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**Блок 1. Понимание письменного текста и лексико-грамматический тест
(30 баллов)**

Task 1. *Fill in the blanks with ONE word per each group of sentences.*

1. They are the ones who _____ the Obama's election campaign.
You'll have to _____ if you want to catch the bus.
The software will _____ on any PC.
2. The letter I was waiting for wasn't in the first _____.
My father has held a full-time teaching _____ at Harvard.
I wrote a blog _____ about this yesterday.
3. Don't _____ with me. I am your mom, I am always right!
The conference gives people a chance to _____ their ideas.
The Prime Minister's reports _____ for the improvement of
the education system.
4. When he proposed to me, I thought he was playing a _____ on me.
For my next _____, I will make the bunny disappear.
She tried every _____ in the book to persuade her sister to go to
the party, but she still said no.
5. If you don't want to spend the night at the hotel, you are always welcome to
_____ at my place.
My favorite sound is the _____ of the waves against the rocks.
He was not even hurt in that terrible car _____.

Task 2. Read the text. Choose the correct answer per question (A, B, C, D or E).

I'm Just a Stranger Here,
Heaven Is My Home

The first sign was your hair,
un-straightened, shortened from worry,
and it had only been a year since the wedding,
but you had grown older, Mama.

- (5) I felt your usual care in the mustard greens, sweet potatoes and
chicken,
yet you smelled of whiskey and prayer.
I showed you the pictures,
(10) asked which you'd like remade
and watched you fidget, unable to see them.
Raising your arm, you spoke of your
rheumatism,
it seems life left your arm first,
(15) like crumbs given to front-yard robins.
Age and need, those simple weeds,
were gathering around and taking you away....

Carole Clemmons

6. What best expresses the main idea of the poem?
- A. Mothers care for their children even though they are old.
 - B. When a woman becomes an alcoholic, she neglects herself.
 - C. Children should visit their parents more often so that they can take care of their parents needs.
 - D. Age and need have brought about noticeable changes in Mama.
 - E. All mothers suffer from illness and old age.
7. The tone of the poem is
- A. Ironic
 - B. Pleasant
 - C. Angry
 - D. Humorous
 - E. Sorrowful
8. Lines 14-15 most probably mean that
- A. Mama will most likely lose her arm before she passes away.
 - B. Mama's life is worth no more than crumbs for the birds.
 - C. Mama's needs lessen with age.
 - D. Mama's health is gradually slipping away.
 - E. Mama can lead a simple life like front yard robins.

9. The word “fidget” in line 11 most nearly means
- A. Compare closely
 - B. Speak quickly
 - C. Move nervously
 - D. Laugh loudly
 - E. Look on with interest
10. What is the poet describing with the phrase “those simple weeds” (line 16)?
- A. Whiskey and prayer
 - B. Mama’s life
 - C. The garden inhabited by front yard robins
 - D. Age and need
 - E. Rheumatism

Task 3. *Beneath each sentence you'll find five ways of writing the underlined part. Choose the answer that makes the best sentence. Answer A is always the same as the underlined part and is sometimes the right answer. Each correct answer gives you 2 points.*

1. I am used to eat sausages and eggs every morning.
- A. am used to eat
 - B. used to eating
 - C. am used to eating
 - D. use to eat
 - E. use to eating
2. His boss insisted that he stayed until he completed his PhD.
- A. stayed
 - B. should stay
 - C. shall stay
 - D. stayed
 - E. stay

3. The person who was driving the jeep would not admit that he had been at fault, and neither the other driver.
- A. neither the other driver
 - B. neither had the other driver
 - C. the other driver neither
 - D. neither would the other driver
 - E. the other driver neither had
4. This coffee tastes a little strongly to me.
- A. strongly
 - B. too strongly
 - C. so strong
 - D. strong
 - E. too much strong
5. Some coniferous trees are able to grow in the same soil as deciduous trees, and another require specific soil conditions.
- A. another
 - B. the other
 - C. some other
 - D. others
 - E. anothers
6. I guess that you had better started getting up earlier so that you can get to the swimming pool on time.

