

**МУНИЦИПАЛЬНЫЙ ЭТАП  
ВСЕРОССИЙСКОЙ ОЛИМПИАДЫ ШКОЛЬНИКОВ  
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**Задания**

**LISTENING**

**Time: 15 minutes**

**Task 1**

For items **1-10** listen to a talk about famous people's flats and decide whether the statements **(1-10)** are **TRUE (A)** or **FALSE (B)** according to the text you hear. You will hear the text **twice**.

1. Handel worked as a judge at the English court.  

**A.** True
**B.** False
2. Handel was the first to live at 25 Brook Street.  

**A.** True
**B.** False
3. Handel created the *Messiah* on the second floor of the house.  

**A.** True
**B.** False
4. Some people in Handel's house lived just under the roof.  

**A.** True
**B.** False
5. By the time of his death, Handel had lost his vision.  

**A.** True
**B.** False
6. Jimi Hendrix found the 23 Brook Street flat himself.  

**A.** True
**B.** False
7. Jimi Hendrix showed his new flat to the press.  

**A.** True
**B.** False
8. After 1969, Jimi never returned to the flat.  

**A.** True
**B.** False
9. In 1970, when Jimi died, his flat opened to the public.  

**A.** True
**B.** False
10. It is possible to listen to live music at the house where Jimi Hendrix lived.  

**A.** True
**B.** False

**Максимум за задание — 10 баллов.**

Не забудьте перенести свои ответы в бланк ответов!

## Task 2

For items **11–15** listen to the dialogue. Choose the correct answer (**A, B or C**) to answer questions **11–15**. You will hear the text only **once**.

- 11.** Juan Antonio became a referee because
- A.** his father was a referee
  - B.** he was invited to judge a game when he was fourteen
  - C.** he had always been interested in it
- 12.** Juan Antonio was a really great \_\_\_\_\_ player.
- A.** basketball
  - B.** handball
  - C.** football
- 13.** The most exciting match he's refereed, according to Juan Antonio,
- A.** hasn't happened yet
  - B.** was the first Real Madrid — Barcelona match he had judged
  - C.** is tough to choose
- 14.** At Juan Antonio's worst match,
- A.** he was beaten up by footballers and fans
  - B.** his mother was angry with him
  - C.** a mother dropped her baby
- 15.** How has football changed, according to Juan Antonio?
- A.** the stakes are lower
  - B.** the speed has increased
  - C.** it's less difficult to detect cheating

**Максимум за задание — 5 баллов.**

**Максимум за раздел — 15 баллов.**

Не забудьте перенести свои ответы в бланк ответов!

## READING

Time: 45 minutes

## Task 1

For items **1–8** read the passage below and choose the option which best fits according to the text.

Kissing Ireland's Blarney Stone, a tradition that's been around for several centuries, gives a person the gift of eloquence and persuasiveness. The iconic stone is set in a wall of Blarney Castle, constructed in 1446 by Dermot McCarthy, king of Munster, on the site of a demolished 13th century castle.

Various legends surround the Blarney Stone's origins. According to one story, it was acquired during the Crusades and brought to Ireland, while another tale claims it was made from the same material used at Stonehenge. An additional account links it to the Stone of Scone (also called the Stone of Destiny), which was used for hundreds of years in the coronation of Scottish and English monarchs. Yet another legend explains it was a gift from Robert the Bruce, king of Scots, to Cormac McCarthy, king of Munster, for sending men to help Bruce defeat the English at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314.

In 2014, however, geologists from the University of Glasgow shed some light on the Blarney Stone's heritage. They concluded that the famous rock isn't from Scotland but instead is made of 330-million-year-old limestone local to the south of Ireland.

The word "blarney," meaning skillful flattery or nonsense, supposedly came into use following an incident involving the head of the McCarthy family and Queen Elizabeth I, who ruled England and Ireland from 1558 to 1603. The queen sent the earl of Leicester to capture Blarney Castle, but the talkative McCarthy managed to prolong the process by stalling. The queen grew exasperated by the earl's reports about the lack of progress in the matter and called all the reports "blarney."

