

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ
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Total : 90 points
Time: 100 minutes

LISTENING (6*3=18 points)

Task 1. You are going to hear a conversation about shopping between a husband and a wife. For questions 1-6, choose the best answer A-C.

1. Jenny's pleased because the new top
 - A matches her eyes.
 - B is a smaller size than she expected. +
 - C was cheap.
2. Jenny had to get cash from the cash machine to pay for
 - A her new top.
 - B some rolls for breakfast. +
 - C some books.
3. Jenny says she bought some sausages
 - A at the butcher's.
 - B at the greengrocer's. +
 - C at the DIY store.
4. Jenny says she bought Sidney a hat
 - A at the fishmonger's. +
 - B at the clothes shop.
 - C at a furniture shop.
5. Jenny says she also bought
 - A some flowers.
 - B a horse. -
 - C six digital cameras.
6. Jenny's husband
 - A never listens to her. +
 - B has been listening all the time.
 - C doesn't know why she says such strange things.

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READING (7 points)

Task 2. Read the text and then answer questions 1-7.

Pitcher, a confidential clerk in the office of Harvey Maxwell, allowed a look of mild interest and surprise when his employer briskly entered at half-past nine in company with a young lady. Miss Leslie had been Maxwell's stenographer for a year. She was beautiful in a way that was decidedly unstenographic. On this morning she was softly and shyly radiant. Her eyes were dreamily bright, her expression a happy one, tinged with reminiscence. Pitcher, still mildly curious, noticed a difference in her ways this morning. Instead of going straight into the adjoining room, where her desk was, she stayed for a while, slightly irresolute, in the outer office. Once she moved over by Maxwell's desk near enough for him to be aware of her presence. The man sitting at that desk was no longer a man; it was a machine, moved by buzzing wheels and uncoiling springs.

"Well – what is it? Anything?" asked Maxwell sharply.

"Nothing," answered the stenographer, moving away with a little smile.

This day was Harvey Maxwell's busy day. Messenger boys ran in and out with messages and telegrams. Maxwell himself jumped from desk to door sweating. On the Exchange there were hurricanes and snowstorms and volcanoes, and those powerful disturbances were reproduced in miniature in Maxwell's office. The rush and pace of business grew faster and fiercer. Share prices were falling and orders to sell them were coming and going and the man was working like some strong machine. Here was a world of finance, and there was no room in it for the human world or the world of nature.

When the luncheon hour came, Maxwell stood by his desk with a fountain pen over his right ear. His window was open. And through the window came a delicate, sweet smell of lilac that fixed the broker for a

moment immovable. For this odour belonged to Miss Leslie; it was her own, and hers only. She was in the next room – twenty steps away.

“By George, I’ll do it now,” said Maxwell half aloud. “I’ll ask her now. I wonder why I didn’t do it long ago.” He dashed into the inner office and charged upon the desk of the stenographer. She looked at him with a smile.

“Miss Leslie,” he began hurriedly, “I have but a moment to spare. I want to say something in that moment. Will you be my wife? I haven’t had time to approach you in the ordinary way, but I really do love you.”

“Oh, what are you talking about?” exclaimed the young lady. She rose to her feet and gazed upon him, round-eyed.

“Don’t you understand?” said Maxwell. “I want you to marry me. I love you, Miss Leslie. I wanted to tell you, and I snatched a minute. They are calling me for the phone now. Tell them to wait a minute, Pitcher. Won’t you, Miss Leslie?”

The stenographer acted very strangely. She seemed overcome with amazement; then tears flowed from her wondering eyes; and then she smiled sunnily through them.

“I know now,” she said softly. “It is this old business that has driven everything else out of your head for the time. I was frightened at first. Don’t you remember, Harvey? We were married last evening at 8 o’clock in the Little Church Around the Corner.”

1. Harvey Maxwell was

A) a stenographer.

B) a clerk.

C) Pitcher’s boss. +

D) Pitcher’s partner.

2. Pitcher was mildly interested and surprised because

A) Miss Leslie moved decidedly to Maxwell’s desk.

B) Maxwell came late at half past ten. —

C) Miss Leslie arrived with Maxwell.

D) Maxwell looked irresolute that morning.

3. It was Harvey Maxwell’s hard day because

A) he had no one to help him. +

B) the Exchange was a busy place.

C) the weather was hot.

D) all messenger boys had gone.

4. ‘On the Exchange there were hurricanes and snowstorms and volcanoes’ means

A) the Exchange was about to be destroyed.

B) the financial situation was difficult. +

C) natural disasters often happened in that area.

D) those were powerful disturbances of nature.

5. Maxwell dashed into the inner office at lunch time because

A) the smell reminded him of Miss Leslie. +

B) he liked the lilac smell.

C) Pitcher called him for a phone call.

D) he needed to send a message.

6. Harvey Maxwell made a proposal between phone calls because he

A) was rather pressed for time.

B) used to make business proposals in such a way. —

C) always acted very strangely.

D) was afraid Miss Leslie would leave him.

7. Miss Leslie was astonished by the proposal because

A) she had never heard anyone make it in such a way.

B) she had never expected it from Harvey Maxwell.

- C) it came too quickly and without warning.
- (D) she had married the man the day before.

