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Блок 1. Лексико-грамматический тест (20 баллов)

Task 1. For questions 1-15 read the text and fill in the gaps with the missing words which you have to **transform** from the given ones in the box below. All the words in the box should be transformed. **You can use each word only once.** There is an example (0) done for you. Transfer your answers to the answer sheet. Each correct answer earns you 1 point.

SPEECH	PRACTISE	ABLE	GRADE
SUSTAIN	HAND	THREE	CONTAIN
COMMERCE	MOVE	EVER	THIS
GENERATE	PLOUGH	ARABILITY	BUDGET

TREATING SOIL LIKE DIRT

A 0. handful of soil contains more microorganisms than the number of people who have ever lived on the planet. All 1._____ microorganisms recycle organic material and 2._____ the soil to better hold water; some 95 per cent of our food is produced from soil. It's a complex, living thing – 3._____ three centimeters of topsoil takes 1,000 years.

And if current rates of 4._____ continue, it will all be gone in the next 60 years. 5._____ in 2015, economist Maria Semedo – deputy director-general of the Food and Agriculture Organisation – warned that a 6._____ of the world's soil is already spoilt, by 2050, the global amount of 7._____ and productive land per person will be a quarter of the level in 1960.

What's causing all this? As writer George M. has said, it is because we've been treating our soil like dirt. Those microorganisms live on carbon. But poor farming 8._____ like tillage, nutrient mismanagement, 9._____ of stubble, and overgrazing use more carbon than we are putting back in. And rather than encouraging farmers to grow more 10._____, the global food system is geared towards short-term profits: as soil is not 11._____ into food, farmers aren't given incentives to invest in their soil. Instead, the focus is on high-yield crops that contain half the micronutrients of older strains. In fact, the latest research shows that any 12._____ at all leads to decline.

Oddly enough, the counterpoint to modern 13._____ farming is right in our backyards. A UK study found that the soil in urban allotments 14._____ much more organic carbon and a quarter more nitrogen than soil from agricultural land. And that's because urban growers use an appropriate technique that has been around 15._____ : cultivating by hand.

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Task 2. For questions 16-20 fill in the gaps with 1 word. There is only 1 word that can be used in all the sentences. Transfer your answers to the answer sheet. Each correct answer earns you 1 point.

16. Sue was in a real _____ about her exams.
What is the current _____ of play?
Tom was in a _____ of permanent depression.
17. These intrusive examples can interrupt the smooth _____ of the text.
He found it rather complicated to follow the _____ of the argument.
I liked the concerto for its natural _____.
18. The situation is _____ our control.
It's _____ me why she wants to marry Ivan.
The handle was just _____ my reach.
19. The gunshot _____ through the forest.
In his speech, the minister merely _____ the views of the chief police officer.
The great hall _____ with laughter.
20. A defender managed to block his _____.
She started the day one _____ off the lead.
I got a good _____ of them at the party.

Блок 2. Понимание письменного текста (20 баллов)

Task 3. Read the text. Match the parts of the sentences of the text. The lines follow in the right order. Use one ending only once. There are **TWO** extra endings.

21. The late nineteenth century witnessed	A. the development of more railroad lines.
22. Even as America was undergoing	B. without being dependent on the railroad lines of the cities.
23. The early suburbs, where wealthy people lived, were built	C. as the use of railroads became more obsolete.
24. The growth of suburbs was pushed	D. urbanization, its urban centers were decentralizing.

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ahead by	
25. These inventions allowed factories and homeowners to locate	E. the beginnings of a process that was to grow throughout the twentieth century. This was the process of suburbanization.
	F. on electric railroad lines.
	G. the invention of the automobile and truck.

