

*Школьный этап всероссийской олимпиады школьников
по английскому языку
2025/26 учебный год
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Уважаемый участник олимпиады!

Вам предстоит выполнить письменные задания по английскому языку. Всего будет предложено 4 задания: Listening, Reading, Use of English, Writing.

Время выполнения заданий письменного 110 минут.

Выполнение всех 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.

В задании **READING**. Вам будет предложено прочитать текст и выполнить задания.

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;

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

Максимальная оценка – 63 балла.

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Part 1
Listening (10 minutes)
Maximum points – 10

For items 1–10, listen to a radio talk for young people about astrology, and decide whether the statements 1–10 are TRUE according to the text you hear, or FALSE, or the information on the statement is NOT STATED in the text. You will hear the text twice.

1. The movement of stars determines people's lives.
2. Most people have no faith in astrology.
3. Should they decide on a serious issue, a small percentage of people are likely to turn to the stars.
4. Simon agrees with psychologists on the influence of a person's time of birth on their personality.
5. The time of birth remains a defining factor throughout the whole life.
6. A statistical comparison between the person's choice of career and their star sign is the most effective tool in predicting future events in their life.
7. More than 15 % of entertainers were born in the second half of summer.
8. Spring is a favourable period for travelling and finances.
9. People in financial professions are connected with one particular star sign.
10. Technological advances have reduced the influence of nature on us.

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Part 2
Reading (30 minutes)
Maximum points – 13

Read an extract from a novel and answer questions 1 - 13

'How is the Dictionary getting on?' said Winston, raising his voice to overcome the noise.

'Slowly,' said Syme. 'I'm on the adjectives. It's fascinating.'

He had brightened up immediately at the mention of Newspeak. He pushed his bowl aside, took up his hunk of bread in one delicate hand and his cheese in the other, and leaned across the table so as to be able to speak without shouting.

'The Eleventh Edition is the definitive edition,' he said. 'We're getting the language into its final shape - the shape it's going to have when nobody speaks anything else. When we've finished with it, people like you will have to learn it all over again. You think, I dare say, that our chief job is inventing new words. But not a bit of it! We're destroying words - scores of them, hundreds of them, every day. We're cutting the language down to the bone. The Eleventh Edition won't contain a single word that will become obsolete before the year 2050.'

He bit hungrily into his bread and swallowed a couple of mouthfuls, then continued speaking, with a sort of pedant's passion. His thin dark face had become animated, his eyes had lost their mocking expression and grown almost dreamy.

'It's a beautiful thing, the destruction of words. Of course the great wastage is in the verbs and adjectives, but there are hundreds of nouns that can be got rid of as well. It isn't only the synonyms; there are also the antonyms. After all, what justification is there for a word which is simply the opposite of some other word? A word contains its opposite in itself. Take "good", for instance. If you have a word like "good", what need is there for a word like "bad"? "Ungood" will do just as well - better, because it's an exact opposite, which the other is not. Or again, if you want a stronger version of "good", what sense is there in having a whole string of vague useless words like "excellent" and "splendid" and all the rest of them? "Plusgood" covers the meaning, or "doubleplusgood" if you want something stronger still. Of course we use those forms already. But in the final version of Newspeak there'll be nothing else. In the end the whole notion of goodness and badness will be covered by only six words - in reality, only one word. Don't you see the beauty of that, Winston? It was B.B.'s idea originally, of course,' he added as an afterthought.

A sort of vapid eagerness flitted across Winston's face at the mention of Big Brother. Nevertheless Syme immediately detected a certain lack of enthusiasm.

'You haven't¹ a real appreciation of Newspeak, Winston,' he said almost sadly. 'Even when you write it you're still thinking in Oldspeak. I've read some of those pieces that you write in "The Times" occasionally. They're good enough, but they're translations. In your heart you'd prefer to stick to Oldspeak, with all its vagueness and its useless shades of meaning. You don't grasp the beauty of the destruction of words. Do you know that Newspeak is the only language in the world whose vocabulary gets smaller every year?'