**1.** In 1446, Dermot McCarthy...

- A.** constructed the Blarney Stone
- B.** built the Blarney Castle
- C.** demolished the Blarney Castle
- D.** became King of Munster

**2.** In paragraph 2, we learn that...

- A.** the Blarney Stone may not be Irish
- B.** there are several origin stories of the Blarney Stone

- C.** Robert the Bruce ruled over Scotland
  - D.** all of the above
- 3.** In 2014, it was discovered that the Blarney Stone is...
- A.** not from the expected country of origin
  - B.** made of limestone found in the north of Ireland
  - C.** 330 million years old
  - D.** not made of marble, but of limestone
- 4.** In paragraph 3, the word *concluded* is closest in meaning to...
- A.** to cause something to end
  - B.** to end something
  - C.** to disagree on something
  - D.** to judge after thinking carefully
- 5.** The Blarney Stone...
- A.** gives the gift of talking nonsense
  - B.** makes people able to talk well
  - C.** is kissed by the future King of England
  - D.** is in the central part of the Blarney Castle
- 6.** The word "blarney"...
- A.** was invented by Elizabeth I
  - B.** honours the Blarney Castle
  - C.** was inspired by the Blarney Castle situation
  - D.** is not used nowadays
- 7.** What is NOT a legend of the Stone's origin?
- A.** it was brought to Ireland by Crusaders
  - B.** it was made of Irish limestone
  - C.** it was a gift from a Scottish King
  - D.** it has a connection to the Stone of Destiny
- 8.** According to the text, what is WRONG about the Blarney stone?
- A.** it is made of limestone
  - B.** it is a tourist attraction
  - C.** it is located in Ireland
  - D.** it was named after Queen Elizabeth

For items **9–10**, find and write down (in the same form it is written in the text) the word from the text which means the same as:

**9.** (verb) to completely destroy a building.

**10.** (adjective) annoyed, especially because you can do nothing to solve a problem.

**Максимум за задание — 10 баллов.**

Не забудьте перенести свои ответы в бланк ответов!

## Task 2

For items **11–20** read the passage below and choose which of the sentences **A–L** fit into the numbered gaps in the text. There are two extra sentences which do not fit in any of the gaps.

### The Claddagh Ring

Even if you're not familiar with Irish culture, you've probably seen this ring with a heart, a crown and two hands appear throughout history and pop culture. The Claddagh is Ireland's unique symbol of love, loyalty and friendship. This emblem originated near Galway, Ireland, in the 17th century and has been a cornerstone of Irish culture. The Claddagh incorporates three main symbols: a heart, a crown, and hands. The heart represents love, the crown is symbolic of loyalty and possession of the other person's heart. **11.** \_\_\_\_\_

The Claddagh ring's design has some ancient roots as far back as ancient Rome. The design of two hands clasped together was popularised throughout Roman culture. Eventually such rings became known as Fede rings. **12.** \_\_\_\_\_ The Fenian Claddagh ring is nearly identical to the classic Claddagh but without the crown. Regardless, no variant is as popular as the beloved heart, hands and crown design. The name 'Claddagh' comes from the Gaelic word 'cladach' which means rocky or stony beach or seashore. **13.** \_\_\_\_\_ Originally, the citizens of Claddagh called this ring simply the heart and hands ring.

The most romantic story says that the Claddagh was created by a fisherman named Richard Joyce on a trip to the West Indies. Joyce was captured by pirates and sold into slavery to a goldsmith in Algeria. Joyce was trained in this craft and developed skillfully as an artisan, ultimately living a pretty decent life for a slave. **14.** \_\_\_\_\_ After 14 years of servitude, Joyce gained his freedom when King William III of England rose to power and ordered the release of all his subjects enslaved in Algeria. When he returned and found that his sweetheart had remained faithful to him, he gifted her the Claddagh he had created as a

slave, and the two of them lived happily ever after. **15.** \_\_\_\_\_ Thus, the tradition was born.

