

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ  
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Time: 45 minutes

LISTENING (10 points)

Task 1. Listen to Sonia and Dan talking about shopping. What did Sonia buy in each shop? For questions 1–5, write the letter A–H next to each shop. You will hear the conversation twice.

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- 1 clothes shop G H
- + 2 bookshop B
- + 3 supermarket A F
- + 4 sports shop E
- 5 market C

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Things

- A bag
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- C flowers
- D shampoo
- E socks
- F towel
- G trainers
- H trousers

READING (12 points)

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Zoe: Hi, Sofia. Have you got any plans for the weekend?

Sofia: No, nothing special.

Zoe: Oh. Well, shall we do something together?

Sofia: 1 E

Zoe: Why don't you come to my house to watch a film on Saturday evening?

Sofia: 2 H

Zoe: Thanks. Shall we ask some other people too?

Sofia: 3 G

+ Zoe: And I think Ada might be able to come too. I'll ask her.

Sofia: 4 B

Zoe: Why don't you come earlier than that?

Sofia: 5 A

Zoe: I'm sure it will be! See you on Saturday then.

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- A So we can chat before the film? Is an hour enough?
- B That's a good idea. See you at 8 o'clock?
- C Doesn't she usually work at that time?
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- E Yeah, I'd like that. Any ideas?
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**Task 2. Read the article about three people who are interested in nature. Answer the questions. For questions 6–12, choose A, B or C.**

### My love of nature

#### A Sarah

When I was a child at school, I collected books about nature. My classmates and friends all spent their free time playing computer games, so to them I was a bit strange. I loved learning about animals from other countries, but as I got older I found out that my own country has interesting nature too, and that's what I like studying now. I do lots of drawings of nature, and I put them on my blog.

#### B Pilar

I love birds and animals because of all the visits to forests and lakes we made when I was at school. It's a shame that things have changed now. Children these days don't learn enough about nature, so lots of them are afraid of insects, for example. I have a great job because of my love of nature. I'm a nature photographer. It's brilliant, except for the early mornings!

#### C Lia

A few years ago I read a blog with beautiful photos of animals, birds and plants, which made me start really looking at what lives around us. It was just a hobby at first, but now it's my job as I visit schools and give talks about nature. I love it. The only problem is if I am asked to draw a picture. I enjoy it, but I'm terrible at drawing! I'm going to take some lessons to try to get better.

6. Who became interested in nature from seeing someone else's blog?  
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7. Who says there is something about her job that she doesn't like?  
A Sarah                      B Pilar +                      C Lia
8. Whose friends thought that her hobby was unusual?  
A Sarah +                      B Pilar                      C Lia
9. Who became interested in nature because of school trips?  
A Sarah                      B Pilar +                      C Lia
10. Who says that the type of nature she is interested in has changed?  
A Sarah -                      B Pilar                      C Lia
11. Who wants to improve her pictures of nature?  
A Sarah                      B Pilar                      C Lia + 65
12. Who thinks that young people should learn more about nature at school?  
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### USE OF ENGLISH (18 points)

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| 1. A have    | B did     | C are     |
| 2. A lets    | B let     | C letting |
| 3. A ever    | B yet     | C still   |
| 4. A much    | B too     | C very    |
| 5. A should  | B had     | C was     |
| 6. A to      | B between | C in      |
| 7. A because | B when    | C if      |
| 8. A there   | B here    | C they    |
| 9. A every   | B each    | C all     |

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**WRITING (10 points)****Read the email from your friend, Alex.**

From Alex:

Hi! Let's go to the sports centre tomorrow. What time can you get there? Where shall we meet at the sports centre? What would you like to do there?

**Write an email to Alex and answer the questions.****Write your answer in 50-60 words.**

To Alex:

Hello! I will be free tomorrow. 5 o'clock will ~~go~~ get me there. We can meet at <sup>the</sup> center or around it. We can do pushups, swim, train, but I would like to swim. Now my questions. What would you like to train? Like, arms or back. Will you take protein shake for me? And final question. Should I call my friends too? They are good guys.

