

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ
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Total time – 60 minutes

Total points – 66

Time: 10 minutes

Maximum points – 5

Part 1
Listening

Listen to the dialogue between Mark and Jennifer. Then complete the sentences with a word or an expression from the text. Mind your spelling. You will hear the text twice.

Now you have 15 seconds to read the sentences.

Внимательно прочитайте задание.

1. It costs _____ to buy a house in Beverly Hills.
2. I knew that I would never become a pilot but I still looked at the flying school entrance requirements out of _____.
3. Philip was happy that he could _____ to buy this expensive car.
4. To see additional information on our website, _____ down.
5. My school is _____ from my home.

Part 2 Reading

Time: 20 minutes

Maximum points – 10

Task 1

Laughter is the best medicine

Every week, Dr Doppit goes round the wards at the children's hospital. But instead of a white coat and a stethoscope, Dr Doppit has a red nose and carries balloons. She is the hospital's "clown doctor" and her real name is Hilary Day.

After studying drama at university, Hilary saw an advert for a clown doctor at the hospital. "The job was perfect for me," she says. "My mother and grandmother were both nurses, so caring for people is in my blood. Also, I love doing children's theatre."

Before she started, Hilary did four weeks training, where she learnt how to do magic tricks and make balloons into funny shapes. She also had to study child psychology and basic medicine.

Her visits to the hospital start with a meeting with the nursing staff to find out which patients a visit will be most useful for. Most children are delighted to see a clown, but there are some who are too ill, or afraid of clowns. Hilary always checks first. Then she does some magic, makes balloon animals or tells them a story.

"We know that laughing can have a positive effect on a person's health," says Hilary. "It produces chemicals in the brain that make you relax and feel better." Everyone agrees that regular visits from Dr Doppit can make a big difference to a child's recovery. "Children in hospital miss their everyday life at home and at school," says one hospital manager. "As well as possibly being frightened and homesick they are often bored. The clown doctor gives them something to look forward to and happy memories to take home afterwards."

6. What is the writer's aim in this text?
 - a) to describe a typical day in a children's hospital
 - b) to explain a method of helping young patients
 - c) to encourage doctors to learn some circus skills
 - d) to show students how to get a job in a hospital

7. Why was Hilary particularly suitable for the job of clown doctor?
 - a) She had studied medicine at university.
 - b) She already knew how to do magic.
 - c) She enjoyed working with children.
 - d) She had been a nurse in a hospital.

8. Before Hilary starts, the staff tell her which children

- a) have asked to see her.
- b) are going to leave the hospital soon.
- c) want to hear a particular story.
- d) will benefit most from her visit.

9. The hospital manager thinks that Dr Doppit's visits

- a) are useful if the parents can't visit.
- b) help children get better more quickly.
- c) might be frightening for some children.
- d) help the children forget they stay in hospital.

10. Dr Doppuit can influence

- a) parents' behavior.
- b) nurses' work.
- c) kids' getting better.
- d) hospital manager's decisions.

Task 2

- a) Saving sea resources
- b) Distant operating
- c) No kitchen
- d) Replacing meat
- e) New eating habits
- f) More veggies

What's cooking?

(11) Tomorrow's children will eat differently from their parents. Many modern homes don't have a dining room because the occupants usually eat meals in front of the television. In the future, families eating together at home will be an unusual event. Food will be heated in a microwave. If there is a cooker, it will be on a dining table rather than in the kitchen.

(12) The kitchen of the future will be intelligent! Thanks to automation, it may be possible to call home on a mobile to start a cooking programme. There is nothing better than to come home after a long working day to see your dinner ready. With such a kitchen you can easily organize a party for your friends.

(13) In the future, fewer Europeans will eat meat because they think that other foods are better for their health. In addition, farmers will realise that growing crops is a more efficient use of land than raising cattle. "Every time a person gives up eating beef," says food expert Brian Ford, "three thousand square metres of land are freed for crop production."

(14) But meat is a major source of protein. How will we get the protein we need without meat? The answer is: from plant sources. Mushrooms and other fungi will be specially grown, fortified with vitamins and artificially flavoured. Artificial

flavouring will become widespread.

(15) According to Ford, fish will always be popular. “Fish, especially oily fish, have much to contribute to the diet of the future. The problem is that we are catching too many fish. We need to reestablish sanctuaries – “national parks” – in the oceans where fish are free to multiply.”

