

# Олимпиада «Покори Воробьевы горы» 2012-2013

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### БЛОК I. ЧТЕНИЕ (30 баллов)

**Task 1. Read the text below. For questions 1-5, choose the answer (a, b, c, d) which fits best according to the text. Put your answers on the answer sheet (10 points).**

Back in 2009 I wrote an article with some great quotes from Mark Twain – lecturer, satirist, humorist and author of classic books like *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* – and it became a favorite for me and many readers. A sequel to Mark Twain’s *Top 9 Tips for Living a Wonderful Life* has been in my ideas folder for some time. But today I have completed it. I hope you’ll find the result, these essential tips from Mark Twain inspiring and helpful.

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one.”—This is a very good tip and one of the best ones I have ever discovered and used to handle procrastination. When you start to look too far into the future any task or project can seem close to impossible. And so you shut down because you become overwhelmed or fearful (of success or failure) and start surfing the Internet aimlessly instead. So instead, break that task into small and practical steps.

“I can live for two months on a good compliment.”—Compliments are awesome. But make sure you make it a genuine one. Make sure you really mean it or it may have the opposite effect as your insincerity shines through. Find something a bit unexpected – like great taste in old soul music rather than looks – and something that is important to the other person and make a positive, appreciative comment about that.

“Time cools, time clarifies; no mood can be maintained quite unaltered through the course of hours.”—It’s easy to make bad decisions when you are full of negative emotions. And it is very easy to become riled up, angry or defensive when you, for instance, receive some criticism or when someone is attacking you verbally. This is not a good position to be in to fire away a reply if you don’t want to wind up making the situation worse. And to lash back at this person or to not be the better person here can really hurt your self-esteem. It might feel good for a while to do so but it is a dirty high that comes with a hangover of feeling worse about yourself and subtle or not so subtle self-destructiveness.

“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.”— Spend more time with positive people, books, music, movies and websites. Spend your time in an environment that lifts you up. And spend less time or no time with the negative sources out there. Make a conscious choice and start to shape your environment.

1. This article is

- a) Mark Twain’s *Top 9 Tips for Living a Wonderful Life*.

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- b) a sequel to Mark Twain's Top 9 Tips for Living a Wonderful Life.
  - c) a guide on how to write like Mark Twain.
  - d) a guide on how to live your life like Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer.
2. According to Mark Twain, we cannot make things happen because
- a) we take on impossible tasks.
  - b) we forget to clarify the small steps we need to make to reach our goal.
  - c) we are afraid of the future.
  - d) we surf the Internet instead.
3. When the author speaks about compliments, he mentions that
- a) people easily detect insincere compliments.
  - b) sincerity shines through even the meanest of people.
  - c) you should always compliment the music taste of your friends.
  - d) a great taste for soul music should always be complimented.
4. By "dirty high" the author means
- a) an insincere face.
  - b) a headache.
  - c) a state of excitement because of an important victory.
  - d) a short-term guilty pleasure with unpleasant consequences.
5. By shaping your environment the author means
- a) cleaning the streets and protecting the ozone layer.
  - b) force your friends into adopting a positive lifestyle, even when they might not want to.
  - c) surround yourself with people and information sources that make you happy and help you feel great.
  - d) making new friends in the street.

**Task 2. Put the 5 paragraphs of the text in the logical order. Put the appropriate capital letters according to the logically correct order into the table on the answer sheet. (10 points).**

**The last paragraph is divided into the phrases which should also be put in the logically correct order. Put the appropriate numbers according to the logically correct order into the table on the answer sheet (10 points).**

A. His advanced work in these fields was an outgrowth of his early career as a telegraph operator. Edison originated the concept and implementation of electric-power generation and

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distribution to homes, businesses, and factories – a crucial development in the modern industrialized world. His first power station was on Manhattan Island, New York.

B. Thomas Edison was an American inventor and businessman. He developed many devices that greatly influenced life around the world, including the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and a long-lasting, practical electric light bulb. Dubbed "The Wizard of Menlo Park" (now Edison, New Jersey) by a newspaper reporter, he was one of the first inventors to apply the principles of mass production and large teamwork to the process of invention, and therefore is often credited with the creation of the first industrial research laboratory.