Love,  
Igor

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Sofia: 4 **G H B** \_\_\_\_\_

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$$7 \times 2 = 14$$

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| 1. A have    | B did     | C are     |
| 2. A lets    | B let     | C letting |
| 3. A ever    | B yet     | C still   |
| 4. A much    | B too     | C very    |
| 5. A should  | B had     | C was     |
| 6. A to      | B between | C in      |
| 7. A because | B when    | C if      |
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Hi, Alex! That's a good idea. I can meet you at half past six, near the pool. I would like to swimming in the pool, and play football. See you later!

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Time: 60 minutes

LISTENING (36 points)

Task 1. Are the statements below true (T), false (F) or (NS)?

Dialogue A

- F 1 Harry didn't play computer games some years ago. 3
- NS 2 Now Harry is more interested in getting good grades at school. 0
- T 3 Harry may spend some hours playing games at the weekends. 3
- F 4 Strategies are very popular nowadays. 3
- NS 5 Strategies are too boring for all the students and their parents. 3
- T 6 Mary isn't sure about the idea to stop playing games soon. 3

Dialogue B

- NS 7 Peter doesn't want to go to the zoo with his class. 3
- T 8 Peter feels sorry for the animals kept like prisoners. 3
- F 9 Animals in the zoo sometimes live shorter than in the wild. 3
- T 10 Peter prefers watching animals in their natural environment. 3
- NS 11 People prefer watching funny videos about animals than look at them in the cages. 3
- T 12 Peter used to keep birds as pets at home some years ago. 30

READING (12 points)

Task 1. Answer the question «What are these texts about?» by choosing the correct answer - a, b, c

1. Ask your parents. Decide what kind of party you want and whether it will be held indoors or outdoors. Send written invitations to your friends. Make a list of games you would like to play. Ask your mother to help you prepare ice cream, cake, cookies, and lemonade.

- a Party dessert
- b Outdoor game
- c Giving a party

2. Do you like Latin American dancing? Do you want to dance like you see in the films and on the stage? Do you want to meet other people who have a love for the same music as you? If you have answered "Yes" to any of these questions, join our Latin dance classes on Thursdays.

- a Musical performance
- b Perfect holidays
- c Exciting hobby

3. Like other sweet food, chocolate gives us the feelings of joy. Chocolate also makes us feel good by reacting with our brains. Scientists say that some people may develop chocoholism - a strong love for chocolate. With every bar of chocolate, your brain changes to make you love chocolate!

- a Safe sweetness
- b Chocolate mania
- c History of chocolate

4. Chocolate is made from the seeds of the tree Theobroma cacao. The ancient Aztecs used the beans of the cacao tree to make a drink. This bitter drink was not like our chocolate drinks today. In 16th century European explorers brought it back from their travels, added sugar, and it became popular.

- a History of chocolate
- b Favourite food
- c Love of sweet from your father

5. I'm a 24-year-old student from Malaysia and I've been going to English classes at night school for the past 5 years. I have a problem. Up to now I've thought that I'm a good student. Last month I went to Britain. Nobody could understand me and I couldn't understand them.

- a English people's mistakes
- b Communication problem
- c Examination results

6. Back in the 17th and 18th centuries, many scientific works were written about the advantages of chocolate for medicine. Chocolate could help prevent tooth diseases. The cocoa beans from which chocolate is made have an antibacterial agent that fights tooth decay. In future some parts of the beans may be added to medicine for teeth.

- a Friend or enemy
- b Help to dentists
- c Healthy food



## USE OF ENGLISH (27 points)

### Task 1 Transform the given words in brackets for the text. Word formation

The mole is a small, black animal with soft fur. It lives almost underground and its body is 1 (PERFECT) great adapted for digging and for making its way along the narrow, winding burrows that it constructs. Long ago it was 2 (FASHION) popular to have coats made of its skin, but today it is little used. Although moles are no longer hunted for their fur, their numbers are kept down with traps. The mounds of earth they throw up are a 3 (DISAPPOINT) problem to the farmers. But as it feeds on pests, the mole does more good than harm. Another place where a mole is 4 (DESIRE) living is a garden. Every 5 (GARDEN) grocer doesn't want moles in the garden, but in the fields these animals do little harm.

### Task 2 Fill in the blanks by selecting the correct answer from the drop-down lists. Words must grammatically and lexically correspond to the content of the text.

