



ЗАДАНИЯ

для проведения городских, районных олимпиад
по учебному предмету «Английский язык»

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IX класс

Максимальное количество баллов: 70

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form (16 points).

Dear Ann,

I just **1 (to hear)** that my mother **2 (not to be)** very well lately, and I **3 (to like)** to go and see her. The trouble is I can't take my dog Tim with me. You **4 (to think)** you could look after him for a week? You **5 (to have)** him for a week last year, and you **6 (to say)** he **7 (to be)** no trouble, and **8 (to get)** on well with your dog.

If you could have him, I would bring him along any time that **9 (to suit)** you. He **10 (to have)** his own bed and bowl, and I **11 (to bring)** enough tinned dog food to last him a week.

But if it **12 (not to be)** convenient, **13 (not to hesitate)** to say so. There **14 (to be)** quite good kennels near here. He **15 (to be)** there once before and **16 (to seem)** to get on all right.

Love, Sue.

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2. Fill in a/an/the/-- (13 points)

Nowadays 1)_____ scientists are worried about 2)_____ change of 3)_____ world's climate, which is getting warmer. What is causing it and is there 4)_____ solution to 5)_____ problem? In recent years, deserts, like 6)_____ Sahara, have grown larger, 7)_____ Northern Europe has grown wetter, the ice at 8)_____ Poles has begun to melt. 9)_____ S/some small islands in 10)_____ Pacific have disappeared. 11)_____ M/most scientists agree that 12)_____ first of all we must cut down 13)_____ amount of greenhouse gases we produce.

3. Think of the word that best fits each gap. Use ONE word for each gap (11 points).

Since April of 2014, anyone 1)_____ climbs Mount Everest in Nepal faces a new rule. They 2)_____ now required to collect not only their own rubbish, but also 3)_____ least eight kilos of litter left on the mountain by previous climbers. The mountain has 4)_____ climbed more 5)_____ 6,000 times in the past 60 years. This surge in tourism has boosted Nepal's economy but also littered Everest 6)_____ cans, bottles, oxygen tanks and other junk. The new rule applies 7)_____ anyone who travels beyond the mountain's base camp. The Nepalese tourism ministry is aware 8)_____ its earlier efforts have not been very effective. Therefore, it is determined from now on to 9)_____ legal action against climbers if they do not bring their rubbish 10)_____ with them. The ministry has not yet made it clear 11)_____ form such action would take, but a heavy fine seems likely.

4. Use the words in capitals to form a word that fits in the space (11 points).

For hundreds of years, the most 1)_____ (EXPENSE) and precious pearls in the world were found in the Persian Gulf. In the early 1900s, the land in this area was very dry and 2)_____ (FARM) was extremely difficult. People of the region used to trade pearls in 3)_____ (CHANGE) for food, water and other things. In the mid-1900s, India's economy began to 4)_____ (STRONG) and the demand for pearls began to grow. Many Persian families settled permanently in the 5)_____ (COAST) villages of the Gulf in order to take advantage of the booming pearl market.

Divers often risked their lives. They would dive to 6)_____ (DEEP) of 40 meters and remain underwater for up to two minutes – all without the use of special diving 7)_____ (EQUIP). When they found an oyster they would open it up with a knife to see if it had a pearl inside. 8)_____ (FORTUNE), not all oysters produce pearls. Divers often had to make thirty dives in one day to find enough. When they ran out of 9)_____ (BREATHE), they were pulled to the surface by a rope. At the end of a pearl-diving season, some divers would become 10)_____ (WEALTH) enough to buy their own boat, thus becoming pearl 11)_____ (TRADE).

5. Read the text and decide which answer best fits each gap (9 points) .

What can be done with the 1)_____ problem of plastic water bottle waste? Three Spanish students think they have 2)_____ up with the answer. They have created a 'water bottle' that you can 3)_____ eat. They have called their creation 'Ooho'. It is a jelly-like blob that is actually a 'skin' membrane 4)_____ water like a balloon. When you're thirsty, just puncture the balloon and drink. Or, if you also have an 5)_____, just pop a bite-sized Ooho in your mouth and chew for a burst of liquid and a snack to follow. The gooey membrane, made from brown algae and calcium chloride, is both edible and biodegradable.

