

## Задания заключительного тура олимпиады по английскому языку

**Reading.** You have 30 minutes to complete the task.

1. Read the text and choose the right answer. Only one answer is correct.

### Mr Know-All

I was prepared to dislike Max Kelada even before I knew him. The war had just finished and the passenger traffic in the ocean-going liners was heavy. Accommodation was very hard, you could not hope for a cabin to yourself and I was thankful to be given one in which there were only two berths. But when I was told the name of my companion my heart sank. I felt sure the name of Kelada suggested that the man was born under a bluer sky than is generally seen in England. It, therefore, meant closed portholes and the night air rigidly excluded.

When I went on board I found Mr Kelada's luggage already below. I did not like the look of it; there were too many labels on the suit-cases, and the wardrobe trunk was too big. I made my way into the smoking-room. I had scarcely started patience before a man came up to me and asked me if he was right in thinking my name was so and so.

"I am Mr Kelada," he added, with a smile that showed a row of flashing teeth, and sat down.

I did not like Mr Kelada.

I not only shared a cabin with him and ate three meals a day at the same table, but I could not walk round the deck without his joining me. It was impossible to snub him. He was certain that you were as glad to see him as he was to see you. He was a good mixer, and in three days knew everyone on board. He ran everything, conducted the auctions, organized the concert and arranged the fancy-dress ball. We called him Mr Know-All, even to his face. He knew everything better than anybody else. He would not drop a subject till he had brought you round to his way of thinking. The possibility that he could be mistaken never occurred to him. He was the chap who knew.

We shared the table with the Ramsays. Mr Ramsay was as dogmatic as Mr Kelada and the discussions they had were acrimonious and interminable.

Ramsay was in the American Consular Service and was stationed at Kobe. He was on his way back to resume his post, having been on a flying visit to New York

to fetch his wife who had been spending a year at home. Mrs Ramsay was a very pretty little thing, with pleasant manners and a sense of humour. The Consular Service is ill-paid, and she was dressed always very simply; but she knew how to wear her clothes.

One evening at dinner the conversation by chance drifted to the subject of pearls. There had been in the papers a good deal of talk about the culture pearls which the cunning Japanese were making. They were very good already; they would soon be perfect. Mr Kelada, as was his habit, rushed the new topic. He told us all that was to be known about pearls. I do not believe Ramsay knew anything about them at all, but he could not resist the opportunity to have a fling at Mr Kelada, and in five minutes we were in the middle of a heated argument. At last something that Ramsay said stung Mr Kelada, for he thumped the table and shouted:

"Well, I ought to know what I am talking about. I'm going to Japan just to check and look into this Japanese pearl business. I'm in the trade and there's not a man in it who won't tell you that what I say about pearls goes. I know all the best pearls in the world, and what I don't know about pearls isn't worth knowing."

Here was news for us, for Mr Kelada, had never told anyone what his business was. He looked round the table triumphantly.

"They'll never be able to get a culture pearl that an expert like me can't tell with half an eye." He pointed to the chain that Mrs Ramsay wore. "You take my word for it, Mrs Ramsay, that chain you're wearing will never be worth a cent less than it is now. Gee, I said to myself, those are pearls all right."

Mrs Ramsay in her modest way flushed a little and slipped the chain inside her dress. Ramsay leaned forward.

"You'll be surprised to hear that Mrs Ramsay bought that chain at a department store the day before we left New York, for eighteen dollars. Will you bet on it? I'll bet you a hundred dollars it's imitation."

"Done. Let me look at the chain, and if it's imitation I'll tell you quickly enough. I can afford to lose a hundred dollars," said Mr Kelada.

"Take it off, dear. Let the gentleman look at it as much as he wants."

Mrs Ramsay hesitated a moment. Ramsay jumped up.

"I'll undo it."

He handed the chain to Mr Kelada. The latter took a magnifying glass from his pocket and closely examined it. A smile of triumph spread over his smooth and he

was about to speak. Suddenly he caught sight of Mrs Ramsay's face. It was so white, she was staring at him with wide and terrified eyes. They held a desperate appeal; it was so clear that I wondered why her husband did not see it.

Mr Kelada stopped with his mouth open. You could almost see the effort he was making over himself.