Virtual field trips are now possible. Lack of money, time and a lot more tests are taking away many schools' ability to take their students on field trips, but now new technology may let them 6 \_\_\_\_\_ the world without leaving the classroom. Students are 7 \_\_\_\_\_ to go, but many field trips are being stopped in their tracks. Now, a virtual field trip takes students to any place 8 \_\_\_\_\_ going outdoors. Psychologists Janis Cannon-Bowers and Alicia Sanchez are part of the team that have 9 \_\_\_\_\_ virtual reality field trips. Alicia Sanchez, a research scientist at the University of Central Florida, in Orlando, Fla., says, "We did this because we knew we could find a very cool, high-tech way to solve that problem."

#### Words to choose:

6. (1) explore 2) travel 3) search 4) walk +  
7. 1) arranged 2) set (3) ready 4) complete +  
8. 1) despite 2) instead 3) but (4) without +  
9. 1) created (2) formed 3) produced 4) made 9

### ABOUT GREAT BRITAIN (5 points)

1. What are the main colours of the Union flag?  
(A) Blue, red and white . B Green, orange and black C Red and white
2. What is favourite hot drink in Britain?  
A Beer (B) Tea C Coffee
3. What pets are the special animals in Great Britain?  
A Birds (B) Dogs C Cats
4. It is the second largest university in Britain, after London.  
A Lancaster University B Cambridge (C) Oxford 3
5. This park is the largest one in the UK.  
(A) the Yorkshire Dales B Hyde Park C the New Forest

### WRITING (20 points)

Write a description of a special festival you have visited recently. Look at the options below and choose one celebration.

Divide your text into paragraphs. Use 4 suggested linking words. Write about 90-100 words:

#### OPTIONS

African Camel Festival  
Chinese Lantern Festival

Japanese Kite Flying Festival

Rio Carnival in Brazil

- where and when the event took place;
- who took part in it, how they looked and what they did;
- who went with you to see it and what you did at the event;
- when and how the event finished;
- how you liked the event;



8-9

My family and I visited the African Camel Festival 2 days ago and now I want to tell you about it.

The festival took place in Morocco on a main street.

It returns every year on 5th June and lots of people take part in it. When I was ~~the~~ here, there were

dancers, artists, singers, actors and so on. They all were so glad to make people happy. After their play, our attention stole many ~~beast~~ handsome camels, that went through us to the end of the street with lanterns in their mouths. When they finished their way, they throw lanterns into the sky and they exploded. It was ~~a~~ very beautiful.

On this festival we had a ~~to~~ lot of fun, danced and ate delicious food. I like it very much.

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9-11 КЛАСС

Time: 90 minutes

LISTENING (30 points)

Task 1

For items 1–10 listen to a talk on the radio about Welsh speakers in Patagonia, Argentina, and decide whether the statements (1–10) are **TRUE**, or **FALSE** according to the text you hear. You will hear the text twice.

1. Argentina is well known for traditional Welsh teas.  
• True      • False      †
2. There are 600, 000 Welsh speakers in Patagonia.  
• True      • False      †
3. The first Welsh set up a colony in Argentina in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.  
• True      • False      †
4. The Welsh language assimilated into the American culture in the USA.  
• True      • False      †
5. The first 153 colonists were doctors and farmers.  
• True      • False      †
6. The early Welsh settlers survived a lot of hardships.  
• True      • False      †
7. Local tribes taught the settlers to gather crops.  
• True      • False      †
8. There are a lot of Welsh names in the south of Argentina.  
• True      • False      †
9. The Welsh language is regularly taught in Argentina.  
• True      • False      †
10. In the tea house, the speaker ate a delicious apple pie.  
• True      • False      †



## Task 2

For items 11–15 listen to the dialogue. Choose the correct answer to answer questions 11–15. You will hear the text **only once**.

11. Ann doesn't eat everything because she

1. has a problem.
2. is on a diet.
3. is allergic to some food.

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12. Ann can eat fish which is

1. fried.
2. baked.
3. boiled.

+

13. Bob offers to order chicken because it is

1. plain and simple.
2. delicious.
3. served with a cream sauce.

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14. The restaurant serves chicken

1. roasted.
2. grilled.
3. baked in the oven.

