

Муниципальный этап Всероссийской олимпиады школьников  
по английскому языку  
2023–2024 гг.  
7–8 классы  
Задания

LISTENING

Time: 15 minutes

Listen to a radio interview about the Pomodoro Technique and decide whether the statements 1–5 are *TRUE* (A) or *FALSE* (B) according to the text you hear. You will hear the text TWICE.

1. The Pomodoro Technique can be used for both school and work.  
A. True                      B. False
2. To complete a task using this technique, you should first make a list of steps.  
A. True                      B. False
3. The break should last as long as the work session.  
A. True                      B. False
4. Peter prefers to use a built-in phone timer when studying.  
A. True                      B. False
5. The Pomodoro technique helps Peter to spend less time on homework.  
A. True                      B. False

*Максимальный балл за весь раздел — 5 баллов*

Не забудьте перенести свои ответы в бланк ответов!

## READING

Time: 45 minutes

Read the following text and answer questions 1–15 below.

A. It's not only pirates in stories who go hunting for buried treasure. Every year, thousands of people search in the Rocky Mountains in the US for hidden treasure worth \$2 million. And the clues to where it is are written in a poem.

The treasure was buried by an art expert, Forrest Fenn, in 2010. He was 80 when he made the trip into the Rocky Mountains by car and then on foot. So that's one clue: it is somewhere an old man could walk to with a heavy box. But the nine main clues in the poem (available to read on his website) are much more difficult to understand. Treasure hunters look at the meaning of every word in the poem and they look for extra clues in Forrest's two books about his life.

B. Here is one part to get you started:

*Begin it where warm waters stop*

*And take it in the canyon down,*

*Not far, but too far to walk.*

*Put in below the home of Brown.*

There are many possible meanings. You can probably start with «warm waters» and «the home of Brown». Some people look for a place where warm and cold water meet, perhaps two rivers. Others look for a more poetic meaning, for example a person's tears could be warm water. Brown might be a person because names usually start with a capital letter. So maybe you have to look for people called Brown who live in the Rocky Mountains. Unfortunately, Brown is a very common surname!

C. These places must be near a canyon, but what does the third line mean? How far is «too far to walk»? Also, «put in» is a strange way to say «go», so maybe Forrest chose those words for a reason. You can see why people spend a long time finding clues, can't you?

The only way to test your ideas is to follow the clues to try and find the treasure. Forrest thinks people spend too much time inside their houses and offices on their computers and phones. He remembers his own childhood adventures in the Rocky Mountains and he wants families to learn about nature and have adventures together.

D. His plan is working. Joe's dad took him camping in the woods and he says, «I enjoyed the adventure of it.»

Some treasure hunters have been out looking for the box too many times to count. Marti and her daughter Libbi travel from their home in Georgia to search

in Montana. Libbi says: «I love the scenery of Montana — seeing so many animals up close, camping in the mountains and crossing rivers and streams. It's all so exciting, even if we never find the treasure.»

E. But there are people who think the whole thing is a trick. Some say maybe Forrest had a box of treasure, but they don't believe he hid it in the mountains. Others say he took it back years ago. They say maybe he just likes the attention. But even the people who complain it's a trick often still go to the Rocky Mountains to test their ideas. Of course, one possibility is that someone has already found the treasure and not told anyone. But that won't stop hundreds more people going treasure hunting this spring. Where would you start looking?

1. Which fact about Forrest Fenn does the author call the first clue?
  - A. He knew a lot about art.
  - B. He was quite old when he hid the treasure.
  - C. He has written many poems about this treasure.
2. The phrase «the home of Brown» doesn't help the hunters much because...
  - A. There are a lot of people named Brown.
  - B. No people with this surname live in the Rocky Mountains.
  - C. The word «Brown» doesn't start with a capital B in the poem.
3. Why did Forrest hide the treasure?
  - A. He didn't need the 2 million dollars.
  - B. It's his family tradition.
  - C. He wanted people to go outside.
4. What does the author say about treasure hunters in Paragraph D?
  - A. They go searching for the treasure only if they live nearby.
  - B. Some of them have gone to Montana more than once.
  - C. None of them can enjoy the trip if they don't find the treasure.
5. According to the text, why are some people suspicious about the treasure?
  - A. They suppose Forrest didn't have anything at all.
  - B. They don't believe that a «Forrest Fenn» exists.
  - C. They think Forrest enjoys the interest towards him.

In which paragraph is the following information mentioned? Put a tick (✓) in the right column. The paragraphs can be used more than once.

	A	B	C	D	E
6. A suggestion that there is nothing to search for anymore					
7. Forrest Fenn's occupation					
8. A possible explanation of a metaphor					
9. Two state names					
10. A mention of an unusual synonym					

Find a word from the text that is a synonym to the word on the right. The number of letters and the paragraph are given to help you.

Word	Paragraph	Synonym
11. _____	A	accessible
12. _____	A	additional
13. _____	B	lyrical
14. _____	D	landscape
15. _____	E	argue

Максимальный балл за весь раздел — **15 баллов**

Не забудьте перенести свои ответы в бланк ответов!

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 50 minutes

Task 1

Read the text below and choose the word that fits best for each gap (1–10). The first one (0) is done for you.

*Example:*

0.	A. they	B. there	C. their
----	---------	----------	----------

*Answer:*

0. B

At Stefan Berger's restaurant, 0. \_\_\_\_ are dishes that you have never heard of before. He constantly has new ideas and the guests like that. You have to call in advance and order one of the 1. \_\_\_\_ tables 2. \_\_\_\_ you want to eat in his restaurant «Bremen Local». He has a lot of guests, 3. \_\_\_\_ he doesn't want to open a second restaurant. «Sure, I 4. \_\_\_\_ probably get rich doing it, but I consciously decided against it. I just like 5. \_\_\_\_ way we work here.»