Other origin tales include one about a philanthropist who was gifted the Claddagh by an eagle flying overhead. **16.** \_\_\_\_\_ Unable to marry his love, the King committed suicide and ordered that his hands be cut from his body and placed around his heart.

When passed down from generation to generation, it was common for the mother to tell her eldest daughter, "With these hands I give you my heart and I crown it with my love." **17.** \_\_\_\_\_ Of course, Claddagh rings are also worn to show marital status.

Wearing the Claddagh ring on your right hand with the heart facing out means that you are single and now your heart is open to the world. **18.** \_\_\_\_\_ If you wear the ring on your left-hand ring finger with the heart facing out, this shows that you are engaged. Finally, if you wear the ring on your left-hand ring finger with the heart facing in, it shows that you're married.

The rings were an important part of native Irish culture for hundreds of years before spreading outside Ireland in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. **19.** \_\_\_\_\_ When leaving for America, Irish immigrants were often gifted with an heirloom on the day of their departure. Many arrived in the US with nothing more than the clothes on their backs and the Claddagh rings on their fingers. Today Claddagh rings are everywhere, though the traditional use of showing marital status is not the main one. **20.** \_\_\_\_\_ Good friends might get Claddagh rings as a token of friendship or possibly to encourage the recipient to open their heart to love; mothers often gift Claddagh to daughters or granddaughters as a maturity present and people of Irish ancestry will wear the Claddagh as a symbol just to show their Celtic pride and Irish heritage.

**A.** During his enslavement, the Claddagh ring was one of his designs that he created for his love back in Ireland.

**B.** The Claddagh motif has been incorporated into a wide variety of jewellery.

**C.** This jewellery is often worn and exchanged for other reasons.

**D.** Another one tells of a king and his forbidden love for a peasant woman.

**E.** Very fitting, as the ring itself originated in the small fishing village of Claddagh outside Galway.

**F.** There's an old superstition that it's actually bad luck to buy a Claddagh for yourself.

**G.** Another variation of the Claddagh ring is the Fenian Claddagh ring.

**H.** Wearing the Claddagh ring on your right hand with the heart facing in means that your heart is closed and that you're in a relationship now.

**I.** Finally, the hands coming together to hold the heart symbolise friendship.

**J.** Claddagh rings became widely known in the United States after Irish immigrants brought them over.

**K.** He used the skills he had learned as a goldsmith to forge the Claddaghs in Ireland.

**L.** Nowadays, the Claddagh ring is presented to a child by their parents or even a grandparent as a coming-of-age gift.

**Максимум за задание — 10 баллов.**

**Максимум за раздел — 20 баллов.**

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**USE OF ENGLISH**
**Time: 60 minutes**
**Task 1**

For items **1–10** read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put a tick. Use the letter "V" as a tick. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in a given space in CAPITAL letters. There are two examples at the beginning (**0 and 00**).

<b>0</b>	Saining means that protecting or blessing in the Scots' dialect.	<b>THAT</b>
<b>00</b>	It's an ancient custom that comes from the Highlands.	<b>V</b>
<b>1</b>	Early on New Year's Day householders drink a cup of magic water. What's magic about it?	
<b>2</b>	Well, it's basically water that's been drawn up from what's called a dead and living stream	
<b>3</b>	It is a stream that is routinely crossed by both the living and the dead. This usually means a stream crossing on the way to a churchyard.	
<b>4</b>	After you drink some of the water, when the rest is sprinkled around each room of the house on the beds and even on all the people who live there.	
<b>5</b>	If you happen to have farm animals, you're going to sprinkle them too because they deserve a blessing too, right?	
<b>6</b>	After the sprinkling done the house is sealed up tight and juniper branches are set on fire.	
<b>7</b>	The lady of the house then carries them through each one room, letting the smoke fumigate the entire building.	
<b>8</b>	You know you've done a good job when everyone is sneezing and coughing so like crazy.	
<b>9</b>	Then all the doors and windows are flung wide open to let in the cold fresh air of the new year.	
<b>10</b>	The lady of the house then offers a whiskey bottle, and everyone sits down to a very pleasant New Year's breakfast.	

