our

biosphere is a closed system with finite resources and a limited capacity for self-regulation and self-renewal. We depend on the Earth’s natural resources, and therefore we must create a different economic system that respects the integrity of the Earth’s ecosystems.

According to reports by the ILO (International Labour Organization) and UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), changing patterns of employment and investment resulting from efforts to reduce climate change and its effects are already generating new ‘green jobs’ in many sectors and economies. Millions more could be created in both developed and developing countries. Unfortunately, at the moment too few green jobs are being created where they are most needed, for the 1.3 billion working poor (43% of the global workplace) in the world. The report focuses on ‘green jobs’ in agriculture, industry, services and administration that contribute to preservation or restoring the quality of the environment. It also calls for measures to ensure that these jobs constitute ‘decent work’. In other words, jobs that do not exploit people for example with long hours and low pay.

		<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>NS</i>
11	Cars that use alternative fuels are part of the green economy.			
12	Examples of fossil fuels are coal, petroleum and natural gas.			
13	The green economy is only interested in human economic activities.			
14	Traditional economy sees natural fossils as endless resources.			
15	The green economy recognizes that the Earth’s biosphere has natural resources that will run out.			
16	The ILO and UNDP say that efforts to reduce climate change will create green jobs in the future.			
17	All the green jobs are in the developing countries.			
18	About 40% of the world’s workplace is poor.			
19	Heavy industry may promote green working zones as well.			
20	‘Decent work’ means jobs that respect people’s working conditions.			

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Part 3. Use of English**Time: 45 minutes (45 scores)****Task 1**

For questions 21–35, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Trees For Life

Trees are amongst the biggest and longest-living things on Earth, some (0) _____ back longer than the oldest buildings. But (21) _____ being nice to look at, trees also (22) _____ an important role in improving the quality of our lives.

On a world-wide (23) _____, forests help to slow down the effects of global warming by using up the gas (24) _____ as carbon dioxide and giving (25) _____ the oxygen we need to breathe. At local neighbourhood level, trees also (26) _____ important environmental benefits. They offer shade and shelter, which in (27) _____ reduces the amount of energy needed to heat and cool (28) _____ buildings; at the same time, they also remove other impurities from the air we breathe.

Urban trees are especially important because for many people they provide the only daily (29) _____ with the natural world. What's (30) _____, urban trees also provide a home for birds, small animals and butterflies. (31) _____ the trees we would lose the pleasure of seeing these creatures in our cities. Regrettably, (32) _____, trees in cities are now coming under (33) _____. There is a limit to the level of pollution they can (34) _____ and, down at street level, their roots are becoming seriously (35) _____ by the digging needed to make way for modern telephone, television and other cables.

	A	B	C	D
0	<i>dating</i>	<i>aging</i>	<i>growing</i>	<i>stretching</i>
21	as far as	as long as	as soon as	as well as
22	play	show	act	serve
23	scale	size	range	area
24	called	known	titled	referred

25	in	away	up	out
26	bring	make	take	find
27	turn	place	order	reach
28	opposite	close	next	nearby
29	junction	touch	contact	taste
30	more	else	most	other
31	Throughout	Beyond	Without	Outside
32	therefore	whilst	however	despite
33	risk	threat	danger	warning
34	stand in for	face up to	put up with	fall back on
35	concerned	disturbed	interfered	involved

Task 2

For the questions 36–45, read the text below. Use the words given in the capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0 *interested*

The Training Programme

If you are (0) *interested* in getting fit, then what you need is a training programme. Although aimed at improving physical (36)_____, this programme can also be (37)_____ in such a way that it helps in the (38)_____ of particular athletic skills. There is a range of different (39)_____ to choose from and a growing amount of scientific (40)_____ to explain the effect of each one.

When you begin training, it is important to start (41)_____, raising the (42)_____ of the programme in a gradual way. Although it is important to work sufficiently hard to make an (43)_____ on your physical condition, the activities shouldn't be (44)_____. It is (45)_____, therefore, to ignore warning symptoms such as sharp or persistent pain in particular muscles.