Stefan Berger was born in the Rhineland in 1968, attended secondary school and then learned 6. \_\_\_\_ in a large hotel.

7. \_\_\_\_ completing his training, he took a two-year break to relax. He travelled 8. \_\_\_\_ the world, had different jobs and learned a lot of new things. He then 9. \_\_\_\_ to Bremen because he missed his homeland. The restaurant called «Bremen Local» was looking for a chef. Berger accepted the position and three years 10. \_\_\_\_ he bought the restaurant.

1.	A. few	B. little	C. much
2.	A. or	B. unless	C. if
3.	A. but	B. while	C. so
4.	A. couldn't	B. could	C. must
5.	A. a	B. an	C. the
6.	A. cook	B. to cook	C. cooked
7.	A. After	B. In	C. By
8.	A. on	B. with	C. around
9.	A. come	B. came	C. comed
10.	A. later	B. before	C. sooner

Максимальный балл за задание — 10 баллов

### Task 2

How can you describe these people? Choose one adjective from the list (A-M) that suits the person (11-20) best. There are two adjectives that you won't need and one more (M) is used in the example (0).

*Example:*

0. Linda has an attractive personality. Everyone who meets her immediately likes her.

*Answer:*

0. M

A. sociable	B. active	C. reliable	D. creative	E. nervous
F. independent	G. efficient	H. jealous	I. cheerful	J. patient
	K. grateful	L. selfish	M. charming	

11. Daisy always wants what other people have.
12. Mary likes doing things on her own, without support or help.
13. John will do everything he promises. You can always trust him.
14. Cora is very friendly. She enjoys being with other people.
15. Thomas thinks about his own problems all the time. He never pays attention to other people.
16. Sybil gets everything done in very little time.
17. Anna always shows appreciation when you help her.
18. Edith plays volleyball, goes running in the mornings and cycles to work.
19. Isobel is often frightened or worried.
20. Lavinia is happy and optimistic all the time.

Максимальный балл за задание — 10 баллов

### Task 3

Complete each pair of sentences 21-30 with ONE word that can have two meanings. The first pair (0) is done for you.

*Example:*

1. Carl has worked in a coal \_\_\_\_ for all of his life. He has health problems now.  
Please, don't touch this car. It's not yours, it's \_\_\_\_.

*Answer:*

0. mine

21. Jane is a \_\_\_\_ person, she helps others all the time.

What \_\_\_\_ of a bird is this? A pigeon?

22. Do these two words \_\_\_\_ the same thing?

Don't be so \_\_\_\_ to others or they won't talk to you.

23. The car had to stop because of a \_\_\_\_ tyre.

He lives in a \_\_\_\_ in New York.

24. I'm very fond of him, but he doesn't \_\_\_\_ me back.

Big animals \_\_\_\_ horses sleep standing.

25. You can't \_\_\_\_ here, this place is only for the teachers' cars.

This \_\_\_\_ is the only green area around here.

26. I \_\_\_\_ my phone at home and now I can't call anyone.

They can sit in the centre or on the \_\_\_\_ .

27. This is the best \_\_\_\_ at this theatre.

It's harder to \_\_\_\_ football when it's raining.

28. She \_\_\_\_ her friend at the shop today.

You can use a \_\_\_\_ to cut wood.

29. My mother can \_\_\_\_ without looking at the keyboard.

He's just not my \_\_\_\_: I prefer blond tall boys.

30. Wait a \_\_\_\_! I know this song!

Linda wanted a \_\_\_\_ opinion so she asked me.

*Максимальный балл за задание — 10 баллов*

#### Task 4

Match the terms on the left (31–40) with the definitions on the right (A–L). There is one definition that you won't need and one more (L) is used in the example (0).

*Example:*

0. Golden Gate Bridge

*Answer:*

0. L

0. Golden Gate Bridge	A. A royal residence in London
31. Statue of Liberty	B. A lake connected with a local legend
32. Stonehenge	C. A famous marble building in the city of Agra in India
33. Big Ben	D. A bridge that crosses the River Thames
34. Sydney Opera House	E. A concrete statue designed by a French sculptor
35. Mount Rushmore	F. A name of a bell that began to mean the whole tower
36. Buckingham Palace	G. A natural water landmark on the border between Canada and the US
37. The Great Lakes	H. A famous arts centre in Australia
38. The Taj Mahal	I. A copper sculpture given by the people of France
39. Tower Bridge	J. A colossal sculpture of four heads
40. Loch Ness	K. A monument consisting of vertical stones
	<del>L. A bridge that connects San Francisco Bay with the Pacific Ocean.</del>

Максимальный балл за задание — 10 баллов

Максимальный балл за весь раздел — 40 баллов

Не забудьте перенести свои ответы в бланк ответов!



## WRITING

Time: 70 minutes

Write a short story about a family. Your story should have a **problem** or a **difficult situation** that the characters are trying to solve.

At least two of the characters should be members of one family. You should describe at least **one member** in detail.

Think of a title for your story. Your story should have a title. Your story should also have at least **one dialogue**.

Write 150–200 words.

Don't forget about the rules of writing a short story.

*Максимальный балл за раздел — 20 баллов*

*Максимальный балл за всю олимпиаду — 80 баллов*

Не забудьте перенести свой ответ в бланк ответов!
---