**Максимум за задание — 10 баллов.**

Не забудьте перенести свои ответы в бланк ответов!



**Task 2**

For items **11–20** read the text below. Use the word given in brackets to form a new word that fits in the space in the same line. Use CAPITAL letters. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Games involving people hitting a ball back and forth have existed for thousands of years but it was only in medieval times that the sport of tennis became popular **(0) \_\_LARGELY\_\_ (LARGE)** because kings played it. The kind of tennis played in the 1400s and 1500s is known as court tennis today.

Much later, Walter Wingfield improved the rules and decided to call the new game “Sphairistikè” (ancient Greek for “the art of playing ball”). The name didn't stick but his **(11) \_\_\_\_\_ (INVENT)**, lawn tennis, did.

Very soon, Wimbledon had staged its first **(12) \_\_\_\_\_ (CHAMPION)**.

In places where grass couldn't grow well enough to play lawn tennis, an **(13) \_\_\_\_\_ (ALTERNATE)** surface evolved.

Made from crushed roof tiles, that clay surface is still used all over the world, **(14) \_\_\_\_\_ (NOTE)** at Roland Garros (the French Open).

In 1913, the International Lawn Tennis Federation was launched in Paris. World War I put a stop to tennis's **(15) \_\_\_\_\_ (GROW)** but not for long.

Tennis was the greatest phenomenon of the 1920s. However, for the best part of the next 40 years the tennis world was split between the amateurs playing the traditional tournaments and the **(16) \_\_\_\_\_ (FAME)** former champions.

They were being paid to play **(17) \_\_\_\_\_ (EXHIBIT)** matches. Yet some national associations paid their top players secretly while they continued to win titles. This situation became known as shamateurism.

In 1967, Wimbledon had a realisation: if we want to celebrate the world's best players, we have to let them play the most **(18) \_\_\_\_\_ (PRESTIGE)** tournaments.

The amateur and professional circuits were **(19) \_\_\_\_\_ (UNION)**, tennis went open and the first major of the new era took place at Roland Garros in 1968.

Different surfaces were introduced, coloured clothing **(20) \_\_\_\_\_ (PLACE)** traditional white clothes, advances in technology and materials left wooden rackets behind.

**Максимум за задание — 10 баллов.**

Не забудьте перенести свои ответы в бланк ответов!

**Task 3**

For items **21–30** fill in the gaps with a missing word. For each set, think of ONE word which fits all three gaps. Use CAPITAL letters. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

- 0.** Guess who I just \_\_\_\_\_ into at the supermarket?! My childhood best friend!  
Kate \_\_\_\_\_ her head on the shelf, poor baby!  
The car \_\_\_\_\_ along the dirt road, making a lot of noise.

**ANSWER: BUMPED**

- 21.** I've never seen this \_\_\_\_\_ of Picasso.  
Kate really needs some money, so she's looking for \_\_\_\_\_.  
I can't make the television \_\_\_\_\_, is it broken?
- 22.** The glasses are very sturdy; they won't shatter no matter how hard you \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
Many restaurants were badly \_\_\_\_\_ by COVID.  
Taylor Swift's latest song is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 23.** I had to return because I had forgotten my \_\_\_\_\_.  
To switch songs, press the L \_\_\_\_\_.  
Buy the student's book with the \_\_\_\_\_ included.
- 24.** The pupils sat around the teacher in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
I need to tell you something really important, so give me a \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as you come home.  
Jack keeps telling me about his training on the boxing \_\_\_\_\_.
- 25.** More than 10 000 Real Madrid \_\_\_\_\_ attended the game.  
The flamenco dancers came out holding their \_\_\_\_\_.  
This summer was really hot, we bought five new \_\_\_\_\_ for the office.
- 26.** Wine gets better with \_\_\_\_\_.  
Do you know the \_\_\_\_\_ of that monument?  
During the Victorian \_\_\_\_\_ many people got the right to vote.
- 27.** Please keep in \_\_\_\_\_ that it's really expensive to repair a car.  
I find it really interesting how Anna's \_\_\_\_\_ works.  
Do you \_\_\_\_\_ if I sit here?
- 28.** Once you start smoking, it has you in its \_\_\_\_\_.  
The boys were playing video games when there was a \_\_\_\_\_ cut.  
I'm afraid cancelling your order is not in my \_\_\_\_\_.