INTEREST
FIT
DESIGN
DEVELOP
ACTIVE
KNOW
GENTLE
INTENSE
IMPRESS
PAIN
WISE

Task 3

For questions 46–55 complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence/s, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two and five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

Example: 0 It was the most relaxing holiday I ever had.

I have never _____ holiday. **SUCH**

0 *had such a relaxing*

46. She hasn't finished cooking the meat yet.

She _____ the meat. **STILL**

47. Your hair needs cutting.

Your hair needs _____. **CUT**

48. It isn't necessary for Joe to come to the seminar.

Joe _____ to the seminar. **NEED**

49. He didn't have any qualifications. As a result, he didn't get the job.

He didn't get the job _____ any qualifications. **BECAUSE**

50. I'll take my umbrella. It might rain this afternoon.

I'll take my umbrella _____ this afternoon. **CASE**

51. The man delivered the parcel. He was very friendly.

The man _____ very friendly. **WHO**

52. 'Don't forget to lock all the doors and windows,' Mum said to me.

Mum _____ all the doors and windows. **REMINDED**

53. Jeff has read the same number of books as Carol.

Jeff has read _____ Carol. MANY

54. I bought this coat three years ago.

I _____ three years. FOR

55. She is a very clever girl and her parents are very proud of her.

She is _____ her parents are very proud of her. SUCH

Task 4

Quiz

Match each of the names 55–65 from column A with the correct event in column B and the correct date in column C.

A	B	C
56. Abraham Lincoln	a. author of <i>The Declaration of Independence</i>	A. July 4 th , 1776
57. Barack Hussein Obama	b. her navy defeated Spanish Armada	B. 1215
58. Charles Darwin	c. first American of African origin to become president of the US	C. 1653–1659
59. Oliver Cromwell	d. first president of the US	D. 1789–1797
60. Queen Elizabeth I	e. signed <i>Magna Carta</i> that limited the royal power	E. 1564
61. George Washington	f. founder and the only leader of Commonwealth republic	F. 1588
62. Ivan Feodorov	g. signed the Emancipation Proclamation	G. 1755
63. King John of England (John II)	h. one of the pioneers in book printing	H. 1863
64. Tsarina Elizabeth I	i. author of <i>The Origin of Species</i>	I. 1859
65. Thomas Jefferson	j. signed the decree on the foundation of one of the leading universities of the world	J. November 4 th , 2008

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Part 4. Writing

Time: 45 minutes (20 scores)

You are going to take part in a school competition “Golden Pen”. You have to write a story based on the picture given and using the words:

- regretted
- clumsy
- isolation

Describe events in an entertaining way. Please underline the given words in the story.

Write **180–200** words.



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LISTENING

Time: 15 minutes (30 scores)

Task 1

*For items 1–10 listen to a passage from a lecture and decide whether the statements (1–10) are **TRUE (A)**, or **FALSE (B)** according to the text you hear. You will hear the text **twice**.*

1. Working at home means teleworking.
A) True B) False
2. Teleworking is not related to distance learning.
A) True B) False
3. The speaker's words about teleworking could be applied to distance teaching.
A) True B) False
4. The growth of the number of teleworkers affects all occupations.
A) True B) False
5. Some people are turned into teleworkers against their will.
A) True B) False
6. Teleworking has advantages for society in general.
A) True B) False
7. Teleworking may help save time.
A) True B) False
8. People living in big cities may spend a lot of time travelling to and from work.
A) True B) False
9. Working at home is not as convenient as in an office.
A) True B) False
10. A teleworker has breaks according to a fixed schedule.
A) True B) False

Task 2

*For items 11–15 listen to the dialogue. Choose the correct answer (A, B or C) to answer questions 11–15. You will hear the text **only once**.*

11. What does Ron say about his work?

- A) He thinks that it's not easy.
- B) He doesn't care much about it.
- C) He considers it boring.

12. How does Ron feel about commuting to London?

- A) He got used to it.
- B) He finds it a strain.
- C) He likes getting up early.

13. Which of the following Ron DOES NOT usually do on the train back from work?

- A) Read papers.
- B) Take a short sleep.
- C) Play cards with a friend.

