

Герценовская олимпиада по английскому языку (2010)**Вариант 2**

Задания выполняются синей или черной ручкой.

Внимание! Допускается не более 1 исправления на 10 вопросов без снижения оценки.

Task I. *Read the text and tick the correct answer to the questions (statements).*

"All aboard?" asked the Captain. "All aboard, sir," said the mate.

It was nine o'clock on Wednesday morning. Everything was prepared for a start. The whistle had sounded twice, the final bell had rung. The bow was turned toward England, and all was ready for Spartan's run for thousand miles. Suddenly there was a shout from the bridge, and two men appeared, running very quickly down the quay. It was clear they were hurrying to the ship and wanted to stop her. The two men jumped aboard at the last moment, and the ship left the shore quickly.

I looked back at the shores of America. I wanted to be alone. So I found a place behind a pile of suitcases and sat down on a coil of rope. A few minutes passed. Then I heard a whisper behind me. "Here's a quiet place," said a voice. "Sit down and we can talk it over. Nobody can overhear us here." The pile of suitcases was between the men and myself. Looking through a chink between two big suitcases I saw that they were the passengers who had joined us at the last moment. I was sure they did not see me. The one who had spoken was a tall, thin man with a blue-black beard and a colorless face. His companion was a short fellow. They both looked around them and spoke as if they were afraid that they were being watched: "But we were running a terrible risk, Muller." "We must be very careful, of course, Flannigan."

He raised the coat that was hanging over his left arm, and I saw a dark box which he laid on the deck. One look at it was enough to make me jump to my feet in horror. It was a little square box of some dark wood. It looked like a pistol-case, only it was much higher. There was a trigger-like arrangement on the lid of the box, and a coil of string was tied to it. Near the trigger was a small square hole in the wood. Then the shorter man took from his pocket a small paper package, opened it, took out some white granules and dropped them through the hole. A funny clicking noise was heard from the box. I was sure that the white granules which one of them had dropped into the box formed a fuse for blowing it up.

What shall I do? Shall I go to the Captain, and tell him about my fears? No. I shall keep an eye on the two men and tell nobody about them. I decided to go down and find them. As I turned my head, I saw two figures, at the other side of the deck. I decided to hide in one of the lifeboats.

Another half-hour passed. Then I saw that the two men had crossed from the other side. Flannigan was holding a watch in his hand. "A minute and a half more," said Flannigan. "I shall pull the string", said Flannigan. "Stop!" I screamed, jumping up to my feet. "Stop it at once!" I was brave enough now. "We can't lose a moment now! Time is up! I'll hold him, Muller, while you pull the trigger," said Flannigan. Next moment I was struggling with Flannigan. It was useless. I was a child in his hands. He pushed me against the side of the ship and held me there. I saw Muller come up to the box and pull the string. There came a strange clicking noise from the box. The trigger fell, the side of the box dropped, and let off - two grey carrier pigeons!..

Here is what the sporting correspondent of the New York Herald wrote in his article soon after our ship had left America: "An interesting match of pigeons took place last week between the pigeons of John H. Flannigan of Boston and Jeremiah Muller of Lowell. The start was from the deck

of transatlantic steamship Spartan, at ten o'clock on the evening of starting from New York. The distance between the ship and the land was about a hundred miles. The match and preparations for it were kept secret as some captains do not allow sporting matches to take place aboard their ships. Muller's pigeon won as it arrived in Lowell on the following morning. We hope that a few such matches will make pigeon-flying more popular in America."

(A. Conan-Doyle)

1. The Captain and the mate ...

- 1) were members of a sporting team
- 2) were members of the crew
- 3) were former classmates
- 4) served in the Army

2. Spartan was ...

- 1) a plane
- 2) a lifeboat
- 3) a steamer
- 4) a boat

3. Flannigan and Muller were running down the quay at the last moment because ...

- 1) they didn't want their luggage to be checked
- 2) they got stuck in a traffic jam
- 3) mixed up the date
- 4) mixed up the quay

4. Flannigan and Muller talked in a whisper because

- 1) they wanted to organize something terrible
- 2) they didn't want to be overheard
- 3) they didn't have tickets
- 4) they were being watched

5. The white granules were

- 1) dangerous
- 2) harmless
- 3) poisonous
- 4) chemicals

6. The clicking noise was

- 1) the noise of birds
- 2) the noise of a blowing machine
- 3) the noise of bees
- 4) the noise of a trigger

7. The storyteller was

- 1) a child
- 2) a young girl

- 3) an old woman
- 4) a young man

8. Spartan was heading for

- 1) Boston
- 2) Lowell
- 3) Europe
- 4) New York

9. The black box contained

- 1) pistols
- 2) dynamite
- 3) pigs
- 4) birds

10. Flannigan and Muller proved to be

- 1) hooligans
- 2) terrorists
- 3) sportsmen
- 4) farmers

Task II. Complete the gaps in the text with the words from the list.

grander, similar, exchange, copyright, houses, closed, set, spread, basic, enemy, bought, premises, throughout, foundation, home

The Library of Congress (LC) was founded in 1800 for the use of both (1) _____ of Congress, the President and the Vice-President. In 1814 during the war with Great Britain the (2) _____ soldiers marched into Washington, set fire to the Capitol and destroyed the Library of Congress. After the end of hostilities, the Congress (3) _____ about replacing the collections on a far (4) _____ scale than the original one. In 1815 Jefferson's private library was (5) _____ and it was the (6) _____ of a new LC - very different from the one that had been burned. In 1840 it started a wide (7) _____ program with many libraries both at (8) _____ and abroad. In 1871 the (9) _____ act of 1846 was broadened to require the deposit of a copy of any printed matter in LC and soon it became the largest library in the country. In 1897 LC moved to its present (10) _____.

