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***Уважаемый участник олимпиады!***

Вам предстоит выполнить письменные задания.

Время выполнения заданий письменного тура 2 академических часа (90 минут).

Выполнение заданий целесообразно организовать следующим образом:

- не спеша, внимательно прочитайте формулировку задания;
- напишите правильный вариант ответа в бланке ответов;
- после выполнения всех предложенных заданий еще раз удостоверьтесь в правильности ваших ответов;
- если потребуется корректировка выбранного Вами варианта ответа, то неправильный вариант ответа зачеркните крестиком и рядом напишите новый.

**Предупреждаем Вас, что:**

- при оценке тестовых заданий, где необходимо определить один правильный ответ, 0 баллов выставляется за неверный ответ и в случае, если участником отмечены несколько ответов (в том числе правильный), или все ответы;
- черновики сдаются, но не учитываются при проверке ответов на задания.

Задание письменного тура считается выполненным, если Вы вовремя сдаете его членам жюри.

**Максимальная оценка – 100 баллов.**

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**LISTENING**

**Time: 10 minutes**

***Task 1. You will hear five different people speaking about the ways they relax. For variants 1-5 choose from the list (A-F) which of the subjects presented applies to each person. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.***

- A.** Surfing the Internet for interesting information
- B.** Playing board games for developing thinking abilities
- C.** Watching TV and interviews with the actors
- D.** Active exercising indoors and outdoors
- E.** Playing various computer games
- F.** Watching films and getting interesting information

***Task 2. You will hear the same recording where five different people speak about the ways they relax. For questions 6-10 choose the best option (A or B).***

- 6.** Running in the park contributes greatly to creating tension
  - A.** True
  - B.** False
- 7.** The digital DVD machine is a good investment
  - A.** True
  - B.** False
- 8.** Chatting with people online is an antisocial way of spending your free time
  - A.** True
  - B.** False
- 9.** Quizzes make children improve their knowledge in a relaxing way
  - A.** True
  - B.** False
- 10.** Portable gaming device has more opportunities than computer games
  - A.** True
  - B.** False

**Transfer your answers to the answer sheet**

**READING**

**Time: 20 minutes**

*Task 1. Read the text, study the infographics and choose the best answer*

**Going Viral**

In 1968 the artist Andy Warhol predicted, “In the future, everybody will be world-famous for 15 minutes.” Today, it seems his prediction is becoming true.

The tune is simple, and the lyrics don’t make sense. But in 2011, 13-year-old Rebecca Black’s song “Friday” became a sensation. Black recorded the song as a music video for a small record company. The company posted it on YouTube. In its first month online, very few people saw it. Then a popular blogger wrote about the video. He called “Friday” the worst video ever made.

**200 MILLION VIEWS**

Suddenly, the video **went viral**. Everyone wanted to see if “Friday” was really so bad. People often watched the video on Friday. Soon, other people posted similar music videos, inspired by “Friday.” For example, a famous comedian posted a video called “Thursday.” It had the same tune but different words. Its lyrics didn’t make sense either, but they were very funny. By the end of 2011, “Friday” had over 200 million views. It was one of the most-watched videos on YouTube. Black was famous.