14. What does Ron say about other commuters?

- A) Most of them are his old school friends.
- B) He now knows many of them.
- C) He makes new friends on the platform every day.

15. What does Jane's last phrase suggest?

- A) She envies Ron's job.
- B) She likes Ron's job.
- C) She is glad for Ron.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

READING

Time: 45 minutes

(40 scores)

Task 1

For items 1–10, read the passage below and choose option A, B, C or D which best fits according to the text.

The Forbidden City

The Forbidden City is the former imperial palace in the center of Beijing, China. Construction began in 1406, and the emperor's court officially moved in by 1420. The Forbidden City got its name because most people were barred from entering the 72-hectare site, surrounded by walls. Even government officials and the imperial family were permitted only limited access. Only the emperor could enter any section at will.

The architecture of the Forbidden City conforms rigidly to traditional Chinese principles. All buildings within the walls follow a north-south line, and the most important ones face south to honor the sun. The designers arranged the other buildings, and the ceremonial spaces between them, to impress all visitors with the great power of the Emperor, while reinforcing the insignificance of the individual. This architectural concept was carried out to the smallest detail. For example, the importance of a building was determined not only by its height or width but also by the style of its roof and the quantity of statuettes placed on the roof's ridges.

In recognition of the importance of its **unparalleled** architecture, UNESCO added the palace to **its** World Heritage List in 1987. Today, visitors from all over the world do not wait for an imperial invitation to walk about this palace, now a museum of imperial art.

One of the most impressive landmarks of the Forbidden City is the Meridian Gate, the formal entrance to the southern side of the Forbidden City. The gate, with its auxiliary wings on either side of the entryway, is 38 meters high at its roof ridge. When you stand in front of this majestic structure, you understand how awed people felt when they stood there listening to imperial **proclamations**.

As you walk through the gate, you come into a large courtyard, 140 meters long and 210 meters wide. Running through the courtyard is the Golden River, which is crossed by five parallel white marble bridges. These bridges lead to the Gate of Supreme Harmony, which, in turn, leads to the heart of the Forbidden City. Its three

main halls stand atop a three-tiered marble terrace overlooking an immense plaza. The plaza has enough space to hold tens of thousands of subjects paying homage to the emperor.

At the northernmost end of the Forbidden City is the Imperial Garden, which is totally different from the rest of the compound. Instead of rigid formality, you see a seemingly spontaneous arrangement of trees, fishponds, flowerbeds, and sculpture. Here is the place of relaxation for the emperor. The motion picture *The Last Emperor* (1987), which portrays the life of Hsüan-t'ung P'u-i, was filmed partly within the Forbidden City.

1. Which sentence in the first paragraph explains who could go anywhere in the Forbidden City at any time?
 - A) Sentence 2.
 - B) Sentence 3.
 - C) Sentence 4.
 - D) Sentence 5.
2. How long did it take to build the Forbidden City?
 - A) About five years.
 - B) About seven years.
 - C) About ten years.
 - D) About fourteen years.
3. From the passage, it can be inferred that
 - A) Chinese architects borrowed ideas from many different countries.
 - B) the design of the Forbidden City is dull and colorless.
 - C) the architecture of the Forbidden City exemplifies traditional Chinese values.
 - D) the garden of the Forbidden City was laid out in a strict, rectangular pattern.
4. Which phrase is closest in meaning to the word 'unparalleled' as used in paragraph 3?
 - A) At an angle from the main line.
 - B) A high quality found nowhere else.
 - C) Partially designed in a foreign country.
 - D) Careless of small details in design.
5. Which word(s) does the word 'its' refer to in paragraph 3?
 - A) UNESCO.
 - B) Architecture.
 - C) Palace.
 - D) World Heritage List.

