

## **Заключительный этап Олимпиады школьников СПбГУ по иностранным языкам**

**2014-2015 учебный год**

### **Критерии оценивания**

Максимальный балл – 100 б.

Победителями и призерами становятся участники, набравшие наибольшее количество баллов, но не менее 65. Число победителей олимпиады определяется жюри, но не может превышать установленную в СПбГУ норму; победители не более 7% от числа участников заключительного тура, победители и призеры – не более 25% от числа участников заключительного тура.

### **Задания заключительного тура Олимпиады школьников СПбГУ**

**по иностранным языкам**

#### **Английский язык**

##### **1. Comment on the following extract.**

We perceive time as past present and future. The most real perception of time appears to be in the moment we call present; however, almost all of what we perceive as the present is already past. The present is a fleeting moment; whatever is happening now (present) is confined to an infinitesimally narrow point on the time line which is being encroached upon by what we think of as the past and the future. Present resembles the sharp point of a recording laser or needle; it may be the mental awareness of recording of memory as it is being inscribed into our brain. A person who goes to an event, but falls asleep, would have no recollection of it as if the event did not exist in his past. Unless we are consciously aware of an event, it does not seem to enter our past memory.

Unlike the present, the past and future are measurable durations of time. Past historical events, a meeting, or a wedding reception, are all measurable durations or extensions in time, just like a recorded material on tape. This similarity suggests that past is just a recorded memory, while future can be compared to an unrecorded tape.

Historical events have in them the same time characteristic as stories that are just creations of human imagination. Both contain in them the time concepts of earlier, the later, the past the present and the future; this again suggests that past really is similar to memory of events.

Future appears to be a projection created by our past experiences stored in our memory. The





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**3. Underline the mistakes and write the correct words above each mistake.**

Flowers picked in high summer and leaves gathered in the autumn can be pressed and used to make beautiful designs, while larger the flowers and sprays of leaves can be preserved in an almost natural state by drying them, which is best be done in the open air. Bunches of dried flowers make really beautiful winter decorations and will somehow last you for years on end. Small, individual dried flowers can also be used up to make lovely designs on greetings cards. There is nothing to match the appeal of a card of which the sender has made by hand. It shows care and affection in such way that a bough card can't possibly do so. If the flowers are carefully chosen for some personal meaning so much the better off. For example, primroses could be used to remind the recipient of a beautiful walk which you once shared together in woodland full of these beautiful flowers - which isn't to say why you should get the flowers for your card from the wild.

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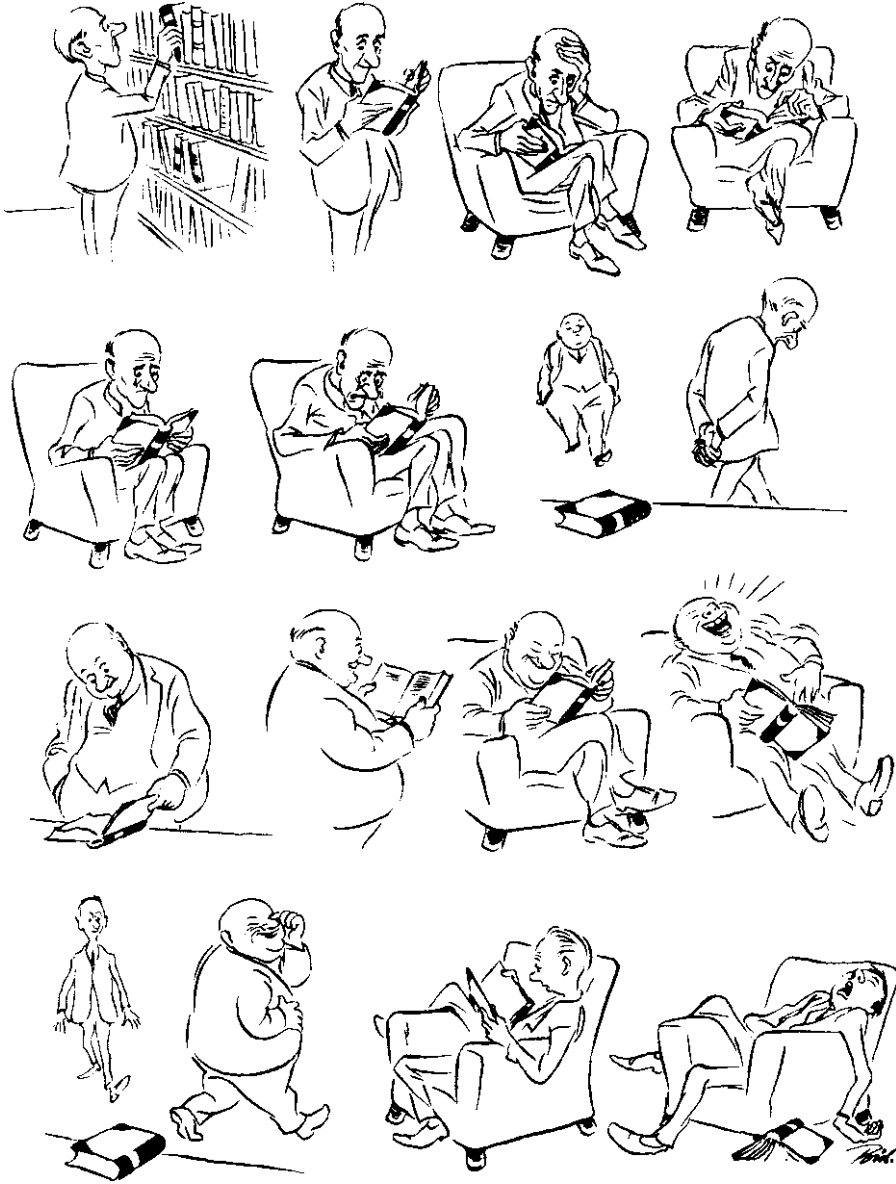
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5. Tastes differ, don't they? Comment on the story in pictures.





