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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. Each correct answer earns you 1 point.*

1. We are planning to move _____ next week so you'd better start packing now.
Can you _____ sit for us while we are on holiday?
This building used to _____ an Art gallery in 1896.
2. I am sorry. I am running late. I have a bus to _____.
Mary did everything possible to _____ his eye but nothing worked.
This all sounds too good to be true, so what's the _____?
3. You can't _____ everyone with suspicion. There are many kind and nice people out there.
The mountain _____ took my breath away.
I take the _____ that schools should develop creativity.
4. In my _____, this is the most terrible thing to do.
He is such a _____ worm. I think he actually lives in the library.
We are top-of-the-line, so _____ early if you want to stay with us.
5. My little brother came from school with a black _____. He wouldn't say who did this to him.
I hate working in the garden. I feel like someone is watching me! – Ugh?
That must be potato _____s.
School children always _____ a new teacher with suspicion.

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

Each correct answer earns you 1 point.

“Where do they get vegetables like this?” Minnie asked. She saw the other women feeling the tomatoes, sampling the lush bunches of grapes. “The prices are the same as we pay. But what a difference.”

Mrs. Jameson laughed a little. “It’s worth driving over here, isn’t it?” she said. “We used to live not far from here. That’s how I happen to know about it.” But Mariana suspected this store was not unique, that in gringo neighborhoods everything was a little better.

At the meat counter, Minnie was even more impressed. She examined carefully all the meat behind the glass, and then asked the butcher to cut some fillet mignon. Mariana couldn’t ever recall her mother order that, and she noticed it was the most expensive meat. She thought she understood why she ordered it.

On the way back to East Los Angeles, Mariana sensed her mother felt defensive and perhaps a little offended because the gringa had shown her a better way to do something, had shown that shopping near home was not good enough for someone with taste.

She heard her mother say, “Next week Pete’s buying me a new Cadillac. Then I’ll take you shopping with me,” and Mariana had never seen such a forced smile on her mother’s face.

“Oh, that’ll be nice,” Mrs. Jameson said.

Richard Vasquez

6. How is Mariana related to Minnie?
 - A. Minnie’s sister.
 - B. Minnie’s mother.
 - C. Minnie’s daughter.
 - D. Minnie’s close friend.
 - E. Minnie’s neighbor.

7. You can infer from the text that the women are shopping
 - A. at the store closest to Mrs. Jameson’s home
 - B. at Minnie’s favorite grocery store
 - C. at a discount food outlet
 - D. at Mrs. Jameson’s market
 - E. at a store that is not in Mariana’s neighborhood

8. Why did Minnie buy fillet mignon?
 - A. It was her husband’s favorite food.
 - B. She wanted to impress Mrs. Jameson.
 - C. She liked to try new food.
 - D. Mrs. Jameson recommended it.
 - E. It was of a better quality than in her favorite store.

9. Why might Minnie feel defensive and a little offended?
 - A. Mrs. Jameson had taken her to a market for immigrants.
 - B. She didn’t like the fact that Mrs. Jameson gave her a ride to the store.
 - C. Mrs. Jameson had shown her that the way she usually shopped was not good enough.
 - D. She disliked the way Mrs. Jameson kept putting her down.

E. The store was a bit expensive and she could not quite afford the food.

Task 2. B. *Read the text. Decide if the following statements are **True** or **False** . Each correct answer earns you 1 point.*

Rags to Riches

Fans of the popular children's book series Harry Potter know that J.K. Rowling's own story reads a bit like a fairy tale. J.K. stands for Joanne Kathleen, but she goes by Jo. Jo's first publisher in the UK was afraid that boys would not want to read about Harry Potter if they knew it had been written by a woman, so they encouraged her to use her initials.

Jo moved to Portugal in her mid-twenties to teach English as a Foreign Language. She married Portuguese television journalist Jorge Arantes, but they were divorced shortly after their daughter Jessica was born in 1993. Jo decided to move back to Scotland to be near her sister Di, who was studying law in Edinburgh.

Jo was in the midst of writing Harry Potter at this point, and she found herself divorced and living on public assistance in a tiny tenement flat. With a baby to take care of, she could only work when her daughter was asleep, so she would push the child through Edinburgh in her carriage and dash into a café to write for an hour while the infant napped. Jo claims that knowing she had very little time until her daughter would wake up again made her very productive. She wrote a lot during her baby's naps.

Harry Potter has crossed over from children's books to New York Times Best-Seller List Material. Jo has received many tributes for her work, including The British Book Awards Children's Books of the Year. Harry Potter has been translated into more than a dozen languages, gaining fans among young people all over the world. Even the US edition has been localized. When fried potatoes appear at feasts at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft, they have gone from "chips" to "fries", for example. The new movie version of the story will surely bring a whole new group of fans to the forefront.