Winston did know that, of course. He smiled, sympathetically he hoped, not trusting himself to speak. Syme bit off another fragment of the dark-coloured bread, chewed it briefly, and went on:

'Don't you see that the whole aim of Newspeak is to narrow the range of thought? In the end we shall make thought crime literally impossible because there will be no words in which to express it. Every concept that can ever be needed, will be expressed by exactly one word, with its meaning rigidly defined and all its subsidiary meanings rubbed out and forgotten. Already, in the Eleventh Edition, we're not far from that point. But the process will still be continuing long after you and I are dead. Every year fewer and fewer words, and the range of consciousness always a little smaller. Even now, of course, there's no reason or excuse for committing thought-crime. It's merely a question of self-discipline, reality-control. But in the end there won't be any need even for that. The Revolution will be complete when the language is perfect. Newspeak is Ingsoc and Ingsoc is Newspeak,' he added with a sort of mystical satisfaction. 'Has it ever occurred to you, Winston, that by the year 2050, at the very latest, not a single human being will be alive who could understand such a conversation as we are having now?'

Task 1.

*For statements 1–7, choose **TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; **FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information given in the text, or **NOT STATED** if the information on the statement is not given in the text.*

1. The Eleventh Edition will be published before 2050.
2. According to Syme, people will have to do with only six words in putting across their ideas.
3. It was Syme's elder brother who came up with the idea of Newspeak.
4. Winston's articles are written in Newspeak.
5. Winston expressed his false sympathy for Syme's ideas with a smile, as he was afraid that words might reveal his true feelings.
6. Human consciousness will contract as there will be fewer words to think with.
7. Ingsoc is a new word in Newspeak denoting revolution.

¹ An outdated form

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Task 2.

For questions 8 – 13, choose option A, B, C or D which best fits according to the text.

8. Winston and Syme are
A. in a cafeteria.
B. at a party.
C. at school.
D. in an office.
9. Syme likes
A. the food.
B. hearing Winston's opinions.
C. talking about his work.
D. to shout.
10. Syme's work with the dictionary involves
A. inventing new words.
B. eliminating words.
C. explaining a theory.
D. teaching people to think.
11. What kind of words are being the most greatly reduced?
A. adjectives
B. verbs and adjectives
C. nouns
D. everything except antonyms
12. What does the author show in the lines in bold?
A. Winston tries to seem appreciative but is not really.
B. Winston has great enthusiasm for Newspeak.
C. Syme doubts Winston but this is unjustified.
D. Winston does not believe a word that Syme has said.
13. What can be gathered about Winston's attitude towards Newspeak?
A. He finds it exciting.
B. He studies it eagerly.
C. He is outspokenly against it.
D. He accepts it unhappily.

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USE OF ENGLISH

(40 points)

Time: 40 minutes

Part 1

For questions 1-15, read the text below and then decide which word (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. Mark the correct letter on an answer sheet.

SMART DOG!

Dogs are probably much cleverer than most people think. They are *convinced* that dogs can count and that the animals try to (1) ... different messages through the pitch and pace of their barks. Animal behaviourists used to think their bark was simply a way of (2) ... attention. Now a new study suggests that individual dogs have (3) ... barks with a range of meanings. For example, dogs usually use high-pitched single barks when they are (4) ... from their owners and a lower, harsher superbark when strangers (5) ... towards them or the doorbell rings.

Dogs also know when they are receiving fewer treats because they have a basic mathematical ability that (6) ... them to tell when one pile of objects is bigger than another. But to count, an animal has to recognize that each object in a set (7) ... to a single number and that the last number in a (8) ... represents the total number of objects.

The theory has been tested on eleven dogs. They were first (9) ... treats before a screen was lowered so that the treats were out of (10) The treats were left as they were or some were added or taken away. If a treat was added or taken away, the dogs looked at them much longer than they did when the treats were not disturbed, (11) ... because they had done their sums and the numbers did not meet their (12)

Dogs are (13) ... from wolves, which not only have a large neo-cortex – the brain's centre of reasoning – but live in large social groups. This mathematical ability could have been used to (14) ... how many enemies and (15) ... they had in a pack.

