

Всероссийская олимпиада школьников

Школьный этап

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Английский язык

Ленинградская область

Listening (15 min – 20 points)

Task 1. Listen to the text and mark the sentences 1 – 5 **T** (True) or **F** (False).

		T	F
1	Vladimir was founded by Prince Vladimir Monomakh and became the capital of South-Eastern Russia in the 12th century.		
2	Suzdal is a great place to visit if you like walking.		
3	Kostroma is situated where three rivers join together.		
4	Lake Nero has National Park status.		
5	Peter the Great founded a library of religious books at the largest monastery in Russia.		

Task 2. Listen again and match descriptions 6–10 with the places from the text (A – E).

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| 6. Peace and quiet and lovely buildings. | A Kostroma |
| 7. A place where ships were built. | B Vladimir |
| 8. A very large, very loud bell. | C Suzdal |
| 9. Architecture from different periods of history. | D Rostov the Great |
| 10. The Romanov Dynasty started here. | E Pereslavl-Zalessky |

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Reading (20 min – 20 points)

Task 1. Read the text and complete the gaps 11–18 with phrases a–h.

- a) goodbye to the old year
- b) to take more exercise
- c) of the Roman New Year
- d) and look forward to the future
- e) and at different time of the year
- f) bread, money and coal
- g) because of international time zones
- h) that the first person

Different countries celebrate New Year in different ways – (11)_____.! The Chinese New Year is in late January or February, the Jewish New Year is in the autumn, and most Indian people celebrate New Year in the spring. But in many parts of the world, 1 January is New Year's Day. This is the original date (12)_____. Although the New Year starts on 1 January in many countries, it starts at different times (13)_____; for example, the New Year in Australia starts ten hours earlier than in Britain.

People all over the world have parties on 31 December, New Year's Eve. At midnight, they hold hands and sing Auld Lang Syne. The famous song, by the Scottish poet, Robert Burns, says we should remember the past (14)_____.

The Scottish have the best New Year celebrations in Britain, and New Year's Eve has a special name in Scotland, Hogmanay. People celebrate with bonfires and fireworks, and in some towns they burn an old boat to say (15)_____. Many people in Scotland go and visit their friends after midnight, early on 1 January. They believe (16)_____ who enters the home on New Year's Day can bring good luck. This person should carry presents: (17)_____, so the family are not hungry, poor or cold in the new year.

People everywhere have hopes for the New Year, and some make a list of New Year resolutions: things they want to do better in future. For example, they promise to be tidier, to work harder (18)_____. But sometimes their resolutions don't last very long!

Task 2. Read the text about the first voyage of Columbus. Number sentences A–G in the right order 19–25.

The First Voyage of Columbus

Christopher Columbus, the Italian mapmaker and sailor, is one of the most famous explorers in history. He believed he could sail west from Europe across the Atlantic Ocean to India. He didn't realise there was a huge continent between Europe and Asia ...

A In January 1493 Columbus started to sail back to Spain.

B Then he continued sailing west, and on Friday, 12th October the ships arrived in the West Indies - so-called because Columbus thought _____ .

C In 1492, Columbus sailed across the Atlantic Ocean _____ - *the Santa Maria, the Nina and the Pinta*.

D But the return voyage was difficult and often frightening _____ .

E Columbus finally reached his home port of Palos on 15th March 1493, after voyage of _____ and over 15,000 kilometres.

F He left the port of Palos in Spain on Friday, 3rd August and reached the Canary Islands _____.

G He stopped at the Bahamas, and then sailed to the islands of Cuba and Haiti.

19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Read the text again and complete sentences B–F with the phrases 26–30.

26 because there were some terrible storms

27 at the beginning of September

28 the islands were part of India

29 seven and a half months

30 with 120 men in three ships

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Use of English (15 min – 20 points)

Task 1. Read the article about learning to snowboard. Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each space. For questions 31–40, mark A, B or C on your answer sheet.

Learning to snowboard

If you want to learn to snowboard, (31) _____ first thing you need to do is book (32) _____ lessons. It's a good idea to have lessons with a snowboard school (33) _____ you need to learn the right way to snowboard. You will have much (34) _____ fun learning with other people as well.

Indoor snow schools usually (35) _____ you a snowboard, boots and a helmet to wear on your head (36) _____ lessons. The indoor centres are cold and use real snow, so warm clothes are important. It's not a good idea to wear jeans because (37) _____ get wet easily.

If you learn outside on a mountain, you (38) _____ to take your own board and boots or rent them. You will (39) _____ need sunglasses, gloves and (40) _____ helmet.

	A	B	C
31	a	one	the
32	each	some	any
33	or	and	because
34	more	many	most
35	given	give	giving
36	during	among	into
37	them	their	they
38	must	have	can
39	too	quite	also
40	a	the	an

Task 2. Read the English phrases (41–45) below. Find the right Russian equivalent (A–G) for each of them.

There is an example for you.

0 as cool as a cucumber C спокоен как удав

0	as cool as a cucumber	A ушла душа в пятки
41	to have your heart in your mouth	B расходиться как горячие пирожки
42	to have one's head in the clouds	C спокоен как удав
43	a storm in a teacup	D птичка на хвосте принесла
44	to sell like hot cakes	E буря в стакане
45	a little bird told me	F витать в облаках

Task 3. Match the sentences halves (46–50) with a–e.

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| 46. A lamp is used | a to tell you the time. |
| 47. A fridge is used | b to make food hot. |
| 48. A keyboard is used | c to help you read at night. |
| 49. A cooker is used | d to keep food cold. |
| 50. A clock is used | e to write on a computer. |

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ANSWER SHEET

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Listening (20 points)

Task 1.

1	2	3	4	5

Task 2.

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Reading (20 points)

Task 1.

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Task 2.

19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Use of English (20 points)

Task 1.

31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Task 2.

41	42	43	44	45

Task 3.

46	47	48	49	50