C. Edison is the fourth most prolific inventor in history, holding 1,093 US patents in his name, as well as many patents in the United Kingdom, France, and Germany. He is credited with numerous inventions that contributed to mass communication and, in particular, telecommunications. These included a stock ticker, a mechanical vote recorder, a battery for an electric car, electrical power, recorded music and motion pictures.

D. However, this current system was soon to be outperformed by Nikola Tesla who created a more easily transmitted alternating current (AC) system. Unlike DC, AC could be stepped up to very high voltages with transformers, sent over thinner and cheaper wires, and stepped down again at the destination for distribution to users. The conflict between two systems was called "War of Currents," and Edison was soon dragged deep into it.

E. Edison needed to launch it in order to capitalize on the invention of the electric lamp, which required electricity to work, while back in 1880 there was still no electricity for the masses. So on September 4, 1882, Edison switched on his Pearl Street generating station's electrical power distribution system, which provided 110 volts direct current (DC) to 59 customers in lower Manhattan.

F.

1. As a result of the so-called "war", AC replaced DC in most instances of generation and power distribution, enormously extending the range and improving the efficiency of power distribution.
2. It was his attempt to portray AC to have greater lethal potential than DC.
3. The war against AC led him to become involved in the development and promotion of the electric chair (using AC).
4. He then went on to carry out a brief but intense campaign to ban the use of AC or to limit the allowable voltage for safety purposes, but mostly failed.
5. The use of DC is now limited to high-voltage long-distance transfer systems, industrial batteries and certain industrial machinery, including elevators.

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### БЛОК II. ЛЕКСИКО-ГРАММАТИЧЕСКИЙ ТЕСТ (20 баллов)

**Task 1.** *Fill in the gaps with words of the same root as the ones in the box (there are 2 odd words in the box).*

#### Emerging Talk-Rules: The Mobile Phone

AVAILABLE	VALUE	OFFEND	MINOR	REMINDE	EMERGE	IMPORTANT
APPLY	ABLE	TRADITION	EFFECT	ACCEPT		

Everyone in England has a mobile phone, but still there are no set rules of etiquette governing when, how and in what manner these phones should be used.

Most English people, if asked, agree that talking loudly about banal business or domestic matters on one's mobile while on a train is rude and 1.\_\_\_\_\_. Yet a significant 2.\_\_\_\_\_ of people still do this, and while their fellow passengers may sigh and roll their eyes, they very rarely confront the 3.\_\_\_\_\_ directly – as this would involve breaking other, well-established English rules about talking to strangers, making a scene or drawing attention to oneself.

There are some early signs of 4.\_\_\_\_\_ of the rules regarding mobile-phone use in public places, and it looks as though loud 'I'm on a train' conversations or mobiles ringing in cinemas and theatres may eventually become as rude as queue jumping.

However, there are other aspects of mobile-phone etiquette that are even more blurred and controversial. For example, there are no agreed rules of etiquette on the use of mobile phones during business meetings. Recent research shows that lower-ranking English executives tend to be less courteous, attempting to emphasize their own 5.\_\_\_\_\_ by keeping phones on and taking calls during meetings, while high-ranking people with nothing to prove tend to be more considerate.

There are many other social 6.\_\_\_\_\_ of mobile phones, some of which do not even involve talking on the phone at all, such as the use of the mobile phone itself as a status-signal, particularly among teenagers.

Many women now use their mobiles as 'barrier signals' when on their own in public places, as an alternative to the 7.\_\_\_\_\_ use of a newspaper or magazine to signal that they are 8.\_\_\_\_\_ and mark personal 'territory'. Even when not in use, the mobile placed on the table acts as an 9.\_\_\_\_\_ symbolic bodyguard, a protector against unwanted social contact.

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Until the advent of mobile text messaging, many of us had to live without this kind of small but psychologically and socially important form of communication – a friendly greeting, maybe a scrap of news – but a personal connection, a 10. \_\_\_\_\_ that you are not alone. This new form of communication also requires a new set of rules. Chatting someone up, flirting by text is accepted, even encouraged, but some girls complain that guys use texting as a way of avoiding talking. ‘Dumping’ someone by text-message is widely regarded as cowardly and absolutely unacceptable.