1	A transfer	B convey	C bear	D suggest
2	A paying	B attracting	C causing	D devoting
3	A specific	B exact	C detailed	D specialized
4	A split	B detached	C separated	D divided
5	A approach	B appear	C draw	D move
6	A assists	B facilities	C enables	D informs
7	A corresponds	B ties	C fits	D complements
8	A sequence	B system	C progression	D succession
9	A tempted	B demonstrated	C shown	D presented
10	A view	B notice	C perception	D sight
11	A likely	B presumably	C surely	D predictably
12	A estimates	B calculations	C suspicions	D expectations
13	A descended	B related	C connected	D evolved
14	A take in	B work out	C think over	D look into
15	A helpers	B defenders	C allies	D partners

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Part 2

MAGNIFY

For questions 1-6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. You cannot change the word in bold. Use from two to five words.

1. The concert will begin in a moment. ABOUT
The concert _____.
2. It won't help if you worry about your exam results. POINT
There's _____ about your exam results.
3. He's going to learn some French before he moves to Canada. WILL
He _____ some French by the time he moves to Canada.
4. They had an argument weeks ago and now they don't talk to one another. EACH
They stopped _____ weeks ago, when they had an argument.
5. I had planned to go out but changed my mind because it started to rain. GOING
I _____ but then it started to rain.
6. Are you planning to get a taxi home? BE
_____ a taxi home?

Part 3

For questions 1-5, fill in the gaps with a suitable idiom. ((an) eager beaver (a) stalking horse
(a) shaggy dog (a) fly in the ointment dog days)

1. I enjoy my job - is that I start early in the morning.
2. My grandad insists on telling these stories which nobody finds funny except him.
3. I do not think we ought to use the working man as for this sort of thing.
4. Every winter there is a week or two of when sales drop dramatically.
5. Ever since he got his new drill set my husband has been around the house.

Part 4

For items 1-8, read the text below. Use the word given at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

THE GROTTTO / The (1)... Level

The manicured gardens of the upper level offer (2)... panoramic vistas of the Columbia River Valley, the Cascade Range and famous Mount St. Helens. Especially (3)... is the 180 floor-to-ceiling view through the (4)... glass wall of the (5)... Meditation Chapel, (6)... on the cover of Architecture magazine. Other highlights include the Servite Monastery, a life-sized bronze of St. Francis of Assisi, the streams and (7)... ponds of the Peace Garden and the Via Matris, (8)... superb examples of wood sculpture.

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| 1. | up |
| 2. | magnify |
| 3. | impress |
| 4. | bevel |
| 5. | spectacle |
| 6. | feature |
| 7. | reflect |
| 8. | offer |

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Part 5

For questions 1-6, choose the answer (A, B, C or D).

1. The Mississippi river flows into:
a) the Gulf of St. Lawrence b) the Gulf of Mexico c) the Gulf of Alaska d) the Gulf of California
2. What historical event gave rise to the Bonfire Night?
a) Battle of Trafalgar b) Battle of Hastings c) The Gunpowder Plot d) Bishops' Wars
3. What is a special day in England set aside to remember men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts?
a) Victory Day b) Eternal Light Day c) Remembrance Day d) The Day of Peace
4. What is National Gallery famous for?
a) It is home to a permanent dinosaur exhibition.
b) It has one of the largest collections of arts and crafts including furniture, jewellery, ceramics and textiles.
c) It exhibits the works of man from prehistoric to modern times from all over the world
d) It has the greatest collection of European paintings in the world.
5. The flag of the USA is called 'Stars and stripes'. What do the stripes represent?
a) the original states b) the oceans' waves c) the national rivers d) the diversity of life
6. Who is called by the British people 'Our National Bard', 'The Bard of Avon'?
a) Robert Burns b) Charles Dickens c) William Shakespeare d) Jane Austen