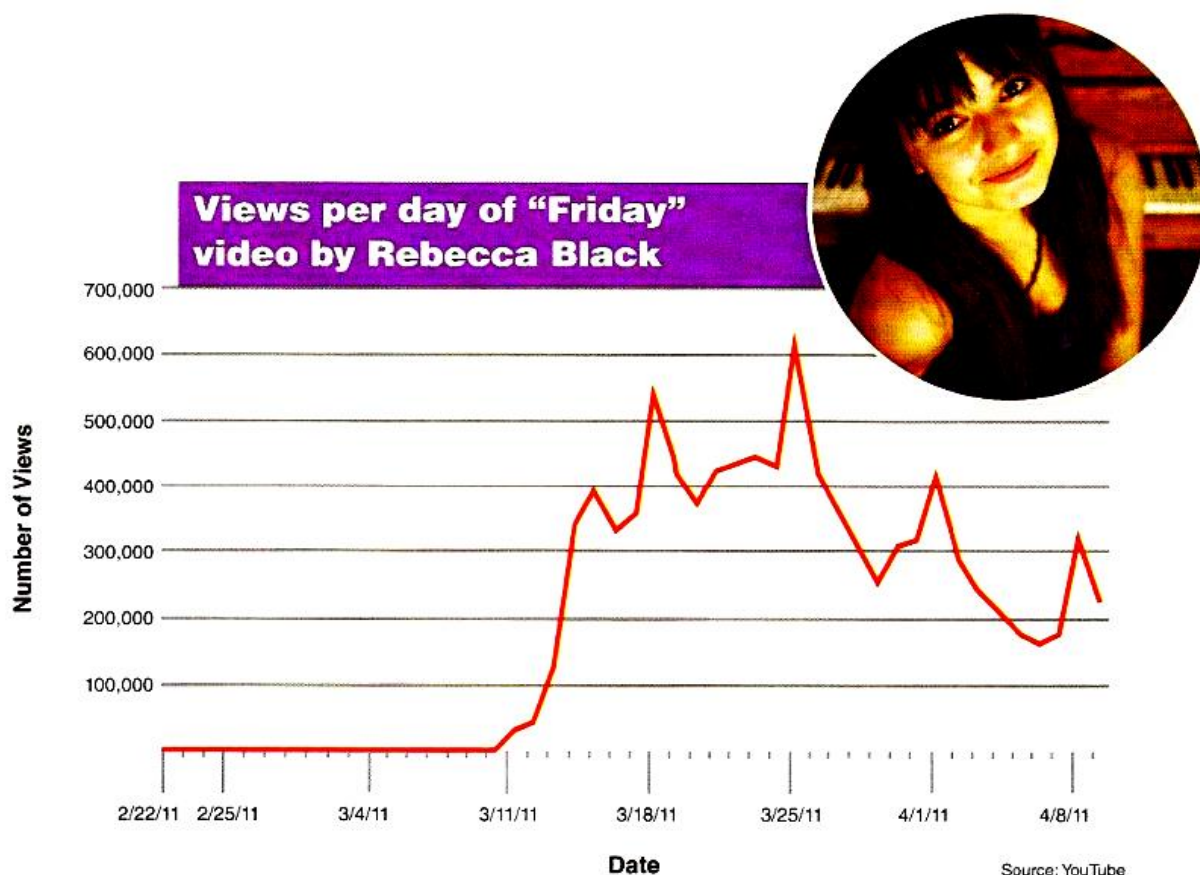
**INSTANT FAME**

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, our definition of fame has changed. Online video-sharing sites like YouTube make it possible for ordinary people — instead of movie companies or magazines, for example — to decide who is famous. We all now have more ownership of our own pop culture, and no one has to **green-light** our ideas — you can upload your own videos or publish your own work at any time. However, this fame may not be based on any actual talent. You could be famous for being a very bad singer or just doing something ridiculous. For some people, this can mean that

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fame happens when we don't expect it or even when we don't want it.

Realistically, though, your chances of becoming famous are still fairly small. In fact, 90 percent of videos viewed on YouTube are of people, like pop stars, who are already famous.



1. What is the main idea of the text?
  - A. People can make their own music videos and put them on the Internet.
  - B. Anyone has a chance to be famous today.
  - C. Becoming famous is harder now because there is so much competition.
2. Why did Black's video suddenly become popular?
  - A. People realized it was a good video to watch on Friday.
  - B. People liked Rebecca Black's other videos.
  - C. People heard that the video was bad and wanted to see it.
3. What does the writer say about the fame in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
  - A. It will not be wanted.
  - B. Only celebrities can be famous.

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- C. One does not have to be gifted to be famous.
4. In the sentence “Suddenly, the video went viral” what does “**went viral**” mean?
- A. To spread on the Net very quickly
  - B. To begin to appear on the Net
  - C. To get a virus on the Net
5. The writer says that today, no one has to “green-light” your ideas. What does “**green-light**” mean?
- A. Give authority to something
  - B. Give permission to go ahead
  - C. Give an offer to begin something
6. “Friday” was first posted on YouTube
- A. At the end of February
  - B. At the beginning of February
  - C. In the middle of February
7. A blogger wrote that “Friday” was the worst video ever
- A. In February
  - B. In March
  - C. In April
8. How long did it take for “Friday” to go from almost no views per day to over 600,000 views per day?
- A. A fortnight
  - B. Less than a month
  - C. About four weeks

