

# Материалы заключительного очного тура олимпиады «Учитель школы будущего» по иностранным языкам

## Английский язык

### Письменный тур

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

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

#### Food

When I was at school, our teacher told the class 'You are what you eat.' My friends and I would laugh and call each other 'hamburger', "chocolate" and 'biscuits'. For someone, it may sound a bit ridiculous. Does food make me what I really am? Ok, it is not strange that books you read can show who you are. You can be judged by the friends you have. Music and films you like can also show what kind of person you are. But food? Well, our inner world definitely plays an important role if to talk about our personalities. However, we also have bodies – physical shells where our inner world hides. Whether you like it or not, but these physical bodies are made up of what we eat.

This was years ago when I was at school, as I've mentioned. Anyway, we decided to try and say no to our traditional "chips" lunches. We replaced them with boiled potatoes. We also started using semi-skimmed milk instead of whole milk in our cups of tea and bowls of cornflakes. At first I felt like I was eating my cornflakes in water and my potatoes had no taste at all. But after a while I started to prefer healthier food because I felt stronger and I didn't get

sick so often. Ever since then I chose to eat healthy, even if I'm looking for a snack. But ... I seem to be in the minority.

When most people all over the world are looking for a quick, easy meal on the go, fast food seems to be the most common solution. With good efficient service, affordable prices and casual atmosphere, fast food looks like the ideal choice. It is just everywhere. And on top of that, fast food companies encourage their customers to eat more. They offer over-sized burgers, extra-large servings of French fries, and big portions of Coke. What's more, these "large versions" are usually cheaper. These products have loads of calories, sugars and fats. A typical hamburger at a fast food restaurant weighs 170 grams. Just out of interest, in 1957, it was just about 50 grams. According to one nutritionist, your average fast food meal is more like three normal meals. The average meal at a McDonald's has 1,550 calories.

Fast food doesn't get spoilt. This is because it is loaded with chemicals and preservatives. There's of course, the great video out on YouTube called "The Bionic Burger" that illustrates this in a funny and informative way. It is based on a true story. In 1991, an engineer from Burlington (Vermont, the USA) was out with friends for New Year's Eve and stopped at McDonald's on the way home. He bought a couple of cheeseburgers, ate one and put the other in his coat pocket to have later. And he forgot about it. A year later, he took the coat out of the closet, put it on, and discovered the cheeseburger in his pocket from New Year's Eve. It looked exactly the same.

It is surprising that most people don't think that fast food is the best choice. Still they can't stop going to fast food restaurants as they are addicted to them. At the same time most restaurants offer healthy dishes on the menu, such as vegetables. But you don't go to McDonalds for a green salad or a yoghurt. The unhealthy hamburgers, French fries and milkshakes are more common and attractive. And to many people they are tastier than low calorie dishes.

There is no problem with eating fast food occasionally. If you really are dying for a hamburger, go and get it. Or in case you're having a stressful day and there's no time for a proper lunch. Just for that day you may allow yourself a fast food meal. However, if you are eating it more than once a week, consider ordering some healthier options that are more nutritional.

1. When our teacher said “You are what you eat”, he meant ... .
  - a) our inner world depended on what we ate
  - b) we had food stains on our clothes
  - c) we ate too much junk food
  - d) our health and our looks depended on what we ate
2. When the author started having healthy lunches, ... .
  - a) he didn't eat boiled vegetables
  - b) he didn't like them at first
  - c) he often felt sick and dizzy
  - d) at first he liked them
3. An average lunch at a fast food restaurant ... .
  - a) is much bigger than at home
  - b) is the healthiest choice on the go
  - c) is much cheaper than at home
  - d) is as rich as home-made
4. The incident with a cheeseburger showed that ... .
  - a) burgers weigh more today than in the past
  - b) burgers can stay unchanged for about a year
  - c) burgers look exactly as they did in the past
  - d) burgers tasted the same a year later
5. The author believes that today ... .
  - a) if you eat fast food once a week, it's unhealthy
  - b) most people think that fast food is the best choice
  - c) fast food doesn't make people addicted to it
  - d) McDonald's offers options as well

**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 Grey was the manager of a small office in London. He lived in the country **1)** \_\_\_\_ by train. He liked walking from the station to his office **2)** \_\_\_\_ because **3)** \_\_\_\_.

One morning he was walking along the street **4)** \_\_\_\_ and said: “**5)** \_\_\_\_, but seven years ago I came to London **6)** \_\_\_\_”. I stopped you in this street and

asked you 7) \_\_\_\_\_. And you gave me five pounds because, you said 8) \_\_\_\_\_ so as to give a man a start on the road to success.

Mr Grey thought for a few moments and then said: "Yes, I remember you. 9) \_\_\_\_\_?"

"Well," - answered the stranger, "10) \_\_\_\_\_?"