Harry Potter devotees anxiously awaited the sequels. Jo said there would be seven books in total: one for each year that Harry attends Hogwarts. People often ask if Jo attended a boarding school. She says that she didn't but if that there had been a chance to go to a place like Hogwarts, she would have been on the first train!

When asked about her storyline, Jo says, "The idea that we could have a child who escapes from the confines of the adult world and goes somewhere where he has power, both literally and metaphorically, really appealed to me." Based on the tremendous number of copies sold, the Harry Potter concept appeals to many people.

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11. The author had to take a pen-name because the boys wouldn't read the book written by a woman.
12. When Jo divorced, she lived on state benefits in Edinburg.
13. Jo loved writing in cafes while her daughter was asleep.
14. Each edition of the book is different depending on the country it is published in.
15. Many people love the idea that a child can literally and metaphorically run away from the world of adults.

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 earns you 1 point.

16. She _____ her gum all the time, I can't stand it!
 - A. chews
 - B. is chewing
 - C. chew
 - D. has chewed
 - E. chewed

17. Our mother strictly told us that _____ 10.30 p.m.
 - A. we are to be home by
 - B. we will have been at home by
 - C. we might be home at
 - D. we had to be home by
 - E. we were able to be at home

18. Nick _____ in the garden.
 - A. smelt something burning
 - B. was smelling something burning
 - C. smelt something burn
 - D. was smelling something burn
 - E. smelled something burning

19. Kerry _____ busy highways. This is her first time in a big city.
- A. wasn't used to driving on
 - B. used to drive at
 - C. isn't used to driving on
 - D. isn't used to driving
 - E. didn't used to driving on
20. I am really sorry to bother you but _____ you a favor.
- A. I wonder if I could ask
 - B. I was wondering if I could ask
 - C. I have wondered if I may ask
 - D. I am wondering if I could ask
 - E. I wondered if I may ask
21. I have just found out that the next meeting _____ Monday at 12.
- A. is to take place on
 - B. was to take place
 - C. was to take place on
 - D. is taking place
 - E. takes place
22. The last time _____ a month ago.
- A. was talking to her was
 - B. have talked to her is
 - C. talked to her was
 - D. was talking to her is
 - E. talked to her is
23. The news _____
- A. are really important, according to me.
 - B. are really important in my opinion.
 - C. is really important, according to me.
 - D. is really important, in my opinion.
 - E. is really important, in my mind.
24. She simply _____ offer.
- A. must agree accepting his unbelievable

- B. are to agree accepting
- C. must agree to accept his unbelievable
- D. must to agree accepting his unbelievable offer
- E. agree accepting his unbelievable offer

25. Oh, where is your mom? – She'll be in a moment. She

- A. just went to shop.
- B. has just gone to the shop.
- C. is just going to shop.
- D. will just go shopping.
- E. just gone to shop.

26. Both teachers and _____ on weekends.

- A. pupils might use the gym
- B. has to use the gym
- C. pupils shall use gym
- D. pupils can use the gym
- E. pupils allowed to use gym

27. My sister promised me to show up at the party on Saturday;
_____ her.

- A. all the same, I don't believe
- B. all along, I don't believe
- C. all the same I don't believe in
- D. for all I care, I don't believe
- E. for all I know, I don't believe in

28. I _____ the others.

- A. was afraid to lose my backpack among all
- B. was afraid of losing my backpack among all
- C. was afraid to lose my backpack above all
- D. was afraid to lose my backpack in all
- E. was afraid of losing my backpack besides all

29. She _____ by the time I came
home.

- A. has done neither her homework or her housework
- B. had done neither her homework or her housework

- C. has been done neither her homework nor her housework
- D. had done neither her homework nor her housework
- E. has done neither her homework nor her housework

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help

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- C. “I know you are tired,” my mom said, “but I’d be so happy if you could
- D. “I know you are tired”, my mom said “but I’d be so happy, if you could
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Task 4. *Read a Chinese poem below. Write an essay (150 – 200 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 earns you 30 points.

On The Stork Tower

By Wang Zhihuan

The sun beyond the mountains glows;

The Yellow River seawards flows.

You can enjoy a grander sight,

By climbing to a greater height.

Task 5. *Imagine that this is the year of GREEK CULTURE in Russia and all over the world and you, being a news reporter, have to write a news report (200 – 250 words) describing the picture below. Your correct answer earns you 40 points.*

Follow the plan:

9. Name the date and the place
10. Make up some special event devoted to the year of GREEK CULTURE
11. Describe the place and event in the picture
12. Signify the importance of such events