For questions 26-49 complete the following tasks:

Task 4. *Two dialogues concerning have been jumbled into one. Each dialogue is between a he and a she. Rearrange the jumbled sentences to make two dialogues: conversation 1(shorter) and 2 (longer). In both dialogues people talk in turn. Transfer your answers to the answer sheet in the correct order (26-47). Each correct answer earns you one half of a point (0,5).*

- A.** All right then. I won't mention it for a week. Then I want to know your decision. Because if you don't get some help, I need to rethink our plans.
- B.** So what? What being devastated has to do with your hugging?
- C.** No, I don't. I mean a general practitioner. May be you can get a patch? Or some pills, well, I don't know, something to help you with the withdrawal.
- D.** Mr. Welvin? You mean Chip Welvin, that handsome guy that invited me out for a cup of coffee the other day? Well, it's no wonder she was in love with him! He's such a charming young man – and *so* handsome! Oh, here he comes now! I think I'll accept that invitation...
- E.** Give me a break! I told you I can explain everything. Just listen to me for a minute, and you'll see. Remember, I listened to you after I found your old boyfriend sleeping in your apartment.
- F.** Okay, I get your point. It's just so hard. You don't really understand because you never smoked.
- G.** You're right, but I do worry about you.
- H.** My dear, please don't go. I think we just need to clear the air. If you will give me a chance to explain, I am sure you will see that you are making a mountain out of molehills. Nothing happened! There is no reason for you to be upset.
- I.** You mean a psychiatrist.
- J.** Oh, yeah? Nothing happened? No reason to be upset whatsoever? So, is hugging your secretary after work a common occurrence? I saw it all; you don't have to explain anything. It was all quite clear!

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- K.** Look, we seem to be having this conversation over and over again. I know how you feel about my smoking. You don't have to tell me every day.
- L.** Honey, why? I swear she doesn't mean beans to me! It wasn't what it looked like. Honestly, I could not care less about her. You are the only one for me, and I couldn't bear to lose you. Please wait!
- M.** I know that you worry about me. But work and school have me so stressed out. May be I'll be able to quit after I graduate.
- N.** Well, now you're really showing your true colors. You are obviously a liar and a cheat. And all this time I thought you were an honorable man. It's a good thing I found out what you are really like before it was too late. You can possibly expect me to believe your story after watching your passionate embrace. Take a hike!
- O.** Let's be honest. There's always going to be a reason not to. After you graduate, it's going to be hard to enter a Master's program, then to find a job, after that there will be stress from just starting a job, then...
- P.** Cut it out. Four-letter words aren't going to help you. Just listen to me! You see, my secretary's old boyfriend, Mr. Welvin, from the other office, broke up with her a couple of months ago. She was devastated.
- Q.** I don't know. I do love you, but I am not sure I could accept everything that goes along with the smoking for the rest of my life. Period. Don't follow me!
- R.** Thanks God for that. I truly believe you need some help. Why don't you go to a doctor?
- S.** Everything! She was crying all the time, and she wasn't getting her work done. She was driving me crazy! I was thinking of firing her. Finally, I suggested that she do something to try to get him back. She thought she could get a rise out of him if he saw her with another man. She said it would make me jealous. So I agreed to help her out. I guess that didn't work.
- T.** Really, I believe I don't need that. I can just quit on my own. But I'll think about that. I honestly will.
- U.** You mean you'd break our engagement over this? I can't believe it!
- V.** Now THAT was a cheap shot, Ronny. He was in the garage, not my apartment, and I certainly wasn't hugging him! I saw you hugging your secretary, you can't deny that. I can't believe I ever trusted you. You're just a ...a...

Task 5. *Based on the conversation/s above, choose the correct answer per question. Each correct answer earns you 1 point.*

- 48.** We CANNOT infer from both conversations that
- A.** he thought she was exaggerating the importance of the situation.
 - B.** she doesn't want to get married.
 - C.** he is surprised.

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- D. she is leaving.
- E. All of the above.

49. Which of the following information is NOT mentioned at least in one of the conversations?

- A. He wanted to get rid of the angry feelings between him and his girlfriend.
- B. When the guy brought up his girl's old boyfriend, she said it was an unfair comparison.
- C. She told him to go away.
- D. He said that swearing at him would not help the situation.
- E. She thinks that he is weak.
- F. All of the above

For questions 50-51 read the text and complete Task 6:

Women's Work magazine is a monthly periodical that deals with women's issues that deals with women's issues, particularly as they relate to business. Meg Carter, a business-woman who was recently appointed as president of Spacotech Industries was featured on the cover of the most recent issue of *Women's Work*. The following is an excerpt from the magazine's interview with Ms. Carter.