Part 3

Use of English

Time: 30 minutes

Maximum points – 56

Task 1

The Fall Guy

Nick Gillard earns a (0) C working as a stuntman on films and TV shows but his first (16) _____ of show business was trick-riding circus horses when he was just 12 years old. Four years later he got the chance to (17) _____ in his first film. “I really enjoyed working on the film,” Nick remembers, “so I started asking what I should (18) to become a stuntman.” Nick couldn’t just (19) _____ as a stuntman straight away. First he had to be (20) _____ by the British Stunt Register, which represents stunt professionals in Britain. To do this he had to reach instructor (21) _____ in six sports including skiing, riding and gymnastics. Since qualifying (22) _____ the age of 19, Nick has worked on many movies and has doubled for some of the biggest stars in Hollywood.

Safety and timing are all-important for stunt professionals – they plan everything down to the (23) _____ detail. “We take the utmost (24) _____. It’s not like being an actor where you can (25) _____ the shot again if it goes wrong. It’s got to work first time.” Nick has (26) _____ some terrifyingly dangerous stunts. For one film he jumped across a bridge in a speed boat, and in *Alien 3* he was (27) on fire, without air, for more than two minutes. Filming on location takes him all (28) the world, often for months (29) _____ a time.

	a	b	c	d
0	<i>reward</i>	<i>wage</i>	<i>living</i>	<i>payment</i>
16	lesson	experience	attempt	taste
17	play	practice	perform	show
18	make	do	get	try
19	put up	establish	start	introduce

20	arranged	allowed	agreed	accepted
21	line	level	measure	mark
22	in	on	at	by
23	tiniest	lowest	least	lightest
24	caution	care	attention	guard

25	have	make	give	take
26	made	done	led	given
27	put	caught	set	lit
28	about	through	across	over
29	at	on	for	in

Task 2

Isaac Newton (0 – so interest) **was so interested** in different problems that he became quite absent-minded. One day a gentleman (30 – come) _____ to see him, but he (31 – tell) _____ that Isaac Newton was busy in his study and that nobody (32 – allow) _____ to disturb him.

As it (33 – be) _____ dinner time, the visitor (34 – sit) _____ down in the dining room (35 – wait) for the scientist.

The servant came in and (36 – place)

_____ on the table a boiled chicken under a cover. An hour (37 – pass) _____ but Newton (38 – not appear) _____. The gentleman (39 – feel) _____ really hungry. After he (40 – eat) _____ the chicken, he (41 – cover) _____ up the skeleton. He (42 – ask) _____ the servant to prepare another one for his master.

Before the second chicken (43 – cook) _____, however, the scientist (44 – enter) _____ the room and (45 – apologize) _____ for his delay. Then he added, “As I (46 – feel) _____ rather tired and hungry, I (47 – hope) _____ you (48 – excuse) _____ me a little longer, while I (49 – take) _____ my dinner, then I (50 – be) _____ at your service.” With these words he (51 – lift) _____ the cover, and without emotion (52 – turn) _____ round to the gentleman and (53 – say) _____, “See how strange scientists (54 – be) _____. I quite (55 – forget) _____ that I (56 – dine) _____ already.”

Task 3

Read the dialogue between Randy and Lester and replace the marked words and expressions with idioms or phrasal verbs. The first one is done for you as an example.

Example answer: 0 A

“What’s the matter? **(0) Why are you not saying anything?**” demanded Randy. “Tell me where we’re going tonight.”
“Just **(57) wait,**” said Lester. “I told you it’s a surprise. It will **(58) make you really happy** when we get there. In the meantime, **(59) stop disturbing me.**”
“I can’t **(60) do anything about it,**” said Randy. “I’ve been **(61) so excited** all day.” “I have to **(62) continue working hard** until I finish my chores,” said Lester. “Then we can **(63) go.**”
“Well, **(64) focus on your work** then and finish,” said Randy. “I’m **(65) going to die of** curiosity.”
“**(66) Help me,** then,” said Lester.

A	Has the cat got your tongue?
B	get off my back
C	take off
D	knock your socks off
E	about to burst with
F	on pins and needles
G	lend me a hand
H	hold your horses
I	get on the ball
J	help it
K	keep my nose to the grindstone