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WRITING

(20 points)

Time: 35 minutes

Writing Task: Travel Article for a Youth Magazine

Task Description:

You are a young traveler and a regular contributor to a popular youth magazine. Write an article about your dream city trip. Your article should be 250-300 words long and include the following points:

Introduction:

Grab the reader's attention with an engaging opening sentence

Briefly mention why you chose this particular city

Main Body:

City Description:

Name of the city and its location

Historical and cultural significance

Unique features that make it special

Personal Experience:

Describe your first impressions

Highlight must-visit places

Share memorable moments and experiences

Practical Information:

Best time to visit

Accommodation recommendations

Local cuisine to try

Conclusion:

Summarize why this city is your dream destination

Encourage readers to plan their own trip

Use descriptive language and vivid details

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ANSWER SHEET
WRITING

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It is always important to remember the people of the past: the fighters, the protectors, those who fought for our future. That is why I ~~always~~ ^{dream} about Volgoograd, in the south of Russia.

That is why I always dream about visiting Volgoograd, standing in the scorching south of Russia.

Volgoograd, located in the Southern Russia, Southern-Western Russia, has great historical significance, at the World War Two, when it was named Sealingrad after ruling General Secretary at the time Joseph Stalin, the massive counteroffence in the location of the city signified an imminent end to Adolf Hitler's ambitions of pushing further into USSR. That is why in the middle of the city stands one of the most famous sculptures in the world - "Motherland is calling", looking over the city, reminding about the time of the ravage onslaught by Nazi conquerors and how it was stopped by the nation's might and unity, with a price of millions of men, women and children not ~~coming~~ ^{living} to see a Victory Day.

My first impression was great - the city was beautiful, the people were nice, and the food is incredible. "Motherland is calling" and other mention fountains and a park are must-visits, obviously, but the beaches beside the Volga river is incredible too. After all, I even managed to meet a bunch of new friends there which helps in remembering it.

Visiting Volgoograd in a summer is a best decision and you should be careful about choosing your place of living, it is best to predetermine and book it before the trip. For a local cuisine, just buy a famous mustard oil in specialised museums ~~around~~ ^{and} try to cook with it.

This trip was truly superb as it's not that usual to learn so much about the history and have at the same time try to plan it too! You will not be disappointed in this mix of historical bravery, authenticity, kindness and fun that will come in this black and orange striped package.

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ANSWER SHEET

Listening

1	FALSE	+
2	FALSE	+
3	TRUE	+
4	TRUE	+
5	FALSE	+
6	TRUE NOT STATED	+
7	TRUE	+
8	TRUE	+
9	FALSE	+
10	TRUE	+

Reading

1	NOT STATED	+
2	FALSE	+
3	FALSE	+
4	TRUE	+
5	TRUE	+
6	TRUE	+
7	FALSE	+
8	A	+
9	C	+
10	B	+
11	B	+
12	A	+
13	D	+
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Use of English

Part 1	
1	B +
2	B +
3	D -
4	C +
5	B -
6	C +
7	A +
8	8A +

9	C +
10	D +
11	B +
12	B -
13	D -
14	A -
15	C +

Part 2

1	IS ABOUT TO BEGIN +
2	NO POINT IN WORRYING +
3	WILL HAVE TO LEARN +
4	TALKING TO EACH OTHER +
5	WAS GOING TO GO OUT +
6	

Part 3

1	FLY IN THE OINTMENT +
2	SHAGGY DOG +
3	A STALKING HORSE +
4	DOG DAYS +
5	AN EAGER BEAVER +

Part 4

1	UPPER LEVEL +
2	MAGNIFYING +
3	A STALKING IMPRESSIVE +
4	DOG DAYS RELEVANT +
5	SPECTACULAR +
6	FEATURED +
7	REFLECTIVE +
8	OFFERING +

Part 5

1	D -
2	C +
3	C +
4	D +
5	C -
6	B -