- A. started getting up
- B. start getting up
- C. to start to get up
- D. to get up
- E. started get up

7. The concern is highly pleased with this year's revenues, instead they are giving employees a bonus.

- A. revenues, instead they
- B. revenues; however, they
- C. revenues; instead they
- D. revenues; in fact, they
- E. revenues, in fact, they

8. Dad would have been able to help the taxi driver if he has remembered the tire jack.

- A. taxi driver, if he has remembered
- B. taxi driver if he has remembered
- C. taxi driver if he had remembered
- D. taxi driver, if he has remembered
- E. taxi driver; if he had remembered

9. The Neighborhood Watch stresses that mail delivery should be stopped if going to be away from home for a long period of time.

- A. if going to be away
- B. if you are going to be away

- C. if they are going to be away
- D. because going to be away
- E. when going to be away

10. They say you shouldn't strain your muscles when you first start a work-out program.

- A. They say you shouldn't strain your muscles when you first start a work-out program.
- B. Health experts say they shouldn't strain their muscles when they first start a work-out program.
- C. They said you should not strain your muscles when you first start an exercise program.
- D. Health experts say people shouldn't strain their muscles when they first start to exercise.
- E. They say: you shouldn't strain your muscles when you first start a work-out program.

Блок 2. Творческое задание (70 баллов)

Task 4. *Read a part of a haiku poem below. Write an essay (250 – 300 words) speculating on its meaning.*

Do follow the plan of an opinion essay and include an introduction, a body and a conclusion into your work. Your correct answer gives you 30 points.

I wonder why
Large ears only listen
To; worthless gossip...
(Kiku: To listen)

Task 5. *Imagine that this is the year of CULTURAL HERITAGE in Russia and all over the world and you, being a news reporter, have to write a news article (200 – 250 words) describing the two pictures below. Your correct answer gives you 40 points.*

Follow the plan:

1. Name the date and the places.

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2. Describe the places in the pictures.
3. Signify the importance of these places.
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Task 1. *Fill in the blanks with ONE word per each group of sentences.*

1. My favorite time of the season is when maple trees start to _____ color.

Make sure you always have some _____ with you. It's hard to break a big note.

That operation was a drastic _____ for her. Finally, she has become popular due to her looks.

2. Her cousin started as a secretary and worked her way to the _____.

I can't seem to find the _____ of my shampoo bottle.

Madrid stayed on _____ throughout most of the match.

3. I do know I can be rather annoying at times but I always _____ well.

Her attitude doesn't _____ that she doesn't like you.

They've promised to fire us, and I think they _____ business.

4. All students are given a _____ to learn another language.

How did I meet my husband? Actually, that was a _____ meeting that changed the course of my live.

Did I win the competition? Fat _____

5. School bullies always pick on _____ and vulnerable classmates.

Your coffee is rather _____. I like it a bit stronger.

Every time John sees her he feels _____ at the knees.

Task 2. Read the text. Choose the correct answer per question (A,B,C, D or E).

[Immediately following: The church bell is heard striking six. At the sixth stroke the alarm clock goes off in AMANDA's room, and after a few moments we hear her calling "Rise and Shine! Rise and Shine! Laura, go tell your brother to rise and shine!"]

TOM [sitting up slowly]: I'll rise -but I won't shine.

[The light increases.]

AMANDA: Laura, tell your brother his coffee is ready.

[LAURA slips into front room.]

LAURA: Tom! - It's nearly seven. Don't make mother nervous. [He stares at her stupidly. Beseechingly.] Tom, speak to mother this morning. Make up with her, apologize, speak to her!

TOM: She won't to me. It's her that started not speaking.

LAURA: If you just say you're sorry she'll start speaking.

TOM: Her not speaking - is that such a tragedy?

LAURA: Please - please!

AMANDA [calling from kitchenette]: Laura, are you going to do what I asked you to do, or do I have to get dressed and go out myself?

LAURA: Going, going - soon as I get on my coat!

(30) [She pulls on a shapeless felt hat with nervous, jerky movement, pleadingly glancing at TOM. Rushes awkwardly for coat. The coat is one of AMANDA's, inaccurately made-over the sleeves too short for LAURA.] Butter and what else?