- A. What do you want now
- B. to lend me some money
- C. unless it was raining
- D. are you still willing to take the chance
- E. it gave him some exercise
- F. and came up to work
- G. Did you become a rich man
- H. You may not remember me
- I. you were willing to take a chance
- J. without a penny in my pocket
- K. when a stranger stopped him

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

**1. Fill in the spaces in the following text using a suitable form of the word on the right.**

Humans have been using names since 1) \_\_\_\_\_ times. Although all cultures use names, the ways of naming our children differ from place to place. Sometimes our names carry information about our family roots or in the case of some African cultures, the order in which each sibling is born.

It appears that parents are more 2) \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to naming daughters. Boys' names tend to be more traditional and expected. Here favourites change less

- 1) HISTORY
- 2) ADVENTURE
- 3) FREQUENCY
- 4) MUSIC
- 5) PREDICT
- 6) LEAD
- 7) USUALLY
- 8) CARE

3) \_\_\_\_.

A fairly recent trend in choosing a name has meant that there are now generations of young people named after 4) \_\_\_\_, film stars and even designer clothes labels. Children today get names which are absolutely 5) \_\_\_\_\_. For instance, following the success of "The Matrix", fans started calling their children Morpheus and Trinity after the 6) \_\_\_\_ characters. Colours have also entered the arena of 7) \_\_\_\_ names with Pink, Ruby and Scarlet popular choices for girls and Blue and Grey for boys.

There is little to be done about the name you were given as a child but maybe we ought to think more 8) \_\_\_\_ about the names we choose. It would be sad to think that names that have been good enough for Kings, Queens, heroes and heroines throughout history will lose to passing trends. So, let's have more Georges, Henrys, Katherines and Annes and less Hilfigers, Khakis, Chelseas and Pinks!

## 2. Choose the correct variant

Close your wallets and purses, put away your credit cards and give up the love of your life - shopping. Can you really buy absolutely nothing for just one day? You might say "Sure!" but can you really go one 1) \_\_\_\_ day without buying anything? Try it!

Buy Nothing Day is an international day of protest against too much shopping. It was 2) \_\_\_\_ for the first time in Vancouver, Canada in 1992. Since then it has become an annual 3) \_\_\_\_ in over 65 countries.

Buy Nothing Day is your special day to unshop, unspend, relax and do nothing for the economy and for yourself - at least for a single day.

It's a day when you challenge yourself, your family and friends to 4) \_\_\_\_ off from shopping and see real life. The rules are simple, for 24 hours you will be free from shopping and anyone can take part provided they spend a day without spending!

Buy Nothing Day makes people think about what they buy and the possible 5) \_\_\_\_ the product may have on the environment. For example, if

you buy a new pair of trainers, do you know where they were made and if the workers are treated well by the company?

Ask yourself some questions: Do I need it? How many do I already have? Will it last a long time? Could I **6)** \_\_\_ it from a friend instead? Is it **7)** \_\_\_? Now you know what a Buy Nothing Day is. How are you going to spend it?

1. A) total                      B) whole                      C) all                      D) filled
2. A) commemorated    B) remembered    C) partied                      D) celebrated
3. A) event                      B) case                      C) incident                      D) episode
4. A) shift                      B) switch                      C) cut                      D) put
5. A) affects                      B) results                      C) actions                      D) effects
6. A) lend                      B) copy                      C) give                      D) borrow
7. A) restorative                      B) reversible                      C) recyclable                      D) renewable

### 3. Fill the gaps in the following text with one suitable word

Most people look back on school with fond memories, but while they are going through the experience they can't **1)** \_\_\_ for it to **2)** \_\_\_ over. One joke that students are very **3)** \_\_\_ of repeating is that **4)** \_\_\_ they like best about school is breaks. And what they **5)** \_\_\_ forward **6)** \_\_\_ most of all is the end of the term and **7)** \_\_\_ on holiday. I think it would be unrealistic to **8)** \_\_\_ much enthusiasm from children for maths **9)** \_\_\_ a Monday morning.

Oddly enough, I liked school at the time and remember most of my old teachers with affection. Moreover, I am quite **10)** \_\_\_ on my job and enjoy the company of noisy children. However, there are some things I want my students to do if we are all **11)** \_\_\_ get on well. The first thing I tell **12)** \_\_\_ is that I will **13)** \_\_\_ accept bullying or disrespect towards other students. I hope I am **14)** \_\_\_ being too strict or old-fashioned but I do **15)** \_\_\_ all members of the class to **16)** \_\_\_ respected.

Outside class, I don't feel **17)** \_\_\_\_ marking huge piles of examination scripts. I simply **18)** \_\_\_\_ stand the idea of **19)** \_\_\_\_ hours writing corrections in red ink, knowing that most students will not bother even to **20)** \_\_\_\_ at them.

