

**ЗАДАНИЯ РЕГИОНАЛЬНОГО ЭТАПА ОРЕНБУРГСКОЙ ОБЛАСТНОЙ
ОЛИМПИАДЫ ШКОЛЬНИКОВ 5-8 КЛАССОВ ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ
8 КЛАСС**

Время выполнения задания – 120 минут (2 часа)

Максимальная оценка: 120 баллов

Обращение к участникам

Добрый день! Дорогие ребята, мы приветствуем вас на региональном этапе Оренбургской областной олимпиады школьников 5-8 классов. Прежде чем приступить к работе, внимательно прочитайте инструкцию.

Участникам олимпиады запрещается: использовать для записи решений авторучки с красными или зелеными чернилами, карандаш; обращаться с вопросами к кому-либо, кроме дежурных и членов оргкомитета; проносить в классы тетради, справочную литературу, учебники, любые электронные устройства, служащие для передачи, получения или накопления информации.

Удачи!

ЗАДАНИЕ 1. LISTENING 1

You will hear five people talking about mobile phones. For questions 1-5, choose from the list (A-F) what each speaker says. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use. Put the answers on the answer sheet. You will hear the audio twice.

- A Mobile phones are unnecessarily complicated.
- B Mobiles are more suitable for younger users.
- C Having a mobile can stop you feeling lonely.
- D People's mobiles can tell you about their personality.
- E Mobile phone users ought to be polite.
- F Some people use their mobiles too much.

Оценка задания

Максимальная оценка за правильно выполненное задание – 10 баллов, при этом:

- за каждый правильный ответ начисляется по 2 балла;
- при отсутствии правильных ответов баллы не начисляются.

ЗАДАНИЕ 2. LISTENING 2

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer A, B or C. You will hear the audio twice.

1. You are in a shop when you overhear this man answering the telephone. What does the caller want to buy?
 - A. a book about playing a guitar
 - B. a book about guitar music
 - C. a cassette of guitar music
2. You are listening to the radio when you hear this man speaking. What is he talking about?
 - A. history
 - B. shipbuilding
 - C. politics
3. You are sitting in a cafe when you hear this woman speaking. She is telling her friend about ...
 - A. the weather.
 - B. buying a new coat.

- C. new windows.
4. Listen to this woman introducing a college lecturer. The visiting lecturer ...
- A. has recently changed career.
 - B. has made a new discovery.
 - C. was late for the lecture.
5. You will hear someone talking about soap operas. What does the speaker think about them?
- A. They are boring and meaningless to everyone.
 - B. The plot is very exciting and unpredictable
 - C. People become addicted to them without realising it.
6. You are staying in the home of a British family. You hear the mother answering the phone. The caller wants to take her daughter ...
- A. to the cinema.
 - B. to a party.
 - C. to a restaurant.
7. Listen to a policeman being interviewed on the evening television news. What is he describing?
- A. a car crash.
 - B. a bomb explosion.
 - C. a serious fire.
8. You overhear this exchange in a major London railway station. The cause of the delay is ...
- A. snow.
 - B. flooding.
 - C. an accident.

Оценка задания

- Максимальная оценка за правильно выполненное задание – 16 баллов, при этом:
- за каждый правильный ответ начисляется по 2 балла;
 - при отсутствии правильных ответов баллы не начисляются.

ЗАДАНИЕ 3. READING

You are going to read a magazine article about hippos. Six paragraphs have been removed from the article. Choose from the paragraphs a-g the one which fits each gap (1-7). There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use. Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

When the hippos roar, start paddling!

Richard Jackson and his wife spent their honeymoon going down the Zambezi river in a canoe.

'They say this is a good test of a relationship,' said Tim as he handed me the paddle. I wasn't sure that such a tough challenge was what was needed on a honeymoon, but it was too late to go back. My wife, Leigh, and I were standing with our guide, Tim Came, on the banks of the Zambezi near the Zambia/Botswana border. This was to be the highlight of our honeymoon: a safari downriver, ending at the point where David Livingstone first saw the Victoria Falls.

1

Neither of us had any canoeing experience. Tentatively we set off downstream, paddling with more enthusiasm than expertise. Soon we heard the first distant rumblings of what seemed like thunder. 'Is that Victoria Falls?' we inquired naively. 'No,' said Tim dismissively. 'That's our first rapid.' Easy, we thought. Wrong!

2

The canoe plotted a crazed path as we careered from side to side, our best efforts seeming only to add to our plight. This was the first of many rapids, all relatively minor, all enjoyably challenging for tourists like us.

3

The overnight stops would mean mooring at a deserted island in the middle of the river, where Tim's willing support team would be waiting, having erected a camp and got the water warm for our bucket showers. As the ice slowly melted in the drinks, restaurant-quality food would appear from a cooker using hot coals. Then people would begin to relax, and the day's stories would take on epic proportions.

4

One morning, Tim decided to count the number of hippos we saw, in an attempt to gauge the population in this part of the river. Most of the wildlife keeps a cautious distance, and we were assured that, safe in our canoe, any potential threats would be more scared of us than we were of them - but we had been warned to give these river giants a wide berth. They'd normally stay in mid-stream, watching us with some suspicion, and greeting our departure with a cacophony of grunts.

5

Tim yelled 'Paddle!' and over the next 100 metres an Olympic runner would have struggled to keep up with us. The hippo gave up the chase, and although Tim said he was just a youngster showing off, our opinion was that he had honeymooners on the menu. That would certainly be the way we told the story by the time we got home.

6

At some times of the year, you can even enjoy a natural jacuzzi in one of the rock pools beside the falls. The travel brochures say it's the world's most exclusive picnic spot. It's certainly the ideal place to wind down after a near miss with a hippo.

