

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИК  
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LISTENING

Time: 10 min

*You are going to hear an interview with a street performer at festivals, including one called the Hat Fair. Listen to the interview and mark the statements below (1-10) with “T” if they are true, “F” if they are false and “NS” if the information is not given. You will hear the recording twice.*

1. The festival is called the Hat Fair because it was started by local hat-makers.
2. Most of all Max enjoys the shows he can do at the festival.
3. The performer started in street theatre while he was at university.
4. Max got his first pocket money from his father.
5. The audience mostly likes the jokes in Max’s act.
6. Winchester is so attractive to street performers all over the world as it has a convenient location.
7. Max assumes that unpredictable weather is usually the main problem with street theatre.
8. The festival finishes with a fabulous disco party.
9. Overseas guests make the main audience of the festival.
10. According to Max, the Hat Fair festival helps people to relax together.

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET

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| READING |
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Time: 30 min

**Task 1. You are going to read some information about different museums. For questions 1-15, choose from the list of museums (A-E). Some of the museums may be chosen more than once. They may be given in any order.**

**Which museum(s):**

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| contains works depicting local scenes?              | 1  |    |
| do you have to pay to enter?                        | 2  | 3  |
| can you see machinery working at?                   | 4  | 5  |
| caters for children?                                | 6  |    |
| has an exhibition that will be finishing very soon? | 7  |    |
| came into existence more than ten years ago?        | 8  |    |
| is cheaper if you arrange to go with other people?  | 9  | 10 |
| is located near water?                              | 11 |    |
| has displays for short periods of time?             | 12 | 13 |
| covers the longest period in history?               | 14 |    |
| includes a train ride?                              | 15 |    |

### Museums in Wales

#### **Oriel Mimoso Gallery A**

This gallery was founded more than a decade ago as a direct result of Graham Sutherland's wish to present a group of his works to the region as a token of his recognition of the inspiration he had received. Sutherland, one of the most famous twentieth-century artists, strongly believed that the work done in a certain area is best seen in that area. The gallery houses a large collection of the artist's work, including pictures especially painted for it, nearly 1000 drawings and prints, and works of applied art. The programme of exhibitions includes contemporary paintings and sculpture, crafts, photography and children's work. There are also events, workshops, visits and lectures. Further information on talks, admission fees, group discounts and other facilities can be obtained by calling the gallery.

### **Museum of the Welsh Woollen Industry** **B**

Located in the historic former Cambrian Mills, the museum is a special place with a spellbinding story to tell. This flagship museum is a new and exciting place to visit with something for everyone to enjoy. The museum serves two functions: it illustrates the history of the industry and acts as a shop window for the present Welsh wool industry through its craft workshops. Shirts and shawls, blankets and bedcovers, woollen stockings and socks are all made here, and sold in the surrounding countryside. The museum mounts working historical exhibits and offers visitors regular demonstrations of the spinning, weaving and dyeing process that turn fleece into fabric. Visitors are able to watch the machinery in action and discover how the industry developed and how vital it is for the community.

### **National Museum of Wales** **C**

The Museum is sure to spark your interest. It is unique among British Museums in its range of art and science displays. The “Evolution of Wales” exhibition takes you on a spectacular 4600 million year journey, tracing the development of Wales and the world from the very beginning of time. There are displays of Bronze Age gold, early Christian monuments, Celtic treasures, silver, coins and medals, ceramics, fossils and minerals. And if that is not enough there are exciting temporary exhibitions. The art collection at the National Museum is one of Europe’s finest. See five hundred years of magnificent paintings, drawings, sculpture, silver and ceramics from Wales and across the world, including one of Europe’s best collections of Impressionist art.

### **Roman Legionary Museum** **D**

Almost 2000 years ago, the Roman Empire dominated the civilised world. Britain was its furthest outpost and still bears the marks of its illustrious Roman past. Today, at the Roman Legionary Museum, you will learn what made the Romans a

formidable force. You'll see how they lived, slept and ate; how they marched and practised for battle; which gods they worshipped, and which jewels they wore and valued. The early Roman finds from the base at Usk are also on annual displays in summer. To enjoy this magnificent exhibition you'll need to hurry because it comes to a close in under a fortnight. Group bookings are discounted provided prior notice given.