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7. Each of the following statements is a well known proverb or saying, translated into less common and more sophisticated words. Your job is to give the well-known phrase for each.

For example, "*Scinntillate, scintillate, asteroid minific*" is better known as "*Twinkle, twinkle, little star.*"

- 1) The person presenting the finial cachinnation possesses thereby the primary cachinnation.

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- 2) Missiles of ligneous or petrous consistency have the potential of fracturing my osseous structure, but appellations will remain sempiternally innocuous.

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- 3) Exclusive dedication to necessitous chores without interludes of hedonistic diversion renders John a hebetudinous fellow.

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- 4) Surveillance should precede saltation.

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5) It is fruitless to become lachrymose over precipitately departed lacteal fluids.

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6) All articles that coruscate with resplendence are not truly auriferous.

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7) Where there are visible vapors in ignited carbonaceous materials, there is conflagration.

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8) A plethora of individuals with expertise in culinary techniques vitiate the potable concoction produced by steeping certain comestibles.

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9) Male cadavers are incapable of yielding testimony.

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10) Members of an avian species of identical plumage congregate.

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8. *Do it yourself*, also known as *DIY*, is the method of building, modifying, or [repairing](#) something without the aid of experts or professionals. Try to recall a situation in which you did something with your own hands, and then explain to us in writing how you did it.

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9. **What is the pronunciation these place names? Please, write down their transcription.**

1) Leicestershire	
2) Northumbria	
3) Cheshire	
4) Durham	
5) Gloucestershire	
6) Herefordshire	
7) Rutland	
8) Suffolk	
9) Worcestershire	
10) Warwickshire	

**10. Match the names with the situations given.**

- 1) I gave him £50 and he went away whistling. He was as happy as ....
- 2) She's crying her eyes out! Her love affair is over! She's just received a Dear  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) He doesn't do any work at all; he just enjoys himself, living the life of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) You pretend you know everything! You're a real clever \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) "Who was that guy? Do you know him? - No, he was just your average  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) He goes up to neighbours' windows at night and peers in. He's a peeping  
\_\_\_\_\_.

- 7) He does what he wants and doesn't give a damn about anybody. He's a real Jack the  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) To peel potatoes!? Let \_\_\_\_\_ do it!
- 9) Simple \_\_\_\_\_ went a-fishing  
For to catch a whale:  
All the water he had got  
Was in his mother's pail!
- 10) I am all in the red. I am afraid I'll have to rob \_\_\_\_\_ to pay  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**NAMES: *Simon; Dick; Joe Bloggs; Tom; Lad; Peter; John; George; Larry; Riley; Paul.***