"I was mistaken," he said. "It's a very good imitation, but of course as soon as I looked through my glass I saw that it wasn't real. I think eighteen dollars is just about as much as the damned thing's worth."

He took out his pocket book and from it a hundred-dollar bill. He handed it to Ramsay without a word.

The next morning, I asked Mr Kelada:

"Were the pearls real?"

"If I had a pretty little wife I shouldn't let her spend a year in New York while I stayed at Kobe," said he.

At that moment I did not entirely dislike Mr Kelada.

1. The narrator disliked Mr Kelada because...
  - a) he didn't want to share a cabin with anyone
  - b) the latter closed portholes and excluded the night air
  - c) he was prejudiced against the name
  - d) the luggage looked suspicious
  
2. Mr Kelada was definitely enjoying the voyage because...
  - a) he was the owner of the ship
  - b) he was an outgoing person
  - c) he easily brought everyone round to his way of thinking
  - d) everyone called him Mr Know-All
  
3. Mr Ramsay could not miss an opportunity...
  - a) to give his expert opinion on pearls
  - b) to inform everyone about culture pearls
  - c) to show off in front of his fellow passengers
  - d) to ridicule Mr Kelada

4. Mr Kelada was travelling to Japan...

- a) to give advice on pearls
- b) to set up his own business
- c) to trade in pearls
- d) to study the local pearl business

5. Mrs Ramsay's silent appeal to Mr Kelada meant that she...

- a) had a secret to hide from her husband
- b) didn't want to lose money being in strained circumstances
- c) wanted her husband to earn some money by betting
- d) was afraid of her husband being humiliated in public

**2. Read the text and complete the missing parts choosing from the variants below. There is one extra variant which you don't need to use.**

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had one child, ...**1** and his name was Pat. Now Mrs. Taylor was expecting another child. Pat had seen babies in other people's houses and ...**2** . So he was not delighted about the news that ...**3** .

One evening Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were making plans ...**4** . "This house ...**5** when the baby comes. I suppose ...**6** and move to that," said Mr. Taylor finally. Pat had been playing outside ...**7** and said: "What were you talking about?" "We were saying that ...**8** now because the new baby is coming," his mother answered. "I think, ...**9**", said Pat hopelessly, "...**10**".

- A. we'll have to move to another house
- B. for the baby's arrival
- C. he was a seven-year old boy
- D. was looking forward to the baby's arrival
- E. we'll have to find a larger house
- F. it's no use
- G. hadn't liked them very much
- H. he'll follow us there
- I. there was soon going to be one in his house
- J. but he came into the room just then
- K. won't be big enough for us all

**Grammar and vocabulary.** You have 45 minutes to complete the task.

**1. Complete the story by supplying the correct form of the verb.**

By the time Mrs. Richards, a rich widow, met Denis she ...**1(to be)** no longer young.

Since she ...**2(to feel)** very lonely and neglected she decided to move to a hotel on the south-west coast of England where the climate is mild.

Mrs. Richards' only companions were two ugly little dogs. They would never stop ...**3(to bark)** and therefore, ...**4(to hate)** by the other guests of the hotel.

Denis, a young porter in that hotel, seemed the only one ...**5(to share)** Mrs. Richards' love for her pets and didn't mind ...**6(to take care)** of them. Soon the old lady and the young man became inseparable. They often ...**7(to see)** ...**8(to walk)** the dogs together.

"I never ...**9(to be)** a happier person ever since I ...**10(to have)** you, Denis", Mrs. Richards used ...**11(to say)**. Their friendship ...**12(to last)** for a long time. The young man was sure that when the old lady ...**13(to die)** she ...**14(to leave)** him all her money for what he ...**15(to do)** for her all that time. "These dogs ...**16(to be sure)** ...**17(to make)** me rich", he thought.

The bitter truth ...**18(to be)** yet ...**19(to come)**. The only inheritance he got ...**20(to be)** the two ugly little dogs.

**2. Choose the correct variant**

The British people love to travel. It is very easy for them to travel because there are hundreds of ...**1** with Europe and the rest of the world nowadays and people ...**2** of that.

