

Всероссийская олимпиада школьников

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Английский язык

Ленинградская область

Listening (10 min – 10 points)

Task 1. Listen to the text and mark the sentences **1–10** **T** (True), **F** (False) or **NS** (Not Stated in the text).

		T	F	NS
1	Tea was first brought to Russia from China.			
2	Tea was known as a strong remedy before it was brought to Russia.			
3	The tsar immediately loved the new drink.			
4	Mikhail Fedorovich held regular assemblies of court in order to make the nobles get used to drinking tea.			
5	Russia started importing tea from China in the 18th century.			
6	At first tea cost a lot of money.			
7	Drinking tea helps one to fall asleep.			
8	Tea was an important part of Russian life in the 19th century.			
9	Russian tea is served with sugar.			
10	The modern tradition has replaced the traditional sign of hospitality with coffee.			

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Reading (20 min – 20 points)

Task 1. Read the article and choose the missing sentences (A-F) for (11-15). There is **one** sentence which you do not need to use.

APE ART

Works of art by apes have been displayed in art galleries around the world since the 1950's. It's not a joke. Apes are natural artists and ape art is becoming big business.

Ape art did not use to have any form. In fact, paintings by chimps were nothing more than paint thrown onto a canvas, and it was impossible to tell what the pictures were meant to show. (11)____. They can even use sign language to give their paintings titles.

Koko and Michael live in California and they have been painters since they were very young. (12)____. At first she was shy, and did not want to show anyone her pictures, but now Koko's and Michael's art work is displayed in exhibitions and they have many fans. Unfortunately, not all of their paintings survive, as they often eat their work as soon as it is finished.

Sadly, there is bad news for these recently discovered artists. (13)____. There are only 600 gorillas and a few thousand lowland gorillas left in the world. The work of Koko and Michael is being used to help raise money to save the world's gorillas.

Some people might laugh and say that these paintings are not art, but who really knows what art is? (14)____. Although you cannot buy Koko's and Michael's original paintings, many people are prepared to pay a great deal of money to buy high quality copies of the originals. (15)____. Not only will you receive a colourful picture or T-shirt, but you will also be helping to save one of the world's most intelligent species. Is there a better way to spend money?

- A. Koko learnt to draw when she was just three years old.*
- B. The truth is, there has been a great deal of commercial interest in gorilla art in all its forms.*
- C. They even buy T-shirts printed with their pictures.*
- D. No one wants to buy gorilla paintings.*
- E. Gorillas are an endangered species.*
- F. Today, however some gorillas, like Michael and Koko, are able to paint quite realistic pictures of the objects around them.*

Task 2. *Have you ever wondered how birds find their way when flying? Read and find out. Choose the best answer **a, b, c** or **d** for the questions 16 – 20.*

The pigeon is famous for always being able to find its way home. In fact racing pigeons is a popular sport in some countries. Owners take their birds hundreds of miles away and then release them. The bird that gets back home in the fastest time is the winner. Until now it has been thought that the birds have their own built-in system of navigation and use the position of the sun and stars to guide them.

However a ten-year study has proved to scientists that pigeons travel rather like drivers do and follow the major roads. The birds that were monitored in the study were constantly flying along motorways and even turning left and right at main junctions, while ignoring small winding roads.

A professor of zoology at Oxford University and a racing pigeon expert agree. The professor says that birds use their traditional forms of navigation first but when they fly the same route again they remember the roads and follow them.

A group of birds was released as a test and all flew along the same major road and turned right at the first junction. The pigeon racer describes this research as absolutely accurate. Every Saturday, he says, you can see flocks of pigeons flying along the motorways.

16. Pigeon racing consists of:

- a.** owners seeing how far each pigeon can fly.
- b.** scientific research into the way pigeons fly.
- c.** pigeons being released on the motorways.
- d.** owners seeing which pigeon gets home first.

17. Pigeons' 'built-in system of navigation' refers to:

- a.** their natural instinct for finding their way.
- b.** their natural ability to follow major roads.
- c.** the fact that they fly as a large flock.
- d.** special equipment the researchers have used to track them.