***Task 2. Read the text and say if the statements are True, False or Not Stated***

Schoolchildren in China learn that the opening of the East-West trading route popularly known as the silk road was in 139 B.C. when Zhang Qian, the Chinese ambassador-adventurer, travelled westward across the Pamirs, a mountain range in

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Central Asia. He was the first known Chinese person to do so. The term 'silk road' was actually first used late in the nineteenth century by a German geographer, Baron Ferdinand von Richthofen (1833-1905). Silk was not the only material that passed along these routes. Other goods included ceramics, glass, jewelery and farm animals.

However, it is possible that these roads were used centuries, probably even millennia, earlier than Zhang's expedition. In Roman times, Pliny the Elder wrote about a 'stone tower' which he said existed on the Pamir Plateau where goods were traditionally exchanged between traders from the East and the West. In the early second century, Maes Titianus, an ancient Roman-Macedonian traveller, actually said he had reached this famous Stone Tower, but its exact location remains uncertain. According to one theory, it was at Tashkurgan in the Pamirs. (The word 'Tashkurgan' means 'stone tower' or 'stone fortress' in the Uyghur language.) Scientists today, however, believe that its location was probably somewhere in the Alay Valley. Whatever the truth about the Stone Tower may be, it seems that some trade had taken place in this region millennia before it was officially recorded.

On the other hand, it is difficult to believe that people in those times were able to travel such huge distances. Travelling from West to East, the trader first had to cross the Pamir Plateau, through the 20,000-foot-high mountains. If the weather in the mountains was kind and the journey was in the right season, the traveller would then finally arrive at the Kashgar, a logical place for trade and rest, where they could exchange horses or camels and then start on the return journey back over the mountains before the winter snows started.

It is unlikely that in these earlier times traders or travellers would go further east from Kashgar, as they would have to go round the Taklamakan Desert. Going through it was not good as its name means 'Go in and you won't come out'. Beyond this desert, there still could be eight hundred miles of a dangerous journey before they would reach Chinese civilization.

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- 9.** Another name for the East-West trading route is 'silk road'.
- 10.** Zhang Qian is liked by Chinese schoolchildren.
- 11.** Zhang Qian was a Chinese adventurer.
- 12.** At least one German used the silk road in the 19th century.
- 13.** Silk was the main material that was traded on this route.
- 14.** The silk road was used for trade in man-made materials and animals.
- 15.** We know that Zhang Qian was the first person to use the silk road.
- 16.** The Romans might use the silk road.
- 17.** The reports about a 'stone tower' do not let us know where exactly it was.
- 18.** Kashgar was not a convenient place for rest and trade.
- 19.** People who go in the Taklaman desert never come back out.
- 20.** The journey from West to East was so long and difficult that the travellers probably did not go all the way to China.

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USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 20 minutes

*Task 1. For items 1-8 fill in the gaps, using the words in the box. There are two extra words you don't have to use.*

at, is, wearing, whole, shape, painted, in, was, nesting, hold

**Matryoshka**

Matryoshka is a famous Russian (1) \_\_\_\_\_ doll. It is a popular souvenir and is associated with Russia as well as balalaika or samovar. It is not quite clear when and where exactly the doll was born. It seems to be a mixture of a traditional Slavic (2) \_\_\_\_\_ egg and a Japanese deity. The legend says that (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the 19th century a Russian painter Sergey Malyutin got (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of both creations. He made a sketch of a doll and asked a wood turner Vasiliy Zvyozdotchkin to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ it. Then Malyutin painted the doll and gave birth to a sweet country girl (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Russian national costume and a headscarf. Seven siblings were hidden inside the doll. Boys and girls came in turns out of their sister until finally a baby appeared. The toy (7) \_\_\_\_\_ meant for kids and demonstrated the idea of motherhood and family in a simple way. First Matryoshka dolls were manufactured in Moscow and were quite expensive. But after the World's Fair in Paris the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ world started admiring the sweet Russian country girl. Today most Matryoshkas are still hand-made. A traditional Russian Matryoshka has big black eyes, red cheeks and a friendly smile. She wears a traditional Russian costume, holds flowers in her hands and a basket of fruit or bread under her arm.