- 29.** This region has no mountains, so it's quite \_\_\_\_\_.  
The rent on my \_\_\_\_\_ is due soon.  
The actress's performance in the movie was a bit \_\_\_\_\_ and emotionless.
- 30.** Please take your \_\_\_\_\_ off inside, it's disrespectful.  
To uncover the lens, first remove the lens \_\_\_\_\_.  
— Get ready, the ship is leaving soon! — Yes, \_\_\_\_\_!

**Максимум за задание — 10 баллов.**

Не забудьте перенести свои ответы в бланк ответов!

#### Task 4

For items **30–40**, match the names of famous people with their biographies **(A-L)**. There is one extra biography that you will not need. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

**0.** William Shakespeare

**ANSWER: A**

<b>0.</b> William Shakespeare	<b>A.</b> The most famous British writer. His plays, including Hamlet, were staged in The Globe Theatre.
<b>1.</b> Geoffrey Chaucer	<b>B.</b> This monarch had 15 children. He loved his wife, Charlotte. (He gave Buckingham Palace to her!) He studied the stars and he loved reading.
<b>2.</b> Charles Dickens	<b>C.</b> He was the 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> U. S. President. In his second term the country suffered the greatest economic depression of that time.
<b>3.</b> Jack London	<b>D.</b> He is famous for his novels, which are quite sad. He wrote about poor children without a mother or father. His books "David Copperfield" and "Oliver Twist" are about boys without fathers.
<b>4.</b> F. Scott Fitzgerald	<b>E.</b> His real name is John Griffith Chaney. He was a famous American novelist and a short-story writer. His best known works are "The Call of the Wind" (1903) and "White Fang" (1906).
<b>5.</b> Henry VIII	<b>F.</b> He became king when he was 18. His first wife was Catherine of Aragon and the sixth was Katherine Parr.

<b>6.</b> George III	<b>G.</b> His most famous book is “The Canterbury Tales”. He wrote it in 1387. He is also said to be the father of the modern English language.
<b>7.</b> Grover Cleveland	<b>H.</b> He is the 42 <sup>nd</sup> U. S. President. Previously he served as the governor of Arkansas. Now he is 77 years old.
<b>8.</b> Bill Clinton	<b>I.</b> This American engineer was extremely prolific. He invented a light bulb, the telegraph and telephone.
<b>9.</b> William Caxton	<b>J.</b> This man started the first printing press in England. He used his press to make about 100 books. “Canterbury Tales” was one of them.
<b>10.</b> Thomas Edison	<b>K.</b> He was a mathematician at Cambridge University. He wanted to find the answers to maths problems quickly and started to make a special machine to do this but didn’t manage to finish it.
	<b>L.</b> He was an American writer of the Jazz Age. His best known novel is The Great Gatsby.

**Максимум за задание — 10 баллов.**

**Максимум за раздел — 40 баллов.**

Не забудьте перенести свои ответы в бланк ответов!

**WRITING****Time: 60 minutes**

Write **a short story**.

Your story should **be based on the expression** “Every end is a new beginning.” It should have **at least one main character** and **at least two other characters** should be mentioned.

Use the following words:

- rhyme
- eventually
- mockery

Do **NOT** change the form of these words. Underline them in your text.

**Write 200–250 words.**

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

**Максимум за раздел — 20 баллов.**

**Максимум за олимпиаду — 95 баллов.**