AMANDA [entering upstage]: Just butter. Tell them to charge it.

(38) LAURA: Mother, they make such faces when I do that.

AMANDA: Sticks and stones can break our bones, but the expression on Mr Garfinkel's face won't harm us! Tell your brother his coffee is getting cold.

LAURA [at door]: Do what I asked you, will you, will you,
TOM?

[He looks sullenly away.]

AMANDA: Laura, go now or just don't go at all!

LAURA [rushing out]: Going -going! [A second later she cries out. TOM Springs up and crosses to door. AMANDA rushes anxiously in. TOM opens the door.]

TOM: Laura?

LAURA: I'm all right. I slipped, but I'm all right.

AMANDA [peering anxiously after her]: If anyone breaks a leg on those fire-escape steps, the landlord ought to be sued for every cent he possesses! [She shuts door. Remembers she isn't speaking and returns to other room.]

Tennessee Williams

6. This scene is primarily about
- A. Getting up in the morning.
 - B. Laura's ill-fitting clothes.

- C. The search for the meaning of life.
 - D. The hardships of Amanda's family.
 - E. A family disagreement.
7. What does Laura want Tom to do?
- A. Get out of bed.
 - B. Get butter for breakfast.
 - C. Pay the bills at Mr. Garfinkel's store.
 - D. Apologize to his mother.
 - E. Drink his coffee.
8. The scene is set
- A. in a one-room apartment.
 - B. in a small house.
 - C. in a grocery store.
 - D. in a large suburban house.
 - E. in a small apartment.
9. We can infer from lines 30-38 that
- A. Mr. Garfinkel enjoys Laura's visits to his store.
 - B. Amanda and her family spend too much money.
 - C. Laura likes to wear her mother's clothes.
 - D. Amanda's family does not have a great deal of money.
 - E. Laura goes to Mr. Garfinkel's store too often.
10. Tom's mood is
- A. Sulky
 - B. Cheerful
 - C. Unpredictable

D. Wild

E. Reasonable

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1. The soccer team plays exceptionally well tonight because the coach had them to practice every night this week.

A. to practice

B. has practiced

C. practiced

D. practice

E. the practice

2. Alice and Ivan used to going to the movies at the downtown mall every Saturday.

A. used to going

B. used to go

C. use to go

D. are used to go

E. were used to go

3. Mother had hoped him to answer her letter.

A. him to answer

B. that he answer

C. that he would answer

D. him answering

E. him answer

4. Having recovered from his flu, Mark now feels good enough to take care of his niece's child again.
- A. good enough
 - B. enough
 - C. enough good
 - D. good
 - E. well enough
5. We are planning to buy an apartment in New York, but we want to know what are the taxes there first.
- A. what are the taxes
 - B. the taxes
 - C. what the taxes are
 - D. the taxes are
 - E. what taxes
6. Neither the dean nor the vice-president know how many candidates have sent in their applications for the new course.
- A. know
 - B. are in the know
 - C. learns
 - D. knows
 - E. learn
7. Mary didn't seem to mind that they watch TV while she was rehearsing her lines for her part in the show.

- A. that they watch
- B. them watching
- C. their watching
- D. them to watch
- E. their watch

8. Since the tropical storm had been so fierce, City officials advised people living on the coast to watch the water level carefully.

- A. fierce. City
- B. fierce; city
- C. fierce city
- D. fierce; therefore, city
- E. fierce, city

9. According to the local experts, the cost of the price of bus fares will increase every month.

- A. the cost of the price of bus fares
- B. the cost of bus fares
- C. the cost of the bus
- D. buses prices
- E. fares

10. Although she seems at times rather mature and serious, Miriam still loves to read trashy novels, singing on a crowded bus, and to play hide-and-seek with little kids.

- A. novels, singing on a crowded bus, and
- B. novels, to sing on a crowded bus, and

- C. novels, she sings on a crowded bus, and
- D. novels to singing on a crowded bus and
- E. novels; singing on a crowded bus and

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The first step of friendship
Is mutual respect...
(*Sonkei: Respect*)

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