6. From the passage, it is implied that the main entrance area to the Forbidden City is
- A) surrounded by three tall walls.
 - B) painted gold and green.
 - C) decorated with statuettes.
 - D) not very impressive.
7. Which phrase is closest in meaning to the word 'proclamations'?
- A) Music composed for public ceremonies.
 - B) Speeches encouraging soldiers to fight.
 - C) Official public announcements.
 - D) Poetry written for the emperor.
8. All of the following are found in the Imperial Garden EXCEPT:
- A) fishponds.
 - B) sculpture.
 - C) bridges.
 - D) flowerbeds.
9. According to the passage, what do the bridges over the Golden River lead to?
- A) The Meridian gate.
 - B) The center of Beijing.
 - C) The Gate of Supreme Harmony.
 - D) The Imperial Gardens.
10. The Imperial Garden is
- A) a traditional formal garden.
 - B) a complex arrangement.
 - C) an unplanned patch of land.
 - D) a favorite spot of the emperor.

Task 2

*For items 11–20, read the passage below and choose which of the sentences A–K fit into the numbered gaps in the text. There is one extra sentence which does not fit in any of the gaps. Write the correct letter **in boxes 11–20** on your answer sheet.*

You could be flying off to exotic locations, staying in five-star hotels, eating in top-class restaurants, and it's all paid for by your employer. Who wouldn't want a job that involves foreign travel? **11** _____. The number of jobs requiring international travel is growing significantly. And citing business travel experience on your CV can bring enormous professional benefits.

12 _____. There is a big difference between travelling to Milan as a tourist and travelling there to spend a day in the type of hotel meeting room that can be found anywhere in Europe. It can be very exciting, but you need to keep your feet firmly on the ground. **13** _____. Flights can be delayed, things can go wrong and it's easy to get exhausted. Many jobs mean travelling alone, so you can feel lonely.

Simply targeting any job that involves foreign travel is not the way to start. **14** _____. It's as illogical as saying you want a job that involves wearing smart clothes. Instead, you should consider all the usual factors, such as qualifications and experience, and only then choose a sector or company that offers opportunities for international travel.

The travel and hotel trades are obvious areas. **15** _____. In the retail sector, buyers often travel, especially if they work in fresh produce, where they have to check the suitability of crops. **16** _____. Jobs in the engineering and environment sector can involve travel, too. Almost any career can mean international travel, if you choose the right company and role. The number of jobs involving travel, especially at middle-management level, is growing.

So what will help you secure a role with an international flavour? **17** _____. A second language is a good indication of how well someone will adapt. You need to show you are flexible and willing to learn. **18** _____.

Find out what the company offers as a support package. Many now guarantee that you can return home at the weekends, or they will limit the amount that people travel each year.

19 _____. One company asked graduates fresh out of university to move to another country over a weekend, alone, and to find their own accommodation.

And it's as well to remember that international travel can be stressful. People can get burned out by international business travel. You need to be in control of your schedule, rather than leaving it to the company. You must ensure you get time to rest and talk to your employer all the time about how you are coping. Don't wait for formal appraisals or until they ask for your views. **20** _____. Most sensible companies ask people to commit to two to three years. This increases the likelihood of success. And most people who travel on business remember it fondly.

- A.** On the other hand, it does bring personal benefits, and it also has a dramatic effect on promotion prospects.
- B.** Making travel your first requirement is not the way to choose a career.
- C.** And realize you might not want to travel for ever.
- D.** Employers look for candidates with an international outlook.
- E.** And there are plenty of opportunities.
- F.** But not all employers are like this.
- G.** Speak to seasoned international business travellers to get an idea of what you will face.
- H.** Employment in communications, banking and finance, and property management is also worth looking at.
- I.** If your company has a sister company in the Czech Republic, for instance, learning some Czech will boost your chances.
- J.** But it's not always as exciting as it sounds.
- K.** However, the commercial sector also offers good prospects for travel.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 60 minutes

(50 scores)

Task 1. Questions 1–15

*For Questions 1–15, read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct put a tick. If a line has a word which should **not** be there, write the word on your answer sheet. There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).*

Example:

0	<i>V</i>
00	<i>up</i>

Pilot

0	My job as an airline pilot is to fly the aircraft and also
00	to take up responsibility for the safety of the passengers
1	and the crew. It may seem as a glamorous job because
2	I go to exciting places but that isn't the whole story.
3	You don't get much time for sightseeing around and,
4	if you are flying on to short trips, you sometimes feel a bit
5	like a bus driver, just going from backwards and forwards.
6	The maximum number of hours I'm allowed to fly in
7	any month is 100 but this doesn't include of the time
8	I spend with completing paperwork or learning about
9	new aircraft or new routes. I need to arrive at the airport
10	about two hours before the flight for to meet the
11	engineer and the cabin crew, and check the weather
12	conditions. After then I have to go through airport security,
13	just like the passengers, before preparing the flight deck
14	on the plane. Once that all the passengers are aboard, and
15	we have a permission from air traffic control, we can take off.

