

Олимпиада школьников «Покори Воробьевы горы!»  
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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.

THROW	PERFECT	WILL	READ
NOURISH	HIGH	DEVELOP	ENVIRONMENT
SIT	AMOUNT	LABEL	EASTHETE
STARVE	RETAIL	WEAR	EXPECT

**WASTE NOT, WANT NOT**

In the 0. developed world, we all spend money on things we never use: fitness equipment that 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the garage gathering dust, clothes that never get 2. \_\_\_\_\_, books that are left 3. \_\_\_\_\_. But the thing we waste most of all – 4. \_\_\_\_\_ edible, nutritious food.

In fact, it is estimated that up two billion tonnes of edible food is 5. \_\_\_\_\_ away every year. That's half of the world's food. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) says that it 6. \_\_\_\_\_ take US \$30 billion to feed the 870 million people around the world who are chronically 7. \_\_\_\_\_ - yet the value of the food thrown away every year 8. \_\_\_\_\_ to US \$100 billion.

There is something grotesque in the thought that global 9. \_\_\_\_\_ could be avoided, if only we didn't put so much food in the bin. And then there's the 10. \_\_\_\_\_ damage caused by all that food production – according to the FAO, food waste produces 3.3 gigatonnes of CO2 equivalent, and is the third 11. \_\_\_\_\_ emitter in China and the US.

Why all the waste? One reason is our consumer 12. \_\_\_\_\_: 20 to 40 per cent of fruit and vegetables are rejected BEFORE they get into a supermarket – left to rot in fields, or thrown away – because they don't meet 13. \_\_\_\_\_ standards of the 'cosmetically-perfect' food that consumers expect. Food 14. \_\_\_\_\_ is another problem: overzealous sell-by and use-by dates encourage both 15. \_\_\_\_\_ and consumers to ditch good food.

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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. A service charge of 15 % was \_\_\_\_\_ on to the bill.  
Finally, the numbers \_\_\_\_\_ up to exactly 100  
The waiter \_\_\_\_\_ in the cost of drinks.
17. Julia's eyes \_\_\_\_\_ to her lap.  
Martin \_\_\_\_\_ the second set but came back to win the match.  
He spoke with a thick accent and \_\_\_\_\_ his aitches.
18. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the letter back into its envelope.  
Unexpectedly, Tom \_\_\_\_\_ into a coma.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ a coat over his sweatshirt.
19. He is only 9 but he's already a \_\_\_\_\_ poet.  
It took a \_\_\_\_\_ eye to spot the difference.  
Alex has creative ideas but he isn't \_\_\_\_\_ in the art of marketing.
20. The apartment is \_\_\_\_\_ to the job, so we'll have to move when I retire.  
Nobody wants to be \_\_\_\_\_ to coming home at a particular time.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ for second place.

**Блок 2. Понимание письменного текста (20 баллов)**

**Task 3.** *Two dialogues have been mixed together. Rearrange the mixed sentences to recreate two dialogues: one between two friends and the other between two people who don't know each other. In both dialogues people talk in turn. Transfer your answers to the answer sheet (boxes 21-44). Each correct answer earns you 0,5.*

*A dialogue between two friends*

*A dialogue between two people who don't know each other*

- A. Which day? Sunday the sixteenth is sold out, but we have a few tickets for Friday the fourteenth and both Friday and Sunday the twenty—first and twenty-second.
- B. Actually we do. Seat AA-eleven. It's here on the chart.

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- C.** Okay. How about a quick bite at the Grill? You have to eat sometime, and it's right by the library. I'll go over there with you after dinner, and you can study for your paper while I study for my test.
- D.** The Sunday ticket, please.
- E.** Yes.
- F.** Well...
- G.** Yes, that's the date I had in mind.
- H.** Do you have any twenty-five dollar seats left at the front of the first balcony?
- I.** Oh. Okay. I'll take that one.
- J.** Going home together would be nice but...
- K.** Just one ticket, right?
- L.** Me too. Okay, I need to go home first, and then I'll meet you at the Grill. Is that all right?
- M.** At the front in the middle of the first balcony or the back for the ground floor.
- N.** Let's go swimming over to the student centre.
- O.** Come on. You'll probably want to stay late, and you shouldn't walk home after dark. I'll stay until you are ready to go.
- P.** The Sunday twenty-second?
- Q.** I'd like to, but I have a paper due on Friday, and I haven't started it yet.
- R.** And the fifteen-dollar seats?
- S.** Okay. We have fifteen-dollar seats, twenty-five dollar seats and seventy-dollar seats, depending on where you want to sit. And of course, we have season tickets for the entire concert series.
- T.** Look, we really wouldn't be wasting any time. We'd just be doing everything we need to do, but we'd be doing it together. I just want to spend time with you.
- U.** On the extreme sides of the first balcony and the back of the first balcony as well as the entire second balcony.
- V.** I'd like a ticket to the Autumn Symphony Concert at the National Opera House, please.
- W.** That's great. We'll get everything done, you'll see.
- X.** Where are the twenty-five dollar seats?

