

2024-2025 учебный год

Всероссийская олимпиада школьников по английскому языку.

Школьный этап. 7-8 классы.

90 минут

Maximum – 55 баллов.

Part 1

Reading

Task 1. Read the text and the questions below. For each question 1-5, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Moonshine

The band *Moonshine* released their third CD last week. '*Here again*' is a follow-up to '*The Waves*'. There have been a few changes since the last CD, with Tom Wilcott on bass guitar replacing Simon McVee, who left the band last year, and the arrival of Tom Simpson on drums.

It is clear from the first song on CD, which is a dance tune that the band is no longer going to concentrate on slow songs. The second tune is also a dance tune and is even louder and heavier. Most later tracks are in the band's more usual slow style. These two tracks will certainly come as a surprise to many fans. Either of them could easily become a hit single though, because they are excellent.

Singer Rob Letchford gets a chance to really show how good he is, reaching each note perfectly. Fans should be grateful he recorded the songs for the album before he had trouble with his throat. This has resulted in the band having to cancel their next tour. (Anyone who has bought tickets need not worry as all the concerts will be rearranged as soon as Rob has recovered.)

On this CD, *Moonshine* show they can produce perfect music in a variety of styles, from the slow ones we are familiar with to the ones that will keep your feet tapping. I did feel, though, that they put their best songs at the beginning and the last few tracks were not of quite the same quality. Despite this, '*Here again*', is certain to be a big hit and bring more success to this band.

1. What is the writer trying to do?

- A Make suggestions about how a band could improve.
- B Offer his opinion of a band's new CD.
- C Give information about the members of a band.

0	A	was	B	had	C	did	D	has
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The Grand Canyon in the United States (0) _____ created by the River Colorado. People visit the Grand Canyon Park to go walking and running but (11) _____ to look at the view. It is a wonderful view made (12) _____ better by the Skywalk. The distance (13) _____ the Skywalk to the bottom of the Grand Canyon is 1219 metres. It is a platform (14) _____ walls and floor are built of glass (15) _____ that you can see the beautiful rocks of the canyon. Up to 120 people are allowed to stand on it at the same (16) _____. It opened in 2007 and since (17) _____ thousands of people have used it. You have to (18) _____ special covers over your shoes to (19) _____ scratching the glass beneath your feet. Walking onto the Skywalk makes you (20) _____ like a bird floating high up in the air.

Task 1. Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question 11-20, mark the correct letter – A, B, C or D. Number (0) has been done for you as an example.

Use of English

Part 2

6. Package holidays are available all year around.
 7. You can travel by dogsled in July.
 8. You can do watersports in the Yukon.
 9. You can only stay at campsites.
 10. Phone calls to the company are free of charge.

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11	A	hugely	B	mainly	C	greatly	D	completely
12	A	already	B	such	C	more	D	even
13	A	from	B	through	C	by	D	for
14	A	who	B	what	C	whose	D	which
15	A	therefore	B	although	C	so	D	because
16	A	day	B	period	C	hour	D	time
17	A	then	B	there	C	that	D	this
18	A	take	B	wear	C	dress	D	change
19	A	avoid	B	keep	C	hold	D	let
20	A	believe	B	wish	C	consider	D	feel

Task 2. Express the meaning of each phrase 21–26 in one word. There is an example for you. Please, mind your spelling. The number of letters is shown.

Example:

0. to take the first step – b _ _ _ n - b e g i n

21. full of fear – a _ _ _ _ d
 22. to walk like a soldier – m _ _ _ h
 23. to take place – h _ _ _ _ n
 24. a speech to a group of people – l _ _ _ _ e
 25. to put in the ground to grow – p _ _ _ t
 26. a picture made using a camera – p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ h

Task 3. Put each verb in brackets (27–46) into a suitable verb form. There is an example (0) for you.

On a cold autumn day in the second quarter of the 16th century a boy 0 (to be born) was born to a rich family of the name of Tudor. He was wanted very much by the family and the whole nation. People 27 (to walk) along the streets talking only about the new baby, Edward Tudor, Prince of Wales, who 28 (to lie) in silk and 29 (not to know) that all England 30 (to dream) of his birth so much. On the same day another English child was born to a poor family of the name of Cauty. He 31 (to give) the name of Tom. Tom Cauty's parents

D Explain why a CD has been so successful.

2. What does the writer say about the two songs at the beginning of the CD?

- A** They are unlike the songs the band normally performs.
- B** They are similar to other songs on the CD.
- C** They may not be enjoyed as much as other songs on the CD.
- D** They are too loud and heavy.