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

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

*The beauty of the world is in its diversity.*

## Устный тур

### Listening

#### Peace symbols

The concept of peace is a very important one in cultures all over the world. Think about how we greet people. In some languages, the phrases for greetings contain the word for peace. In some cultures we greet people by shaking hands or with another gesture to show that we are not carrying weapons - that we come in peace. And there are certain symbols which people in very different cultures recognise as representing peace. Let's look at the origins of a few of them.

#### The dove

The dove has been a symbol of peace and innocence for thousands of years in many different cultures. In ancient Greek mythology it was a symbol of love and the renewal of life. In ancient Japan a dove carrying a sword symbolised the end of war.

There was a tradition in Europe that if a dove flew around a house where someone was dying then their soul would be at peace. And there are legends which say that the devil can turn himself into any bird except for a dove. In Christian art, the dove was used to symbolise the Holy Ghost and was often painted above Christ's head.

But it was Pablo Picasso who made the dove a modern symbol of peace when he used it on a poster for the World Peace Congress in 1949.

#### The rainbow



The rainbow is another ancient and universal symbol, often representing the connection between human beings and their gods. In Greek mythology it was associated with Iris, the goddess who brought messages from the gods on Mount Olympus. In Scandinavian mythology the rainbow was a bridge between the gods and the earth. In the Bible a rainbow showed Noah that the Biblical flood was finally over, and that God had forgiven his people. In the Chinese tradition, the rainbow is a common symbol for marriage because the colours represent the union of yin and yang. Nowadays the rainbow is used by many popular movements for peace and the environment, representing the possibility of a better world in the future and promising sunshine after the rain.

### Mistletoe

This plant was sacred in many cultures, generally representing peace and love. Most people know of the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe at Christmas time, which probably comes from Scandinavian mythology. The goddess Freya's son was killed by an arrow made of mistletoe, so, in honour of him, she declared that it would always be a symbol of peace. It was often hung in doorways as a sign of friendship.

The ancient Druids believed that hanging mistletoe in your doorway protected you from evil spirits. Tribes would stop fighting for a period of time if they found a tree with mistletoe. But you will never see mistletoe in a Christian church - it is banned because of its associations with pagan religion and superstition.

### The olive branch

The olive tree has always been a valuable source of food and oil. In Greek mythology, the goddess Athene gave the olive tree to the people of Athens, who showed their gratitude by naming the city after her. But no one knows for sure when or why it began to symbolise peace. There is probably a connection with ancient Greece. Wars between states were suspended during the Olympic Games, and the winners were given crowns of olive branches. The symbolism may come from the fact that the olive tree takes a long time to produce fruit, so olives could only be cultivated successfully in long periods of peace. Whatever the history, the olive branch is a part of many modern flags symbolising peace and unity. One well-known example is the United Nations symbol.

## Listening

### Task

**You will hear a person speaking about peace symbols.**

**Listen to the recording and decide if the following statements are True, False or Not stated.**

**You will hear the recording twice.**

1. In some cultures we greet people by shaking hands to show that we are not armed.  
1) True    2) False    3) Not stated
2. In ancient Japan a dove carrying a sword meant the beginning of war.  
1) True    2) False    3) Not stated
3. Christianity made the dove a symbol of peace.  
1) True    2) False    3) Not stated
4. The rainbow was a link between the people and God.  
1) True    2) False    3) Not stated
5. Myths say that rainbows were created by gods.  
1) True    2) False    3) Not stated
6. Kissing under the mistletoe brought good luck and money.  
1) True    2) False    3) Not stated
7. Christian churches are decorated with mistletoe.  
1) True    2) False    3) Not stated
8. The olive tree was a gift to the Greek citizens.  
1) True    2) False    3) Not stated
9. Winners of the Olympic games planted olive trees.  
1) True    2) False    3) Not stated
10. Olives are easy and quick to cultivate.  
1) True    2) False    3) Not stated

**Дополнительные вопросы:**

- 1) Is it more important to be a "man of success" or a "man of value"? And what is the difference?
- 2) Do you agree that kindness (intelligence) has little survival value?
- 3) Do you agree that what our society needs is higher ethical values?
- 4) Comment on the basic values of the modern society.
- 5) Do you agree that for the triumph of evil it's only necessary that good men do nothing?
- 6) Do you agree that you can't teach a man anything, you can only help him discover it in himself.
- 7) Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing, do you agree?
- 8) Do you think that education is useless if it doesn't teach values? why?

**Card # \_\_\_\_\_**

Speak on the given topic. Remember to express your opinion. You have **5** minutes to get ready. You have **2** minutes to speak on the topic.

***I may say, "Be honest, kind and try to think of other people". This sounds easy, but it is really difficult to practice at all times.***