**Task 2.** *Think of one word which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.*

1.
  - He was sent to prison on a drug dealing \_\_\_\_\_.
  - If you don't \_\_\_\_\_ your cell phone now, the battery will die!
  - – How much do you \_\_\_\_\_ for packing the gifts? – Oh, Madam, we pack gifts free of \_\_\_\_\_ here!
2.
  - A \_\_\_\_\_ of attorney is a written authorization to represent or act on another's behalf in private affairs, business, or some other legal matter.
  - What political group is actually in \_\_\_\_\_ in your country?
  - They attained \_\_\_\_\_ by overthrowing the legal government.
3.
  - According to the Magna Charta no person could be kept in prison without a \_\_\_\_\_ trial.
  - You've got beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ hair, I don't recommend you to change the colour.
  - Let me invite you to our annual Book \_\_\_\_\_ – here you will be able to choose any book to your taste.
4.
  - If you \_\_\_\_\_ your visit carefully, you will see Changing of the Queen's Guard at the royal residence, Buckingham Palace.
  - It is high \_\_\_\_\_ for you to make a decision – no more delay!
  - The train was running half an hour behind \_\_\_\_\_.
5.
  - He couldn't make up his \_\_\_\_\_ which course to follow.
  - I'll give him a piece of my \_\_\_\_\_ for telling such a lie!
  - Would you \_\_\_\_\_ handing me that book?

### Блок III. СОЦИОКУЛЬТУРНЫЙ КОМПОНЕНТ (20 баллов)

*For questions 1-10, read the text below and decide which realia best fits each gap (it can be a word or a phrase).*

There is no doubt that every country is unique and has its peculiarities – the UK has some that are really curious. The United Kingdom has \_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_ traffic. The first time that the rule to

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drive on the left was made compulsory was in 1722, to combat increasing traffic congestion on the narrow \_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_ whose width was only 32 metres.

There is a measuring unit that is equal to \_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_ metre. Interestingly enough the name of length unit – yard – has nothing in common with the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police Service of the British capital – Scotland Yard.

For purposes of measuring \_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_, the early measuring unit was divided by the binary method into two, four, eight and sixteen parts. The two most common divisions were the fourth and sixteenth parts. The fourth part was known as the quarter without further qualification, while the sixteenth was called a \_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_. The eighth was sometimes called a \_\_\_\_6\_\_\_\_. One of the versions of the origins of the term is that the measure was invented by King \_\_\_\_7\_\_\_\_ as being the distance between the tip of his nose and the end of his thumb when he stretched his arm sideways.

A foot is a unit of length the size of which varied from system to system, but in each system it is around a quarter to a third of a metre. There is one more measuring unit existing in the English-speaking world that has to be mentioned. It constitutes a part of the name of the \_\_\_\_8\_\_\_\_ – a succession of streets which form the main thoroughfare of the Old Town of the city of Edinburgh in Scotland and is approximately the same length as the Scots mile – \_\_\_\_9\_\_\_\_ metres, while the so-called “international mile” is 1 609.344 metres long. Thus, an indicator marking the distance in these units and also meaning a significant stage in the process of development of something or a crucially important event is called a \_\_\_\_10\_\_\_\_.

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|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1 A old-fashioned | B very heavy | C left-hand       |
| 2 A London Bridge | B embankment | C central streets |
| 3 A 0.3048        | B 0.9144     | C 0.0254          |
| 4 A wood          | B cloth      | C leather         |
| 5 A nail          | B thumb      | C foot            |
| 6 A nose          | B finger     | C arm             |

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7 A Henry I	B Edward II	C Henry VIII
8 A Royal Quarter	B Royal District	C Royal Mile
9 A 1807	B 1000	C 1500
10 A cornerstone	B milestone	C signpost

**Блок IV. WRITING TASK (30 баллов)**

**YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD TRAVEL FOR A YEAR BEFORE ENTERING A UNIVERSITY.**

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why or why not?

Write 120 – 150 words in the space below and then transfer your answers to the answer sheet.