### **Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum** E

The museum is located right in the heart of Cardiff's famous docklands and it illustrates the story of Wales' industrial and maritime past. The purpose-built galleries contain working examples of the machines which drove all the coal-mines and iron-works of Wales. Visitors can take a mini-railway tour around a range of exhibits relating to industrial Wales, including examples of ships, trains and other vehicles that brought raw materials to the Docks or transported them to markets overseas. Special activities are available for our younger visitors in the holiday periods. The museum which stands on the waterfront will satisfy everyone's desire to learn more about industry and transport.

***Task 2. Read the text and answer questions 16-20 after the text. Choose A, B, C or D.***

'Happiness is not having what you want but wanting what you have' seems to be a popular wisdom. Although happiness still remains a mystery for modern scientists, recently some interesting discoveries have been made. Those who say they are happy, for example, tend to be less self-centred, less hostile and abusive, and are less prone to disease and general ill health. Interestingly, the affluent are not notably happier than their less well-off counterparts, and seemingly, no particular time of life is significantly happier than any other. When questioned, most people said they

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were generally happy painting a much rosier picture regarding people's general moods and dispositions.

One of the reasons we have such a problem with happiness is that many confuse it with a life untouched by anxiety, rage, doubt and sadness. The belief that happiness means that nothing ever goes wrong is naïve. In order to be happy we must know not only how to avoid disturbing events but also how to deal with them.

Professor Csikszentmihalyi believes happiness is achieved when “people get the feeling of flow from dangerous sport or driving fast. But it may also come from something relaxing like painting or reading a good book.” The point is that it is an activity you do for the pleasure of doing it. You are not looking for praise or reward. What is important is to keep your brain busy if you want to be happy. The professor explains “if you leave someone on their own with nothing specific to do, most of their thoughts will be worries.” People tend to think about all the things they want and haven't got rather than how good their life is. It seems the key to happiness lies in having an active and challenging lifestyle.

**16.** What have studies shown?

- A. Happy people are wealthy and self-sufficient.
- B. Happy people have a positive outlook on life.
- C. Happy people are usually rather young.
- D. Happy people are socially-minded.

**17.** What does a common misconception about happiness indicate?

- A. Happy people are able to handle problems.
- B. Rich people are happier.
- C. Happiness implies never having problems.
- D. Happiness stems from being naïve.

**18.** What is the “flow” of happiness triggered by according to professor Csikszentmihalyi?

- A. By a desire to get some external reward.

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- B. By enjoying doing nothing.
- C. By people's spending most of their time challenging others.
- D. By doing various activities for personal pleasure.

**19.** Why is inactivity so dangerous for personal happiness?

- A. Because people experience more anxiety.
- B. Because people try to challenge themselves.
- C. Because people don't get what they want.
- D. Because people think everything is fine.

**20.** Which of the following sentences best expresses the main idea of the text?

- A. The scientists compare a variety of emotions which a human-being experiences throughout his life.
- B. The research outlines the advantages and disadvantages of happiness.
- C. The research has shown that happiness is caused by different chemical reactions.
- D. The scientific study helps us understand how to improve human well-being and get most satisfaction from life.

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USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 35 min

*Task 1. For items 1-12, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.*

**LET'S TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP**

One of the most valuable things in life is friendship. People need this relationship because they expect help and comfort from (1) \_\_\_\_\_ other. Friendship is usually based (2) \_\_\_\_\_ common interests and mutual understanding, true encouragement and sympathy. Psychologists say that individuals with several close friends are happier than those (3) \_\_\_\_\_. True friends often know things that family members may not be aware of, no matter (4) \_\_\_\_\_ long they have lived together. Friends turn to one (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for suggestions on how to solve their problems, they share secrets and dreams. There is a tendency (6) \_\_\_\_\_ close friends to be very honest, never leave in trouble and betray. It is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ surprise that friends spend so much time together. In fact, there's clear evidence that friendships do not only make our lives better, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ also make them longer. A study reveals that when people *do* get enough social support during stressful times, they (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to live longer than those who don't have anyone to lean on.

It is undeniable that only time can show (10) \_\_\_\_\_ friendship is strong or not – good friends stick together and the best relationships may last a lifetime. However, research shows that in reality people do not always have an accurate picture of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ their true friends are. In a surprising number of cases a person someone considers a good friend does not feel the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ about them. So, be careful who you call your friends!