18. The roads pigeons followed were:

- a.** all the roads going in the right direction.
- b.** only motorways.
- c.** the important direct routes.
- d.** the smaller less busy country roads.

19. A junction is:

- a.** a sharp bent in the road.
- b.** where a motorway and a road meet.
- c.** a place where one road crosses another.
- d.** a place where you can buy petrol.

20. Pigeons are especially seen on Saturdays because:

- a.** that's the day the roads are busiest.
- b.** that's the day the research takes place.
- c.** that's the day pigeon racing takes place.
- d.** that's the day the motorways are open.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Use of English (15 min – 30 points)

Task 1. Are animals intelligent? Circle the correct options for 21-35.

Rats can learn (21) **to perform** /performing tricks, cats seem (22) **sense** /to sense what we are feeling. Dogs know when their owners are coming home and anyone who has swum with (23) **a** /the dolphin will tell you that these animals are (24) **more** /most intelligent (25) **of** /than most people think. Clearly, animals can (26) **to learn** /learn and (27) **remember** /to remember. However, they lack language and (28) **a** /the ability to understand what they are and they therefore can't really (29) **be** /being considered "intelligent" creatures.

Studies carried out on chimpanzees and gorillas suggested that they are able (30) **to learn** /learn symbols and sounds. But are they actually using them (31) **communicate** /to communicate? No one knows. In (32) **the** /a late 1960s, (33) **an** /the American scientist tried (34) **to find** /finding out if various animals understood what they actually were. He painted (35) **a** /the red dot on their faces and put them in front of a mirror. If an animal touched the red spot, it was, according to the scientist, actually recognizing itself in the mirror. Besides humans, only chimpanzees and orangutans passed this test.

Task 2. Read the text about experiences related to travelling by air and put the verbs in brackets 36–45 into the correct tense.

Flying high!

I was going on my first really important business trip. My flight (to schedule) (36)_____ for 9 am and I had got up extra early to ensure that I got to the airport on time. While I (to walk up) (37)_____ to the check-in desk, I took a quick look in my briefcase to make sure that I had my laptop and all the papers I (to need) (38)_____ for my presentation. Everything was there. I gave the girl at the desk my ticket and she (to hand) (39)_____ me my boarding card. I had lots of time, so I decided to get something to eat. I went through passport control and (to find) (40)_____ a little cafeteria in the departure area. I ordered my meal and began talking to a lady who (to sit) (41)_____ at the table beside me. She told me that she was also going on a business trip. Time passed quickly and soon my flight (to announce) (42)_____. I made my way to the boarding gate and joined the queue. I opened my briefcase to get my boarding card, and suddenly realized that I (to take) (43)_____ the wrong case! Just then, I heard someone calling my name, "We (to mix up) (44)_____ our cases!" I turned around and saw the lady from the cafeteria waving my briefcase. I exchanged cases with her and boarded my plane. As I took my seat, all I could think of was, "All is well that (to end) (45)_____ well!"

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Task 3. Match each group of adjectives (**46-50**) with a suitable noun (**A-E**).
There is an example for you.

Example:

a close / a long-distance / a tough  ***race***

46 a difficult /an exciting /a huge	A support
47 complete /firm /wide	B challenge
48 lasting /wide-spread /minor	C language
49 first /everyday /body	D opportunity
50 wonderful /wasted /ideal	E damage

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Writing (20 min – 20 points)

According to a recent poll in your school students have picked the 5 most popular professions of today. Choose one of them. Write an article to the school magazine '***Our Future***' and prove in it that the chosen profession is *interesting* for you, *important* for society and *necessary* for the growing generation.

Choose from:

- engineers
- IT specialists
- ecologists
- doctors
- designers

In your article you should include:

- a title
- an introduction
- why the chosen profession will be interesting for you (give at least two reasons)
- why the chosen profession will be important for people and society in the future (give at least two reasons)
- a conclusion

Write 100–120 words (the words in the title are not counted).

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ANSWER SHEET

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Listening (10 points)

Task 1.

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Reading (20 points)

Task 1.

11	12	13	14	15

Task 2.

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Use of English (30 points)

Task 1.

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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Task 2.

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Task 3.

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