Women's Work: Congratulations! I'm certain that I speak for most of the women of America when I say how proud we are of you and your accomplishments. How does it feel to be top banana of one of the most successful companies in the United States?

Meg Carter: Thank you. Right now I feel very lucky, but that doesn't mean I don't appreciate the challenges of managing a billion-dollar corporation. Everything is going well now, but I'm sure that soon I'll have to take the heat for any addition, the company is just starting some bog new projects, and I've got to make them fly in order to prove myself. I'm sure it won't be an easy job.

Women's Work: Meg, a lot of people were surprised by your appointment because no woman has ever held such as high position at Spacotech Industries. Do you feel that being a woman helped or hurt you on your way up the corporate ladder?

Meg Carter: Actually, I think it did both. It is undeniable that being a woman kept me off the fast track during the early days of my career. Women simply were not expected to be promoted to management positions. But even though it probably took me longer than many male executives, I proved that I could be effective. It seems I have a nose for good investment and expansion opportunities – every deal I proposed helped the company grow and prosper, and perhaps because I am a woman, my accomplishments were noticed more easily than those of my male colleagues. Consequently, I think I probably have helped to open doors for a lot of other woman in business.

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Women's Work: Now that you are calling the shots, do you plan to change anything at Spacetech in order to make top management positions more accessible to women?

Meg Carter: Yes. Like all progressive companies, we need to keep up with the times, and that includes providing woman with opportunities to move into positions that were previously closed to them. A lot of woman today are very serious about their careers; when they go to work, they mean business. A fulfilling career means as much to them as it traditionally has to men. Furthermore, we must be sure that we are giving women financial compensation equal to their male counterparts. There are now more women than ever who can't be, or don't want to be, financially dependent on a man. Women are often the principal providers for themselves and their families, so it's up to them to feather their nest. And, of course, women are concerned because they want to build up a good-sized nest egg in case they can no longer work. That means they can no longer be content to be just secretaries. They want more from their jobs – emotionally and financially. We're definitely going to see more and more female executives in corporate boardrooms, at least here at Spacetech.

Woman's Work: Well, Meg, you are a terrific role model for women everywhere, as well as for men. I'm sure that anyone in the business world would be honored to follow in your footsteps. Good luck to you and to Spacetech.

Task 6. *Choose the correct answer per question. Each correct answer earns you 1 point.*

50. The best title for the text would be

- A. Ambitious Women
- B. Call the Shots
- C. Women's Work
- D. Climbing the Corporate Ladder
- E. All of the above
- F. None of the above

51. We **CANNOT** infer from the text that

- A. Although things are running smoothly now, when problems occur, Ms. Carter will have to deal with the pressure and the criticism.
- B. Because of her success and high visibility, she has created opportunities for other women to get ahead.
- C. She realizes the need to stay in tune and up-to-date in company policies and practices.
- D. A great deal of women is financially responsible for providing many material comforts of their homes.
- E. Women do want to save money for a rainy day.

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- F. All of the above.
- G. None of the above.

Блок 3. Творческое задание (60 баллов)

Task 7. *Imagine that this is the year of **MEMORIES** in Russia and all over the world and you, working for **World News** magazine, have to write a news article (300 – 350 words) about some events held in different countries describing the pictures below. Your correct answer gives you 60 points.*

Follow the plan:

1. Make up some special events held this year.
2. Name the date/s of the events and the places.
3. Describe the places and actions in the pictures.
4. Say why such events are important.
5. Use **ONE** the given quotations in your news article, explaining its meaning:

“And the memories of all we have loved stay and come back to us in
the evening of our life. They are not dead but sleep, and it is well to
gather a treasure of them.”

— Vincent van Gogh, The Letters of Vincent van Gogh

"Are memories such an important thing?"

"It depends," she replies, and closes her eyes. "In some cases, they're
the most important thing there is."

— Haruki Murakami

Remember the rules of news article writing. Make sure your article has:

- a headline
- a byline and a placeline
- a lead paragraph
- body paragraphs
- a conclusion

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