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**Task 4.** *The following questions (45-46) deal with the two dialogues above. Each correct answer earns you 1 point.*

**45.** We can definitely infer from the dialogue between friends that they are

- A. secondary-school students
- B. university students
- C. High-school students
- D. Boarding school students
- E. None of the above

**46.** We **CANNOT** infer from both conversations that they are taking place

- A. between a man and a woman
- B. in the USA
- C. between peers
- D. between a boy and a girl
- E. All of the above
- F. None of the above

*For questions 47-52 read the text and complete the tasks 5 and 6 that follow.*

“Hi, I’m Mixie Mitz, your favorite talk show **hostess**. It’s nice of you to drop in this afternoon for “True or False?” the show that always has the last word! No matter how outrageous the rumors you’ve heard, I’ll let you know if you can believe it. This week I heard some fantastic stories that I just can’t keep bottled up any longer! My guests have inquired about everything from Lady Gaga to UFOs – get the picture? I’m sure you will love the show today, so let’s get started!

My first question comes from Margo, in Florida. Hi, Margo, you’re on the air!”

“Hi, Mixie! Is it true that Lady Gaga is planning to show up on stage with minimum clothing on during her coming concert tour?”

“Well, Lady Gaga’s outfits in the past have been pretty wild, but I have heard that she hired a new designer to create a completely different look for her, I don’t know what it is, but I’m sure it will be out of this world; Lady Gaga never fails to scandalize the public.”

“Next, I have a question from Michael, in Alaska. Go ahead, Michael!

“Mixie, I was just wondering what you think of the rumor that Elvis Presley’s fan club has stayed in touch with Presley’s spirit by hiring a psychic to relay messages back and forth.”

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“Michael, if that’s true, then Elvis Presley is a fair-weather friend – it seems that the fan club hears from the dead singer only when the psychic collects her high fee as a ‘celebrity messenger’. And in case you’re interested, according to the hired psychic, Elvis is doing fine, but he misses his favorite guitar.”

“Let’s move on now to a question from Lindy, from Wisconsin. Are you there, Lindy?”

“Yeah, I’m here. Hi, Mixie. Someone told me that a UFO crashed last week, and the bodies of the space aliens are being studied by the CIA. True or false?”

“Lindy, I guess I travel in the wrong circles because I do not personally know and space aliens, and the CIA is very secretive about their operations. However, I don’t believe the story. I think that people who report on visits from extraterrestrial beings normally end up with egg on their face when the stories are proved false.

Well, that’s all for today. Join me next week on “True or False?” when we discuss alligators living in the White House swimming pool, and whether there really once was a woman pope!”

**Task 5.** *Choose the correct answer per question (A, B, C, D or E). Each correct answer earns you 1 point (47-49).*

**47.** The best title for the text would be

- A. Gossip Girl
- B. Give Her The Last Word
- C. “True or False?” TV Show
- D. Show Must Go On
- E. All of the above
- F. None of the above

**48.** The word “hostess” in the first sentence should be best

- A. substituted by “ anchoress”
- B. substituted by “female”
- C. left unchanged
- D. substituted by “host”
- E. substituted by “person”

**49.** We can NOT infer from the text that

- A. Mixie Mitz is pleased that her audience could visit the show for a few minutes.

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- B. Mixie said that Lady Gaga's new look would be extraordinary.
- C. Mixie believed that there would probably be many people who would get excited upon seeing the famous star on stage.
- D. Mixie admitted that she probably associates with the people who cannot help her to find out for sure if the rumors about a UFO are true.
- E. All of the above
- F. None of the above

**Task 6.** *Decide if the following statements are **True** (T if the statement agrees with the information given in the text) or **False** (F if the statement contradicts the information in the text and/or if there is no information on this). Each correct answer earns you 1 point (50-52).*

- 50. Mixie mentions a couple of the topics she would discuss, in hopes that her audience would understand that she has a very wide range of topics.
- 51. Mixie said that if it is true that the medium transmits messages to and from Presley, then it shows that Elvis only responds in a friendly manner when there is money involved.
- 52. Mixie feels that anyone who retells stories about space aliens is likely to feel very mixed-up when the truth is discovered.

**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 (200 – 250 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 the given quotation in your news article, explaining its meaning:

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*“Memories warm you up from the inside. But they also tear you apart.”*

– Haruki Murakami, *Kafka on the Shore*

*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