The bag-like containers are very cheap to make and are filled with frozen water to 6)_____ the water from mixing with the membrane ingredients. One immediate 7)_____ for Ooho water containers could be for long-distance running events. Runners often hydrate by 8)_____ paper cups from spectators as they run, creating a lot of rubbish waste in the 9)_____. Ooho offers a waste-free alternative.

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| 1) A raising | B growing | C enlarging | D gaining |
| 2) A made | B chased | C run | D come |
| 3) A really | B actually | C virtually | D practically |
| 4) A surrounding | B fitting | C holding | D flowing |
| 5) A appetite | B aroma | C ache | D allergy |
| 6) A avoid | B catch | C prevent | D contain |
| 7) A purpose | B use | C position | D worth |
| 8) A grabbing | B handing | C shaking | D shoving |
| 9) A time | B way | C process | D method |

6. Read the texts. For questions 1-10, choose from the texts (A-D). The texts may be chosen more than once (10 points).

Which book:

- 1) is the first the teenager has enjoyed in a while?_____
- 2) involves a character in search of a present?_____
- 3) is narrated in an unusual way?_____
- 4) is the author's first book?_____
- 5) involves a character discovering a unique ability?_____
- 6) is about to be followed by a book about the same character?_____
- 7) involves unexpected consequences following medical treatment?_____
- 8) has a strong descriptive quality?_____
- 9) is for readers with a rich imagination?_____
- 10) is not recommended for male readers?_____

A Jordan – *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. This book by J. K. Rowling is one of my favourites. It is a story about Harry, an orphan brought up by his aunt and uncle because his parents died when he was a baby. Harry is unloved by his aunt and uncle but everything changes when he is invited to join Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and he finds out about his special gift. His adventures begin when he meets his new friends Ron and Hermione and they attempt to unravel the

mystery of the Philosopher's Stone. The flights of fantasy are very imaginative and will draw like-minded readers into Harry's world! There is never a dull moment, whether it's battling with trolls, a three-headed dog or Harry facing Lord Voldemort. I would definitely recommend this as a summer read for the quality of the main characters and the total thrill of the make-belief.

B Karen – *Don't Even Think About It*. Up until this book, I had never read anything featuring the theme of telepathy. Luckily, *Don't Even Think About It* was a good place to start. Just like Mlynowski's previous book *Gimme A Call*, this story was funny and full of original twists and turns. After months of being in a terrible reading slump, I raced through this book in a matter of days. It's a real page-turner. There are so many things I liked about the writing. The story is told by a group of people in turn – not in the first person, as you might expect, but in the third person – with each character chipping in. I found this original and fresh. It was like having a bunch of friends telling me about something that had happened to them. Mlynowski also has a stylish way of storytelling which gave me lots to think about over the summer. She puts her own twist on themes like telepathy. Having her characters become telepathic through getting flu jabs is an idea that's pretty cool.

C Rachel – *The Academy: Love Match*. Tennis lovers will adore this absorbing book. Maya Hart is the rising star and plays the best game of her life against her idol, Donata, in the semi-finals of the Ontario Open. Although she loses the match, at the net Donata praises her for four hours of amazing, crowd-pleasing tennis. It turns out they have broken the record for the longest match in the history of the Ontario Open. Maya soon becomes a tennis celebrity, drawn into a life of fame and glamour, with paparazzi following her everywhere. Professional tennis agents all want to sign her up. I found the story really gripping and can't wait for the upcoming sequel. I was especially impressed by the fact that its author had never been published before. It's a great teen book but definitely meant for girls and only girls. So sorry, boys!

D Lucy – *Wish You Were Italian*. After reading the title, I decided that it was a travel book for teens, but I was proven wrong. Pippa, the heroine, is in Italy for the summer, and she is sure it will be her best holiday ever. Her friend Morgan has made her a special journal, in which she has assigned Pippa tasks to do. One of the tasks is to write a list of goals. Pippa's list of goals includes: not getting arrested; not making a fool of herself in public; seeing Pompeii; finding an odd souvenir for Morgan; having a conversation only in Italian; eating a whole pizza in one sitting; falling in love with an Italian. The picture she draws of the places she visits as she strives to achieve these goals is so vivid that you feel you are in Italy enjoying the sights with her. Verdict: ideal holiday reading.