A Luckily we could make our mistakes in privacy as, apart from Tim and another couple, for two days we were alone. Our only other company was the array of bird and animal life. The paddling was fairly gentle, and when we got tired, Tim would lead us to the shore and open a cool-box containing a picnic lunch.

B If that was the scariest moment, the most romantic was undoubtedly our final night's campsite. Livingstone island is perched literally on top of Victoria Falls. The safari company we were with have exclusive access to it: it's just you, a sheer drop of a few hundred metres and the continual roar as millions of litres of water pour over the edge.

C There was plenty of passing traffic to observe on land as well - giraffes, hippos, elephants and warthogs, while eagles soared overhead. We even spotted two rare white rhinos. We paddled closer to get a better look.

D We had a four-metre aluminium canoe to ourselves. It was a small craft for such a mighty river, but quite big enough to house the odd domestic dispute. Couples had, it seemed, ended similar trips arguing rather than paddling. But it wasn't just newly-weds at risk. Tim assured us that a group of comedians from North America had failed to see the funny side too.

E But number 150 had other ideas. As we hugged the bank he dropped under the water. We expected him to re-surface in the same spot, as the others had done. Instead, there was a sudden roar and he emerged lunging towards the canoe.

F Over the next hour or so the noise grew to terrifying dimensions. By the time we edged around the bend to confront it, we were convinced we would be faced with mountains of white water. Instead, despite all the sound and fury, the Zambezi seemed only slightly ruffled by a line of small rocks.

G When we'd all heard enough, we slept under canvas, right next to the river bank. Fortunately, we picked a time of year largely free of mosquitoes, so our nets and various lotions remained unused. The sounds of unseen animals were our nightly lullaby.

Оценкa задания

- Максимальная оценка за правильно выполненное задание – 18 баллов, при этом:
- за каждый правильный ответ начисляется по 3 балла;
 - при отсутствии правильных ответов баллы не начисляются.

ЗАДАНИЕ 4. USE OF ENGLISH 1

For each number write an appropriate word. Put your answers on the answer sheet

A lack of communication

Recent research has (1)that a third of people in Britain have not met their next-door neighbours, and those who know each other (2) speak. Neighbours gossiping over garden fences and in the street was a common (3)in the 1950s, says Dr Carl Chinn, an expert on local communities. Now, however, longer hours spent working at the office, together with the Internet and satellite television, are eroding neighbourhood (4) 'Poor neighbourhoods once had strong kinship, but now prosperity buys privacy,' said Chinn.

Andrew Mayer, a strategy consultant, rents a large apartment in west London, with two flat-mates. 'We have a family of teachers upstairs and lawyers below, but our only contact comes via letters (5)to the communal facilities or complaints that we've not put out our bin bags properly,' said Mayer.

The (6)of communities can have serious effects. Concerned at the rise in burglaries and (7)of vandalism, the police have relaunched crime prevention schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch, (8) on people who live in the same area to (9) an eye on each others' houses and report anything they see which is unusual.

- 1 **A** exhibited **B** conducted **C** displayed **D** revealed
- 2 **A** barely **B** roughly **C** nearly **D** virtually
- 3 **A** outlook **B** view **C** vision **D** sight
- 4 **A** ties **B** joints **C** strings **D** laces
- 5 **A** concerning **B** regarding **C** applying **D** relating
- 6 **A** breakout **B** breakthrough **C** breakdown **D** breakaway
- 7 **A** acts **B** shows **C** counts **D** works
- 8 **A** asking **B** calling **C** inviting **D** trying
- 9 **A** put **B** keep **C** hold **D** give

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ЗАДАНИЕ 5. USE OF ENGLISH 2

For each number write an appropriate word. Put your answers on the answer sheet.

Ironing

Many people hate ironing and seek out modern fabrics that (1)do not crease, but is it really such a tedious and (2) chore? When done in the (3) of your kitchen with your headphones on, it can be a fairly relaxing way of spending your time.

Anyway, love it or loathe it, here are a few guidelines:

- Before you start, (4)there is enough wardrobe space to allow your clothes to hang once ironed.

• Plug the iron in close to the ironing board. A (5)of cord stretched across a room represents a serious hazard. Also keep cords beyond the reach of children, whose natural (6)may lead them to pull the cord and the iron - onto themselves.

• Read the care label on each garment for the recommended ironing (7)and the appropriate temperature (8) If in doubt, start with a cool iron. If this proves to be (9)and the clothes remain creased, increase the temperature as necessary.

1. CONVENIENCE
2. AGREE
3. PRIVATE
4. SURE
5. LONG
6. CURIOUS
7. PROCEED
8. SET
9. EFFECT

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ЗАДАНИЕ 6. COUNTRY STUDIES

Give Russian equivalents to the proverbs below.

Put your answers on the answer sheet

1. A cat in gloves catches no mice.
2. Every dog is a lion at home.
3. A black hen lays a white egg.
4. Nightingales will not sing in a cage.
5. All cats are grey in the dark.
6. Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.
7. Never offer to teach fish to swim.
8. To set the fox to keep the geese.
9. That can make the cat laugh.
10. To buy a pig in a poke.

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Максимальная оценка за правильно выполненное задание – 20 баллов, при этом:

- за каждый правильный ответ начисляется по 2 балла;
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ЗАДАНИЕ 7. WRITING

You see this announcement on an English-language website.

Articles wanted

The most useful thing I have ever learned.

What is the most useful thing you have learned?
Who did you learn it from? Why is it useful?

Write us an article answering these questions.

We will publish the best articles on our website.

Write your **article** in 130-180

Оценка задания

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