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USE OF ENGLISH (15 points)

Task 3. Choose the best option (A-D) to fit the gap (1-6).

My children

Miss Stevenson's school was half-way between Jason's house and mine. My elder daughter Sophia had been going there for some years, and now my younger daughter began to go, too. It was not hard to 1 _____ the difference between my daughters. My elder daughter 2 _____ after me. She had black hair, green eyes and a large forehead. She was very impulsive and often lost her temper. She was lazy but studied well. Her teachers always praised her. My younger daughter didn't 3 _____ me. She was the picture of my wife's mother. She had blond hair and blue eyes. She was very obedient and never made noise but she was not very good 4 _____ studies. I thought she was always shy and that prevented her from having good marks.

Liza, our nursemaid, would set off in the morning with two of my children and Ned, Jason's son. She usually took a mail-cart with her. This was for Ned to ride in when he was tired but it was not often that Ned would 5 _____ that he was tired. The maid left the girls at Miss Stevenson's and then brought Ned on to the Beeches. She would take him back in time to 6 _____ the girls when school was over. I often watched them play with Ned in the backyard or tell him fairy-tales. My daughters adored Ned but he didn't 7 _____ attention to them.

- 1. A) speak (B) tell C) talk D) say +
- 2. A) looked (B) took C) seemed D) felt +
- 3. A) review (B) remind C) resemble D) remember -
- 4. (A) at B) for C) on D) in +
- 5. (A) accept B) allow C) admit D) adopt -
- 6. A) pull (B) pick C) gather D) collect -

Task 4. For items 7-15, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: (0) decision

When you have made the (0) _____ to begin exercising,	decide
You need more than just enthusiasm – you need to use (7) <u>EQUIPMENT</u> +	equip +
Which is high quality, safe and (8) <u>RELIABLE</u> The Classic Home	rely +
Cycle is a basic model with a (9) _____ distance meter and timer.	mechanic <u>AL</u> +
It has a strong construction and enclosed flywheel for (10) <u>SAFETY</u> +	safe
And both the seat and handlebars are (11) _____ to different	adjust <u>ED</u> -
(12) _____ so the user can pedal in the most comfortable position.	high -
With a rowing machine you can (13) _____ the arms and legs as	strong -
Well as exercise the back. Brisk rowing is just as (14) _____ for <u>EFFECTIVE</u>	effect +
Burning calories as running at 11 km an hour. The (15) _____	reason <u>ably</u> +

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QUIZ (15*2=30 points)

Task 5. For questions 1-15, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

- 1. Who is the official head of Great Britain?
 - (a) the Queen, b) Prime minister, c) Mayor, d) Lord Chancellor +
- 2. The square in which Nelson's column was erected is called...
 - a) Piccadilly Circus b) Waterloo Square c) Charing - Cross (d) Trafalgar Square +

3. The Union Jack is:
 - a) a river
 - b) Prime Minister
 - c) flag
 - d) street -
4. What is Piccadilly Circus?
 - a) a square
 - b) a disco
 - c) a street
 - d) a circus -
5. The Tower of London now is a ...
 - a) royal palace
 - b) museum
 - c) state prison
 - d) zoo +
6. Stonehenge is a ...
 - a) theatre
 - b) place for religious rituals
 - c) town
 - d) place for hunting +
7. Where does the Changing of the Guard take place?
 - a) Tower
 - b) Buckingham Palace
 - c) Piccadilly Circus
 - d) ... +
8. Which famous writer was born in Stratford-upon-Avon?
 - a) A. Miln
 - b) C. Dickens
 - c) W. Shakespeare
 - d) ... -
9. Which Liverpool band was so popular in the 60 's?
 - a) The Beatles
 - b) The Police
 - c) The Rolling Stones
 - d) ... +
10. What is the name of the famous stadium in the north of London?
 - a) Wembley
 - b) Westminster
 - c) Wimbledon
 - d) ... -
11. What is Loch Ness?
 - a) a river
 - b) a town
 - c) a lake
 - d) a monster +
12. What is a double-decker?
 - a) a bus
 - b) a taxi
 - c) a ship
 - d) ... +
13. Agatha Christie wrote a lot of-...
 - a) detective stories
 - b) plays
 - c) poems
 - d) ... +
14. The capital of Wales is:
 - a) London
 - b) Dublin
 - c) Birmingham
 - d) Cardiff -
15. What's the name of the London underground?
 - a) Metro
 - b) Tube
 - c) Subway
 - d) Underground -

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WRITING (20 points)

Task 6. Write your own version using the beginning of the story.

It was a wonderful day. I was walking in the park and came across a famous person....

You should write about 130- 150 words.

At first, I wanted to ask him about something like his new film and his own opinion about young actors. Because I really like him, I have been watching his films since childhood and want to know him better. Though, I understand that some famous people want to live an ordinary life. For example, they have nosy and crazy fans, who don't care about their private life. There are a lot of accidents when fan has been stalking celebrity for months or years. And police could not do anything to help. It is scary and terrible. So I decided to forget about this. Moreover, I know he hates annoying fans. As a result, I would like to tell everyone we need to respect famous people, their relatives and their private lives. They are also just people

136 words

C-10
K-1
A-3
F-2
O-2

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