The 19th century (11) _____ with a rise of professionalism in education, the (12) _____ of free public libraries, the establishment and growth of colleges and universities (13) _____ the country and increase of popular, cheap publications. Outstanding librarians tried to work out a (14) _____ set of rules by which all books would be identified and classified in a (15) _____ way so that any one could quickly find what he was looking for.

Task III. Complete the gaps in the sentences with the correct grammar form.

1. I was asked when Jane _____ them.

- a) will phone
- b) would phone
- c) has phoned
- d) have phoned

2. One can't work 24 hours a day without _____.

- a) get tired
- b) got tired
- c) getting tired
- d) to get tired

3. Nearly all his books _____ into many European languages.

- a) are being translated
- b) were being translated
- c) had been translated
- d) have been translated

4. Ask him if he _____ to go with us.

- a) would agree
- b) will have agreed
- c) will agree
- d) would have agreed

5. I wish you _____ me about it yesterday.

- a) asked
- b) had asked
- c) would have asked
- d) have asked

6. I think these shoes are worth _____.

- a) to be bought
- b) being bought
- c) to buy
- d) buying

7. We _____ to be at the theatre at 6:30 p.m.

- a) have
- b) have had
- c) are
- d) must

8. This young man is known _____ a chess competition.

- a) to win
- b) win
- c) won
- d) to have won

9. I wonder what makes him _____ to this place every year.

- a) come
- b) to come
- c) to be coming
- d) coming

10. Nobody saw him _____ along the night street.
 a) be driving
 b) to be driving
 c) to drive
 d) driving
11. There wasn't a room in a hotel _____
 a) to be found
 b) to have been found
 c) to find
 d) found
12. I don't object _____ here.
 a) you to live
 b) your living
 c) to your living
 d) you live
13. You _____ it long ago.
 a) must
 b) should have done
 c) are to do
 d) needn't have done
14. The past snowfall is reported _____ much damage to the city.
 a) to have caused
 b) to cause
 c) having caused
 d) caused
15. I think it's a pity Anabel had her hair _____ short as she looked much better before.
 a) cutting
 b) to cut
 c) to have cut
 d) cut

Task IV. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (postposition) if necessary.

1. If you don't like my suggestion, you must put _____ your own plan.
2. I was reading a book _____ waiting for you.
3. It is not a good habit to read books _____ a meal.
4. When she was going _____ the flower shop she saw some exotic flowers in the shop window.
5. The meeting of the first-year students has been put _____
6. Julia was looking forward _____ Tom's visit.
7. Our teacher gave _____ free tickets to the theatre before the holiday.
8. His face lit _____ when he saw her.
9. A few days ago Roger set _____ for Liverpool.
10. The little boy was pulling _____ his toy-car.
11. The girl was not pretty, but her face was pleasant _____ account of her kind blue eyes.
12. Everybody understood that John was carrying _____ his duties with a great skill.
13. To shorten the way you can go _____ the park.

14. He decided to cut _____ his expenses to save money for the trip.

15. Apples are rich _____ vitamin C.

Task V. *Read the text and translate it into English.*

В темноте коридора Линда не слышала, как Джон подошёл к окну и очень испугалась, услышав чьи-то шаги. Он улыбался, а у неё был такой вид, как будто она увидела привидение за его спиной. Целую минуту ни он ни она не могли сказать ни слова. Потом они оба рассмеялись, и Линда подумала, что если бы она ушла раньше, то не встретила бы Джона до его отъезда в Москву. Улыбаясь, Джон сказал, что позвонит ей как только вернётся в Петербург.

Task VI. *Read the quotation. Agree or disagree with it. Write a short essay on the problem (about 200 – 250 words).*

Television? The word is half Latin and half Greek. No good can come of it.

(Charles P. Scott)

Task VII. *Replace the underlined words with their synonyms.*

1. The secretary carried out his functions efficiently.

2. The date of the Chinese New Year is determined by the lunar calendar.

3. The coach gave them valuable advice.

4. The New Year festivities begin with the new cycle of the moon.
5. I have got hundreds of phone calls this week.
6. In Chinese calendar each year is named for one of 12 symbolic animals in sequence.
7. He is fond of his profession.
8. Jane looked at him with a great interest.
9. The solution of the problem was quite simple.
10. Can you recollect exactly what he looked like?

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