+

15. What is NOT TRUE about Ann?

1. She doesn't drink alcohol.
2. She doesn't eat potatoes.
3. She eats beans.

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**READING**  
(20 points)

## Task 1

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

**A Rail Carriage Becomes a Delightful Coastal Cottage**

Not many people can count a train car as their ideal place to get away from it all, but when Mark Hampshire and Kate Stephenson want to escape, they head to their converted Victorian guard's carriage, or train conductor's car, on the Dungenessheadland in Kent, in southeast England. This converted home is their haven away from London, which is a couple of hours away by car and is where they run their interiors company, *Mini Moderns*.

"I used to work as an art director in fashion and we would do shoots down here on the beach during the 90s," says Kate. "That was my first introduction to Dungeness. After Mark and I met, we used to come down here from London quite regularly on a Sunday just to see the sea and kick off the working week. It was just a way of getting away from everything – and it still is." On one of these Kent coastal visits, they suddenly ended up buying a house.

"We had exhausted all the secondhand shops in Rye, so we started looking in the estate agents' windows," says Kate. "We looked at the cabin on the Sunday, and by Monday we had put in

an offer... Houses on Dungeness don't come up for sale very often and this one had not been on the market for very long."

"Our carriage is a little different as while all our neighbours have passenger carriages, this is a guard's van," says Mark. "It has a lantern roof, so the guard could look up and down the line. There is only one other house on Dungeness with a lanternroof like this. The strange thing about our house is that it attracts this weird mix of nautical enthusiasts and railway enthusiasts, so we have found people standing outside who have been able to name the kind of carriage it is and the model type."

Kate and Mark got the keys to the house in March 2012. They pulled up carpet to reveal a mishmash of wooden and concrete flooring, and ripped off the hardboard that boxed in walls and carriage windows in the living room. Builders worked for about six months reconfiguring the space, sandblasting asphalt off the floors and installing new modern plumbing and electric heating systems and a log-burning fireplace. Then Kate and Mark started decorating, using predominantly white as a backdrop.

The house is compact, so maximizing the sense of space was crucial. "Painting it all white allows for more flow through the house," Kate says. "Separate colors in all the rooms would make the place feel really tiny. We also wanted furniture with thin legs that allow you to see underneath. When you can see the floor beneath a chair or sofa, it creates a sense of space." In fact, now there's a mix of midcentury furniture and contemporary pieces, along with *Mini Moderns* products, including paint, wallpaper, bedding, pillows and kitchenware.

The duo painted the outside of their home in smart black. Many of the other homes on Dungeness beach, including the one that belonged to film director Derek Jarman, wear this striking colour.

When it came to personalising the house, Mark and Keith deliberately kept away anything too 'seasidey'. "Living here, we have started to understand real sea and real weather," says Mark. "This is not a pretty seaside village. We are on the beach - so we don't need driftwood and those kinds of references."

"The house is only small, though, so we have to be quite disciplined about what we bring down here," Mark says. "We just have things we need and love, and the great thing is that it's much tidier than our London live-work space." Kate agrees, laughing: "We haven't overfilled it, and we are very careful about leaving it in good shape, so as soon as we come down here on a Friday night, that's it! We can switch off, relax and enjoy it."

1. Before buying a house to Dungeness Kate and Mark

- 1. had occasionally worked from there.
- 2. had only heard of the picturesque place.
- ③ had used it as a weekend escape destination.
- 4. had lived in a rented converted home there.

2. For Kate and Mark buying accommodation in Dungeness was

- ① a quick decision purchase.
- 2. a well-considered buy.
- 3. a life-long dream.
- 4. a planned investment.

3. Kate and Mark's house attracts

- 1. former sailors and engine-drivers.
- 2. old lantern collectors.
- 3. bird and sea watchers.
- ④ people having different interests.



4. Among the first things after getting the keys the couple

- ① transformed the rooms and installed the conveniences.
- 2. painted the interior of the house dark blue.
- 3. kept the original asphalt floor and walls of the house.
- 4. added new carriage windows for more light.

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5. The sense of space in the house is created by

- 1. the windows and furniture.
- ② the furniture and colours.
- 3. the colour and decorations.
- 4. the ceilings and furniture.

+

6. While decorating their house Kate and Mark tried

- 1. to make their house fit in the seaside environment.
- 2. to use wood in the house decorations.
- ③ to avoid traditional and stereotypical elements.
- 4. to make their house look like a sea resort.

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7. The interior of the couple's house is created using

- 1. antique furniture from second-hand shops.
- 2. entirely the latest designs and pieces.
- 3. handmade pieces and decorations.
- ④ goods produced by their own company.

