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8-9 класс

Заочный этап

PART 1. Grammar Section (25 points)

Task 1. Tenses (15 points)

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use narrative tenses: past simple, past continuous, past perfect or past perfect continuous. Write the answers on YOUR ANSWER SHEET. (You do not have to write the sentences in full).

1. The gleam of the lantern _____ (1-be) the only light in the room. Suddenly, there _____ (2-fall) darkness . In the black silence, a pair of eyes behind a picture rapidly disappeared. Someone _____ (3-watch) them.
2. Outside, it _____ (4-pour down) , the wind _____ (5-whistle) around the windows and the cry of wolves _____ (6-echo) around the forest. Larry Chocopie _____ (7-strike) a match.
3. Although Kevin Marshmallow _____ (8-use) a ghostwriter, he still told interviewers that he _____ (9-write) his autobiography himself, even after it was published and for sale in shops.
4. Before Ernest Hathaway started writing novels, he _____ (10 -publish) essays.
5. Before Sandra Butterscotch started writing science fiction, she _____ (11-publish) 14 thrillers.
6. Ms Sweetie _____ (12-write) 14 thrillers and then she _____ (13-start) to write science fiction.
7. Antonio Ramirez _____ still _____ (14-work) as a theatre critic when he _____ (15-publish) his first play.

Task 2. Position of adverbs (5 points)

Open the brackets and put the adverb in the correct position. Write the sentences on your ANSWER SHEET in full.

1. I believe that you are right. (certainly)
2. It is the worst restaurant in the world. (probably)
3. The panda can be seen in the highlands of China. (frequently)

- 4.They are known as vegetarians. (mostly)
5. We take the car to work. (mainly)

Task 3 . Prepositions (5 points)

Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition. Write the prepositions on YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

Before the interview started, Gill felt confident 1 – getting the post. She knew that she was qualified 2 – the job, that she was good 3 – children, and was interested 4 – taking on the challenge that the new job would present. However, the interview panel didn't seem to care 5 – her qualifications or teaching experience, but were more concerned with her ability to do administrative work.

PART 2. Reading Section (11 points)

Task 1. (6 points)

You are going to read an article about phobias and allergies. To answer the questions 1-6 choose the right person. The people can be chosen more than once and sometimes there is more than one answer. Write the names on YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

Which person...

1...would save money if they cured their phobia?

2...is not sure they have a phobia or allergy?

3...believes people think he/she is weird because of?

4...could be put in a life or death situation because of it?

5...is seeing someone about their problem?

6...is using it as an excuse?

CYNTHIA

I don't have any allergies but I do have a phobia, or at least, I think it is one. I have a phobia to technology and in particular, computers. I can actually hear a computer working and it makes me nervous and I feel uncomfortable. This is becoming more and more of a problem and is very little you can do in the world today without a computer. I'm going to see a psychiatrist and I hope they can solve it.

TED

I have an allergy to dust although it's not too bad. In damp climates I don't really have a problem but it gets bad in hot countries where there is a lot of sand and dust in the air. On a holiday to Egypt last year I was taking pills 24 hours a day to stop sneezing. It also affects my eyes and nose and makes me very sleepy. I also tell my

wife that it's a problem in dusty places which means I don't have to clean the house.

GIOVANNI

As I got older I became more and more allergic to nuts. When I was younger I could eat most types of nuts but now any nuts make me feel sick. I have had allergy tests and I've been told that it's not a real allergy but I don't think it's a phobia either. I am not afraid of nuts! They just make me sick.

EMILY

I have a phobia of clowns. It's not fair and I don't understand why but there it is. I don't have a problem with other circus acts. Many of my friends think I'm odd but it's an automatic reaction that I have no control over. Even if I see a movie with a clown I'm terrified. I wish I could stop it and then people wouldn't think I was so strange.

GRAHAM

I have an allergy to penicillin, which you can usually find in most antibiotics. This can be very dangerous but I'm lucky and I only have a mild reaction to it. However, it has to be included on all my records and I have to wear something on my wrist in case there is an accident and they need to give me something immediately. They need to know not to give me penicillin but if I'm unconscious and alone who is going to tell them?

MARIO

I have a terrible fear of the dark and if I am in the dark I have panic attacks. I have been known to hit people. All the rooms in my house have to have lights on all night and I can't wear sunglasses, which is a real problem in summer. I recently had an assessment done by a psychiatrist and she is confident she can treat the phobia. I really hope so as it ruins my life and costs me huge amounts of money in electricity bills!

Task 2. (5 points)

Read the text *Towards a definition of culture*. Complete the text with these sentences. There is one extra sentence you do not need. Write only the letters on YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

- a. Everyone knows what it is, but explains it in different ways.
- b. It is harder to say exactly what these are as they are often changing.
- c. The United States and Britain today are multicultural, they have lots of different cultures.
- d. One thing we can all agree on is that culture is about being unique and different.
- e. People think this kind of information is valuable and important.
- f. These tests contain many questions about the country's 'Culture'.

TOWARDS A DEFINITION OF CULTURE

How many definitions of culture exist?

Culture is a very difficult term to define. (1)_____. For some people it means literature, music and art. Others define it as beliefs, ways of behaving and the ideas of a particular group. Another broader definition says that it is all the knowledge and values of a society. Lord Raglan, a British soldier and author in the 20th century, once famously said, 'Culture is roughly everything we do and the monkeys don't.' There are as many definitions of culture as there are different societies.