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*Task 2. For items 9-20, read the fragments below and decide which option (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.*

Some public holidays in Britain are called **(9)** ... They usually only last one day and you don't have to go to work or school.

Hercule Poirot is the main character in the stories by **(10)** ...

**(11)** ... is a famous church in London, the scene of coronation for centuries and also the final resting place of monarchs, statesmen, poets and heroes.

The **(12)** ... is the national sign of Ireland.

**(13)** ... is the name of the street where the British Prime Minister resides.

**(14)** ..., a famous British scientist, is best known for developing the theory of gravity and writing the three laws of motion.

**(15)** ... used to be a fortress, a prison, a scene of coronation. Nowadays the Crown Jewels are kept there.

From 1066 to 1362, for nearly 300 years, **(16)** ... was the official language in Great Britain.

**(17)** ..., a national memorial located in South Dakota, depicts the faces of four former American presidents, each of which is carved and blasted from the side of a rock face.

London was founded by the **(18)** ... after their invasion of Britain in 43. The city was then called Londinium.

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A popular myth holds that Benjamin Franklin proposed the **(19)** ... as the national symbol of the USA but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson who recommended the bald eagle.

A Christmas **(20)** ... is a song on the theme of Christmas traditionally sung at Christmas itself or the surrounding Christmas holiday season.

<b>9</b>	<b>A</b> Long weekend	<b>B</b> days out	<b>C</b> days off	<b>D</b> Bank Holidays
<b>10</b>	<b>A</b> Agatha Christie	<b>B</b> Arthur Conan Doyle	<b>C</b> Arthur Frederick Hailey	<b>D</b> Gilbert Keith Chesterton
<b>11</b>	<b>A</b> the Tower of London	<b>B</b> Westminster Abbey	<b>C</b> St. Paul's Cathedral	<b>D</b> Buckingham Palace
<b>12</b>	<b>A</b> thistle	<b>B</b> rose	<b>C</b> daffodil	<b>D</b> shamrock
<b>13</b>	<b>A</b> Regent Street	<b>B</b> the High Street	<b>C</b> Downing Street	<b>D</b> Fleet Street
<b>14</b>	<b>A</b> Robert Boyle	<b>B</b> Isaac Newton	<b>C</b> John Wallis	<b>D</b> Michael Faraday
<b>15</b>	<b>A</b> Westminster Abbey	<b>B</b> St. Paul's Cathedral	<b>C</b> The Tower of London	<b>D</b> Buckingham Palace
<b>16</b>	<b>A</b> German	<b>B</b> French	<b>C</b> Welsh	<b>D</b> Scottish
<b>17</b>	<b>A</b> Sedona Red Rock Country	<b>B</b> Mount McKinley	<b>C</b> The Grand Canyon	<b>D</b> Mount Rushmore
<b>18</b>	<b>A</b> Vikings	<b>B</b> Celts	<b>C</b> Romans	<b>D</b> Iberians
<b>19</b>	<b>A</b> owl	<b>B</b> hawk	<b>C</b> flamingo	<b>D</b> turkey
<b>20</b>	<b>A</b> carol	<b>B</b> hymn	<b>C</b> rhyme	<b>D</b> couplet

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**WRITING**

**Time: 40 minutes**

**This is a part of the e-mail letter you received from your English friend Lily:**

*...My Christmas holidays were great fun. My cousin Mary stayed with us for three days. We spent all the time together playing games, walking and chatting. On Christmas Eve we had a grand dinner! Mum cooked our traditional Christmas pudding and it was delicious as usual. And then we unwrapped our presents! How did you spend your winter holidays? What is your favourite winter activity? Do you have any family traditions for winter holidays? What are they?...*

**Write an e-mail letter to Lily and answer her questions.**

**Do not forget to:**

- greet your friend;
- thank her for her letter;
- say how you spent your winter holidays;
- say which winter activity you like most of all;
- say if you have any family traditions for winter holidays and what they are.

**Write 100-140 words**

**Remember the rules of e-mail letter writing!**

**Transfer your e-mail letter to the answer sheet**