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8. The exterior of Kate and Mark's house

- ① is similar to other dwellings in the area.
- 2. is strikingly different from other dwellings.
- 3. is innovative and unusual to the area.
- 4. is stereotypical and unconventional.

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9. In comparison to their London home, the beach house

- 1. is very similar to a capital dwelling.
- 2. is less cluttered and messy.
- 3. is cosier and much lighter.
- 4. is much warmer and neater.

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10. What is NOT TRUE about Kate and Mark's house?

- 1. The house belongs to a particular historical period.
- 2. Kate and Mark painted each room a different colour.
- 3. The house is warmed by electricity and wood.
- 4. Kate and Mark discovered hidden windows in the house.

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USE OF ENGLISH  
(30 points)

5 10-5

Task 1 (20 points)

For items 1–10 read the text below. Use the word given in brackets to form a new word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 Sunbathing

TROUBLE OVER THE GARDEN WALL

For many people in Britain, their back garden is a vital part of their life. You can potter around doing a bit of gardening there, sit out there on sunny days and have tea, drinking in all the nature around you, maybe even do a bit of (0) sunbathing (SUNBATHE).

But people's garden habits are changing. Many British back gardens have been turned into 'outdoor rooms'. They are being used as kitchens and dining rooms (about a third of British homes have barbecues), as offices for the self-employed and as general (1) (ENTERTAIN) areas complete with built-in sound systems, hot tubs, skateboard ramps and trampolines. entertainment

But that's where the trouble starts. Those hot tubs have whirring motors, those skateboards clatter, those sound systems can be heard half a mile away and those trampolines allow children to peek over the garden fence. And that means the

(2) (TRANQUIL) and the privacy for the people next door have gone. tranquility

(3)

Every summer, complaints about noisy and otherwise (3) intrusive (INTRUDE) neighbours increase.

So does the number of 'anti-social (4) behavior (BEHAVE) orders' (known as 'ASBOS') and 'noise-reducing orders' issued by local authorities.

These are laws which would be regarded as (5) ridiculous (RIDICULE) in many other countries.

The British have some decisions to make. What are their gardens for? And what constitutes an (6) invasion (INVADE) of privacy?

And when does your privacy become someone else's (7) nightmare (NIGHT)? In the 1990s, many suburban dwellers enthusiastically planted a coniferous hedge in their gardens.

The attraction of these plants was that, as they grow up to a metre in (8) (HIGH) height every year, it only took a few years before their garden was entirely protected from prying eyes.

(9)

And their neighbour's house was shrouded in (9) darkness (DARK) even in the summer!

In the end, the problem was solved by laws (10) empowering (POWER) councils to order a hedge to be cut down to two metres high.



Task 2 (10 points)

Match the idioms 13-20 with their meanings.

11 e	Keep your shirt on	a	You are joking
12 c	Go fly a kite	b	It's raining very hard
13 a	You're pulling my legs	c	Get away from me; leave me alone
14 d	Eat your words	d	You said something and now you wish you hadn't said it Wait a minute; stay calm
15 b	It is raining cats and dogs	e	Wait a minute; stay calm

**WRITING**  
(20 points)

**Send us a story!**

**We are looking for stories for our English-language magazine for young people.**

Your story must begin with this sentence:

**It was a lesson I'll never forget.**

Your story must have:

- an exciting plot
- (a) charismatic character(s)

150-200 words

I have one story that you'll like. It was really funny. 10-5

It was a lesson I'll never forget. It happened last Friday at the last lesson. It was math. Our teacher was telling us something ~~but~~ <sup>while</sup> we weren't listening to him because of fatigue. I was going to fall asleep but one thing stopped me. It was an alive chicken! It ran into the classroom and started shouting. All my classmates started laughing and the teacher joined to us then. That was really funny but still too loud and Mr Stephenson said us to calm down. So we did it and classroom became a bit quieter. Chicken wasn't going to stop. Therefore the teacher said us "If it don't wanna stop right now I'll catch it ~~my~~ myself and make it be quieter". When he said that some girls who didn't want to take part in it ran away from the classroom. And me too so I don't know what happened with that chicken in the end. And I don't wanna know it to be honest

This is my story. Hope you liked it and it made you laugh.