3. What does the writer tell us about Rob Letchford?

- A** He was not at his best when he recorded the CD.
- B** He is unable to do any more performances.
- C** He has become unwell since making the CD.
- D** He will not appear at some performances with the band.

4. What conclusion does the writer come to about the CD?

- A** He enjoyed the slow songs in particular.
- B** He prefers some of their early CDs.
- C** He thinks some of the songs may become annoying.
- D** He feels the songs at the end are worse than the ones at the beginning.

5. Which of the following did a fan say about the CD?

- A** I'm so pleased the band have made a CD with all their best hits. I love their music, so I know all these songs and can sing along to them.
- B** This CD is better than the last one because it's got some dance tunes on it as well as some lovely slow tunes.
- C** I saw the band perform this CD recently at a concert so I went and bought it immediately.
- D** The members of this band haven't changed since they started and this CD shows how they have learnt to produce an amazing sound together.

Task 2. Read the holiday brochure and decide if each statement (6-10) is true (A) or False (B).

Yukon Adventure Holidays

Looking for the perfect place for a holiday? Then come to the Yukon, in the north-western Canada, where we have package holidays to please everyone. From October to March you can choose one of our "winter wonderland" holidays. These include skiing, snowmobiling and dogsledding. From March to August we have

32 _____ (never to want) him. And now he 33 _____ (to lie) in his dirty rags crying softly.

A few years 34 _____ (to pass). Tom and his family still 35 _____ (to live) not far from London Bridge in the house built in the previous century. Tom's father often got drunk, 36 _____ (to fight) with his neighbours and 37 _____ (to beat) his children. "We 38 _____ (to live) in this house since Tom's Granny 39 _____ (to come) to London. The house 40 _____ (to get) old. In fact, it already 41 _____ (to become) ancient. It is impossible to live here anymore. But we 42 _____ (to move) only if we 43 _____ (to have) a lot of money. I should make Tom 44 _____ (to beg). He 45 _____ (never to beg) before, I know. It's high time for him to begin," Tom's father often 46 _____ (to think).

Part 3.

Country Study

Task 1. For items 47-50, identify the names of an English or an American city/town, hidden in the sentences below. Write down the correct names in your answer sheet. The first example (0) is done for you.

Example: 0. A person who wants to purchase a car usually either buys it brand new or leans towards getting a used one. (a major United States port on the Mississippi river, known also as the birthplace of jazz)

0. New Orleans

47. The pilot had to decide whether to initiate a go-around or land on the ground in inclement weather. (a city in the U.S. state of Florida, Walt Disney World Resort, also the name of a famous Hollywood star, whose surname is Bloom)

48. Housekeepers usually prefer washing to not doing anything. (the name of a city that is associated with the first name of a famous American writer and the surname of the first American president)

49. The bank won't be able to issue a new credit card if for some reason you forget your PIN, so be extra careful. (the capital of Wales)

50. The sacrament of marriage is one of the key rituals of the Catholic Church. (the capital of California)

Task 2. For questions 51 – 55 use one word to fill in a gap in the following proverbs. One word is done for you as an example.

0) All is not gold that glitters.

51. A cat in gloves _____ no mice.

52. Actions speak _____ than words.

53. A drowning man will catch at a _____.

54. Business _____ pleasure.

55. Jack of all _____.

Answer sheet
READING

1	b +	6	b +
2	a +	7	b +
3	c +	8	a +
4	d +	9	b +
5	b +	10	a +

USE OF ENGLISH

11	b +	21	afraid +
12	d +	22	much +
13	a +	23	happen +
14	c +	24	leave +
15	c +	25	plant +
16	d +	26	photograph +
17	a +		
18	b +		
19	a +		
20	d +		

27	walked +	37	beat +
28	lay +	38	have lived +
29	didn't know +	39	came +
30	had dreamt +	40	has got +
31	was given +	41	has already become +
32	never wanted +	42	will move +
33	was lying +	43	have +
34	passed +	44	beg +
35	lived +	45	has never begged +
36	thought +	46	thought +

COUNTRY STUDY

47	Orlando +
48	Washington +
49	Canada -
50	Sacramento +
51	catfish +

Memo: 54d
 Huxley G.C. Huxley
 Huxley E.C. Huxley
 Huxley A.P. Huxley

52	London T
53	St Paul T
54	before T
55	added T