

Олимпиадные задания для 9-11 классов. Школьный этап 2025

Общее время выполнения работы – 60 минут. Максимальное количество баллов – 50

Transfer your answers into the Answer Sheet.

Listening

Time: 5 min

Listen to the business interview. Choose the best answer.

1. The app ...

a. is for students to learn from.	b. is for parents to learn from.	c. is for students who want to find a tutor.
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2. Many parents ...

a. don't have the time or knowledge to help with their children's homework.	b. don't want to help with their children's homework	c. think that schools should help with their children's homework
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3. The app ...

a. has student exercises on it.	b. is only for people in remote areas.	c. offers live online support from tutors
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4. On the app, tutors who live in remote areas ...

a. often charge higher rates.	b. often charge lower rates.	c. don't like to work too much.
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5. The app ...

a. is new and not many people know about it.	b. is not very successful.	c. is already popular.
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Total: 10 points (2X5)

Reading

Time: 15 min

Read the text and complete the missing parts A-E with the clauses 1-5. Complete the table below. There is one extra clause which you do not need to use.

Canals

You won't go far in Britain without coming across a canal. The canal network in Britain covers almost 3,500 kilometres **A** 4. Canals are still in use and they are very much part of the British landscape. It was the Romans who introduced canals to Britain, mainly to link rivers. The road system was then under-developed so an alternative was badly needed. The first major canal was the Bridgewater canal in 1761. **B** 2, the Bridgewater canal was an engineering masterpiece and it had a dramatic effect on local industries: coal prices fell 60 %. The Bridgewater canal started what can be called a canal boom. In the early days, boats were pulled by horses. With a boat, it was possible for a horse to pull more than ten times what it could in a cart. Horses were used **C** 3. Animal lovers certainly welcomed this change because the life of a canal horse was far from easy.

The use of canals started to fall in the middle of the nineteenth century when railways started to be built. Trains were much faster, economical **D** 1. A whole way of life changed as canals were much more than just transport. Whole families used to live on canal boats. **E** 5, when many were just abandoned, canals have become popular again as tourist attractions or holiday destinations. Canal tours, with the boats a lot more comfortable today, are a great way of appreciating British history. Long may this tradition continue.

- 1 and they could just carry more things and people
- 2 named after the man who designed the whole project
- 3 until they were replaced by steam and other power sources
- 4 but most of them are concentrated in England
- 5 in spite of going through a long period of decline and neglect
- 6 when manufacturers and customers needed cheaper and quicker transport

Total: 10 points(2X5)

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 10 min

1. For questions 1 – 5 match the phrasal verbs with their meanings. There is one extra part in the second column.

A	B
1. put off <i>b</i>	a) be understood
2. set out to <i>e</i>	b) explain
3. rip off <i>d</i>	c) understand a dishonesty
4. run over <i>f</i>	d) charge too much
5. see through <i>c</i>	e) intend to
	f) discourage upset

2. For questions 6-7, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

6. Peter could hear loud howling noises all night long. **throughout**

Peter could hear *howls throughout the* night.

7. It may sound unlikely, but it's true. **as**

Unlikely *as it is*, it's true.

3. Read the sentences and complete gaps 8 - 10 with the correct derivative of each word in capitals.

These poor chicken are kept in very(8) _____ conditions.

NATURAL

unnatural

Always strive for (9) _____, but be content when you fail.

PERFECT

perfection

Safety is not my (10) _____. Speak to your supervisor.

RESPONSE

responsibility

Total: 10 points

WRITING

Time: 30 minutes

Write an original short story that begins with the words: "It was raining hard that night. In my hurry to get into the house, I didn't notice the black car parked across the road. I realized something was wrong when..

Write 100–120 words.

Instructions for Writing:

- write a well-structured story;
- think about the characters, what situation are they in?
- create suspense;
- include direct speech;
- use time phrases;
- make a conclusion.

Total: 20 points

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Answer Sheet (Бланк ответов)

Listening

1	2	3	4	5
a -	a +	c +	b +	c +

10 points

Reading

A	B	C	D	E
4 +	2 +	3 +	1 +	5 + 10

10 points

USE OF ENGLISH

1	Peter could hear howls throughout the night b -
2	Unlikely as it is, it's true e +
3	d +
4	f -
5	c +
6	Peter could hear howls throughout the night +
7	Unlikely as it is, it's true -
8	unnatural +
9	perfection +
10	responsibility +

10 points

Writing

20 points

It was raining hard that night. In my hurry to get into the house, I didn't notice a black car parked across the road. I realized something was wrong, when^{so} a man got out of the car and started heading towards my house.⁴³

I quickly got out of there through the backdoor, but decided to peek around the corner to see if he would go away. The man started knocking on my door, then ~~said~~^{shouted}. "Open up, it's the police! I am legally allowed to bash your door if you don't open!"⁴⁹

I was frightened. I snuck to my neighbours' house and asked them to call the police, but when they arrived, there was no man and no car there.

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