Task 2. Questions 16–25

For items 16–25, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use from three to five words. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0. The pool isn't deep enough to swim in.

too

The pool swim in.

0	is too shallow to
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16. As the patient was still too weak, the surgeon postponed the operation.

put

Thethe operation as the patient was still too weak.

17. You should find out definitely when the exam starts.

make

You should time the exam starts.

18. It is a cross-country vehicle with five doors.

door

Itcross-country vehicle.

19. It took me some time to understand fully what happened.

while

It wasfully understood what had happened.

20. She was offered a job as a teacher but she decided to study law instead.

could

She decided to study law even a teacher.

21. This is Daniel's fifth visit to New Zealand.

time

It's theto New Zealand.

22. Can I speak to you for a few minutes?

word

Can I you for a few minutes?

23. Jeans became popular with young people in the 1950s.

caught

Jeans young people in the 1950s.

24. I was amazed because there were no problems throughout the holiday.

went

To..... wrong throughout the holiday.

25. I have no intention of doing another kind of job.

dream

I wouldn't work.

Task 3. Questions 26–30

For items 26–30, match the spoken informal words 26–30 to their neutral definitions A–J. There are some extra definitions which do not match.

Informal English	Neutral Equivalents
26. You look a bit <i>down</i> .	A) to go broke
27. I don't really <i>go for</i> redheads.	B) to make a career
28. What've you been <i>up to</i> since I last saw you?	C) a man
29. Her company's really <i>gone to the dogs</i> .	D) to like
30. A <i>bloke</i> that age can be as wily as anyone, believe me.	E) to go private
	F) tired
	G) a teenager
	H) to follow
	I) to do
	J) unhappy

Task 4. Questions 31–40

For items 31–40, match the items 31–40 to the phenomena A–M. There are some extra phenomena which do not match.

31. Andy Warhol	A) a steel suspension bridge for pedestrians crossing the River Thames in London
32. The Ashmolean	B) a large group of different museums and scientific institutions in Washington, D.C.
33. Pride and Prejudice	C) As an American President, he cancelled slavery in the USA.
34. The Smithsonian	D) As a scientist, he was a major figure in the American Enlightenment and the history of physics for his discoveries and theories regarding electricity.
35. Mount Rushmore	E) As an architect, he was responsible for rebuilding 52 churches in the City of London after the Great Fire in 1666, including his masterpiece, St. Paul's Cathedral.
36. The Canterbury Tales	F) It took the sculptor and his son 14 years to finish this monument in South Dakota.
37. The Mayflower Compact	G) He made the popular imagery of everyday objects into art, he portrayed American popular idols like Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe.
38. Benjamin Franklin	H) This novel deals with the conflict between humans colonizing the red planet and the native creatures they encountered there.
39. Christopher Wren	I) This document was signed aboard ship in 1620 by the Pilgrims.
40. The Millennium Bridge	J) This is a collection of stories told by a group of pilgrims on their way to the town.
	K) a museum of ancient history and archaeology in Oxford which also contains paintings, jewellery and historical documents
	L) a suspension bridge, one of the most internationally recognized symbols of San Francisco, California, and the United States
	M) This British novel describes the everyday life of people in the upper-middle class circles and the only role of a woman of that class to find a rich husband.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

WRITING

Time: 60 minutes

(30 scores)

Comment on the following quotation.

“All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women are merely players.”

William Shakespeare

Write **200–250 words**.

Use the following plan:

- explain how you understand the author’s point of view;
- express your personal opinion and give reasons in its support;
- give examples to illustrate your reasons, using your personal experience, literature or background knowledge;
- make a conclusion.

Transfer your writing to the answer sheet!