*Task 2. For items 13-20, read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.*

### **Mirror, mirror on the wall!**

For hundreds of years, the inhabitants of the tiny Norwegian town of Rjukan went without direct sunlight for almost half a year. To many people here winter **13....** shorter days and long dark nights. The town is situated in deep valleys where mountains cut it **14....** the sun's rays for up to six months every year. Today's technology has made it possible to deliver the sun to the people of Rjukan: the town authorities have come up with a clever way of **15....** light into the town. Giant computer-driven mirrors placed at the top of the steep mountain walls over the town capture the sun's rays and direct them into Rjukan's square.

The idea was **16....** forward over 100 years ago, but it's only now that technological developments have made it possible. Many residents **17....** to the proposal at first as they thought it was a great waste of money for only a little slice of sun. However, now there's really positive **18....** on the mirrors in the town. Many critics had to admit that this idea not only provided some much-needed sun for the locals but it also helped to put the town on the map since this project did manage to **19....** more tourists to the town. People notice that tourists turn their backs on the real sun, and sit instead with their faces to the sun mirror which has really **20 ....** the quality of life.

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| 13 | A includes  | B means    | C proposes  | D involves |
| 14 | A out       | B apart    | C off       | D away     |
| 15 | A producing | B making   | C creating  | D getting  |
| 16 | A brought   | B put      | C held      | D come     |
| 17 | A objected  | B refused  | C disagreed | D argued   |
| 18 | A answer    | B feedback | C effect    | D response |



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| 19 | A introduce | B attract  | C intrude  | D direct   |
| 20 | A enhanced  | B expanded | C inflated | D extended |

**Task 3. For items 21-30, match the colloquial names for certain types of people (A-J) with the correct description below.**

21. Last weekend he watched television for 14 hours straight! He's so lazy and does nothing the whole day.
22. He's eager to go home and keeps checking how much longer he has to work.
23. She likes to impress others by frequently mentioning famous or important people she's met.
24. Unfortunately she is not usually asked to dance by anyone. She just stands there hoping.
25. He's so very annoying! I can't stand him.
26. Her speech was over an hour long at the meeting.
27. I never know where to find him, he goes from job to job, from place to place.
28. She's very aggressive, bossy and domineering. She's unpleasant to deal with.
29. He's really convinced that drag racing on city streets is a harmless game.
30. He goes to parties and other occasions without an invitation. He just walks in.

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| <b>A a good mixer</b>    |
| <b>B a clock-watcher</b> |
| <b>C a battle-axe</b>    |
| <b>D a windbag</b>       |
| <b>E a couch potato</b>  |

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| <b>F a name-dropper</b>     |
| <b>G a rolling stone</b>    |
| <b>H a pain in the neck</b> |
| <b>I a wallflower</b>       |
| <b>J a daredevil</b>        |

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*Task 4. Match dates, places, events and people.*

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Event/place</b>                           | <b>Name</b>                            |
|---------------|--|--|
| 31.1666       | A the Civil War (the War of the Roses)       | a Christopher Columbus                 |
| 32. 1455-1485 | B World War II                               | b Abraham Lincoln                      |
| 33. 1861-1865 | C the end of the British Republic            | c Sir Christopher Wren                 |
| 34. 1969      | D Moon Landing                               | d Winston Churchill                    |
| 35. 1492      | E Declaration of Independence was ratified   | e Oliver Cromwell                      |
| 36. 1485      | F Restoration of London after the Great Fire | f Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin       |
| 37. 1776      | G the Great Depression                       | g King Henry VIII                      |
| 38. 1929-1939 | H Discovery of America                       | h Thomas Jefferson                     |
| 39. 1939      | I American Civil War                         | i Franklin D. Roosevelt                |
| 40. 1660      | J the Establishment of the Tudor Dynasty     | j House of Lancaster and House of York |

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WRITING

Time: 45 min

You see the following notice in your school English magazine.

**Articles wanted**

**A Special Photograph!**

Tell us about the photo which is important to you. Write an article

- describing the photo
- explaining when and where it was taken
- mentioning why it is so special to you.

We will publish the most interesting articles next week.

Use the following words and expressions in your article:

1. package holiday
2. breathtaking
3. wander
4. come up with
5. word of mouth.

**Underline the required words** when used in your article. Put them in the correct grammar form if necessary.

Remember to:

- include a headline;
- include any 2 idioms from the list below;
- include direct and indirect speech;
- describe feelings and emotions;
- make an impressive ending.

to be part and parcel  
off the beaten track  
to have a way with  
in high spirits

**Write 220—250 words (the headline is included in the word count).**