Two kinds of culture

One useful starting point is the idea of two types of culture; culture with a capital C and a culture with a small c. Culture with a capital C refers to music, literature and the visual arts. It also includes facts and statistics about a national group or society.

(2)_____. A person is *cultured* if they know a lot about culture with a capital C. Many English-speaking countries now have citizenship tests for new immigrants. (3)_____ . Examples might include *Who wrote Hamlet?* or *Where does the Prime Minister of Canada live?* Culture with a small c refers to beliefs, values, traditions and the everyday life of a particular community.

(4)_____. Culture with a small c can be different from one part of a country to another. Travellers and people who do business with people from different places are often more interested in culture with a small c. Example questions could include *What time do Americans finish work?* or *Do Germans shake hands or kiss when they meet each other?*

(5)_____. Culture gives a person a special identity. Culture gives a community or a country a different character. Whatever the definition, culture plays an important part in everybody's life.

PART 3. Use of English (14 points)

Task 1. (4 points)

Match the prefixes in the box with the meanings below. Write only the prefixes on YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

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| mis- un- over- re- |
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1. do something again
2. do something badly or incorrectly
3. reverse an action
4. do something too much

Task 2. (5 points)

Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete each sentence. Write only the letters on YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

1. I promised to _____ her daughter next week when she's at work.
a – take off b- look for c-look after d- take after

2. It took them ages to _____ the fire.
a – put off b-take off c-put out d-put away

1. It was quite a serious illness, so she took a while to _____ it.
a- get over b-go over c-take over d-get through

4. Don't leave the meat there too long-it'll _____ .
a-take off b-go over c-pass away d-go off

5. With inflation at 10%, the price could _____ again quite soon.
a-rise up b-get up c-go up d-put up

Task 3. (5 points)

Choose the correct preposition in these sentences. Write the combinations preposition and word on YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

1. I often go abroad *in business/on business*.
2. It took a long time but *in the end/at the end* we got there.
3. Who knows if it's true, but that's what I heard *on the radio/in the radio*.
4. We had a vote *in the end/at the end* of the meeting.
5. We've been *in business/on business* now for fifteen years.

PART 4. Vocabulary (23 points)

Task 1. (5 points)

Choose the correct explanation for each idiom. Write only the letters on YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

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| 1. To be over the moon | a – depressed |
| 2. To feel down in the dumps | b- to exaggerate the importance of everything |
| 3. To make a meal out of everything | c – extremely happy |
| 4. To be under the weather | d – very badly done |
| 5. A dog's breakfast | e - ill |

Task 2. (5 points)

Find Russian equivalents for the following English proverbs. Write the Russian equivalents on YOUR ANSWER SHEET in full.

1. No pains, no gains.
2. In for a penny, in for a pound.
3. Everything is good in its season.
4. When in Rome, do as the Romans do.
5. Life is not all cakes and roses.

Task 3. (8 points)

Here are some things you find in the bedroom and bathroom, but the letters are jumbled. Put the correct words in your ANSWER SHEET.

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Task 4 (5 points)

How do you say these numbers in English? Write your answers in words on your ANSWER SHEET.

- a. 4.5
- b. 0.75
- c. 6.05
- d. 3 ½
- e. 53%

PART 5. The World of English – figures, facts, dates, names (17points)

Task 1 (5 points). True or false? If the sentence is false, change it to make it true, using the space on YOUR ANSWER SHEET. (If the sentence is true, just write ‘T’ or ‘true’ in the same space.

1. The US president is elected every five years.
2. Children at school are called ‘pupils’.
3. In British schools PE is short for ‘practical education’.
4. In Britain, the academic year is usually divided into two terms.
5. At school the working day is divided into lessons, with morning and afternoon breaks.

Task 2. (12 points)**Quiz ‘What do you know about English-speaking countries?’)**

Write your answers on your ANSWER SHEET.

1. How many countries use English as a main language? (15 30 60)
2. What is the total number of English speakers in the world? (1 billion 2 billion 3 billion)

3. What percentage of the internet is in English? (25% 55% 80%)
4. Samuel Johnson published the first significant English dictionary in: (1373 1526 1755)
5. The oldest university of Great Britain is_____
6. What koalas like to eat?
7. Sydney is as big as: Moscow London Paris Rome
8. If it is 6:00 am in New York what is the time in Los Angeles?
9. Which state of the USA was once part of Mexico?
10. What literary character created by an English author had adventures on the small island of 'Neverland'?
11. What was Tom Sawyer half-brother's name?
12. What do American children say on Halloween when they go from house to house asking for sweets?

PART 6. Writing skills

Essay (10 points) – 100-150 words

Choose one of the options and write your essay on the ANSWER SHEET. Typed version will be appreciated.

1. Positive and/or negative factors of advanced technologies
2. Famous people such as footballers, film stars and politicians deserve to have a private life without journalists constantly following them.
3. The environment can be healthy only if everyone contributes to its conservation.

Your essay should be structured as follows:

- introduction
- your opinion including 2-3 reasons to support your point of view
- an opposing opinion including 1-2 reasons to explain it
- explain why you disagree with the opposing opinion
- conclusion to restate your opinion

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Task 2. Position of adverbs (5 points)

Open the brackets and put the adverb in the correct position. Write the sentences on your ANSWER SHEET in full.

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Choose the correct preposition in these sentences. Write the combinations *preposition plus word* on YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

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PART 6. Writing skills

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