Travel is said to ...**3** the mind. But does it really do this for the majority of people who go abroad? A typical tourist who goes to another country ...**4** a package holiday will probably travel at peak time, when the airports are crowded. His charter flight may be ...**5** a few hours. When he arrives at his destination, he may well find that the facilities promised in the holiday brochure are not ...**6** to his expectations.

Sometimes people arrive at hotels that haven't even been built yet. In the ...7 area there are few chances of meeting ...8 people and tourists often go home with little or no new ...9 into another ...10. So travelling can be both exciting and stressful, enjoyable and frustrating.

1. A) roads; B) ways; C) links
2. A) take advantage; B) take pleasure; C) take care
3. A) widen; B) broaden; C) increase
4. A) for; B) because of; C) on
5. A) dismissed; B) delayed; C) cancelled
6. A) up; B) forward; C) near
7. A) overprofitable; B) overmercantile; C) overcommercialized
8. A) local; B) native; C) aborigine
9. A) understanding; B) perception; C) insights
10. A) civilization; B) culture; C) society

**3. Fill in the spaces in the following text using a suitable form of the word in brackets.**

When you pack your bags to travel around the world, consider these keys to a happy journey:

Travel expectantly. Every place you visit is like a surprise package to open. ...1(*tie*) the strings with an expectation of an adventure.

Travel with an open mind. Leave you prejudices at home and be ready to meet with the ...2(*expect*).

Travel with curiosity. It is not how far you go, but it is the ...3(*deep*) that mines the gold of experience.

Travel fearlessly. Get rid of worry and ...4(*timid*).

Travel patiently. It takes time to understand others, so keep flexible and ...5(*adapt*) to all situations.

**Writing.** You have **45** minutes to complete the task.

**Write an essay using 200-250 words.**

*The three most important principles which you follow.*

## **Аудирование**

### **Listening**

#### **Valentine's Day, or Love is in the Air**

It's that time of the year when couples show their love for each other by sending cards, flowers and chocolates. But Valentine's Day is not only about **public displays of affection**: in recent years it has also become big business. In the UK alone, more than £20 million is spent on flowers, whilst in the United States over \$1 billion is **forked out** on chocolates.



Although Valentine's Day has become a global industry with more than 80 million roses sold worldwide, the origins of the day are unclear and **hidden in the mists of time**. Nobody knows exactly who St Valentine was, although some historians suggest he was a Roman **martyred** in the third century AD by a Roman Emperor. It is said that the first **recorded** Valentine's card was sent by the **imprisoned** Duke of Orleans in 1415. It is believed that he **sought solace** from his **confinement** by writing love poems to his wife.

Valentine's Day, or its **equivalent**, is now celebrated in many countries around the world. However, the traditions often differ from place to place. In Japan, for example, it is **customary** for the woman to send chocolates to the man, whilst in Korea April 14th is known as 'Black Day' and is when the unfortunate men who received nothing on Valentine's Day gather to eat noodles and **commiserate with** each other.

Technological developments have also played their part in keeping Valentine's Day relevant in the 21st century. Valentine's **e-cards** have been **all the rage** in recent years. However, internet security experts urge web users to be **wary** as **malicious hackers** could use e-cards to spread **viruses** and **spyware**.

Valentine's cards can also be used for less than romantic purposes. Police in the UK city of Liverpool sent Valentine's cards to criminals who failed to appear in court or have not paid fines.

The cards contained the verse, "Roses are red, violets are blue, you've got a **warrant**, and we'd love to see you." Who says romance is dead?

**You will hear a text on Valentine's Day. For items 1-5 decide whether the statements are TRUE, FALSE or the statement is NOT STATED on the tape. You have 5 minutes to complete the task.**

1. St Valentine was a famous Roman Emperor who was famous as a romantic.

TRUE      FALSE      NOT STATED

2. The very first Valentine's card was sent over 500 years ago.

TRUE      FALSE      NOT STATED

3. Disappointed Korean men who have received no Valentine`s cards eat a special dish in April.

TRUE      FALSE      NOT STATED

4. Some Valentine`s cards are now sent through cyberspace.

TRUE      FALSE      NOT STATED

5. Policemen in Liverpool are looking for love by sending out many Valentine`s cards.

TRUE      FALSE      NOT STATED