

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ
ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ
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LISTENING

Time: 10 minutes

(10 points)

For items 1–10 listen to a dialogue between a famous actor and his woman colleague and decide whether the statements 1–10 are TRUE according to the text you hear (A), or FALSE (B), or the information on the statement is NOT STATED in the text (C). You will hear the text twice.

1. The woman says that her colleague likes the process of film-making. A
2. The man never drinks tea from plastic cups. C
3. The man thinks it's important to find a place where he could feel at home. A
4. The man has never worked in a theatre. B
5. The woman says that many people in the film industry become bored with their work. A
6. The man says that his new film is coming soon. A
7. The Daughter was filmed in summer. C
8. In The Daughter the man plays a role of a Comanche. B
9. The man is Irish. A
10. The man thinks The Daughter is a western. B

READING

Time: 30 minutes (15 points)

Read the passage below and answer questions 1–15.

Even the tactful Japanese would probably smirk or at the very least express puzzlement if someone told them about a 'traditional Russian tea party'. And yet, it is a well-known fact that Russians are unstoppable in their incessant consumption of tea and in fact cannot live without it. It has become an extremely significant part of Russian culture. Tea warms you up, wakes you up, and is nice after a big meal. Tea in Russia is not just a beverage – it's a social activity with a long-reaching tradition behind it. Even coffee that has been slowly but surely making inroads onto Russian tables still has not been able to replace tea. Russians will drink tea on any occasion and with no occasion whatsoever. For the first time four pounds of tea were brought to Russia in 1638 by the Russian ambassador as a gift from the Mongol Khan for the Russian sovereign of Moscow Michael Fyodorovich. At first the tsar and the boyars were not particularly impressed with the astringent and bitter drink. When all the tea presented by the Mongol Khan had been drunk and the Moscow court began to forget its taste, it was once again the diplomats who reintroduced tea to Russia.

Task 1. Questions 1–8

In boxes 1–8 on your answer sheet, circle: A (TRUE) if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; B (FALSE) if the statement contradicts the information given in the text or if there is no information given in the text.

1. Tea and coffee are equally favoured by the Russian people. B
2. Russians indulge in having tea whenever the opportunity affords itself. A
3. The Russians instantly favoured the peculiar flavour of the new beverage. B
4. Envoys introduced the new beverage to Russia twice. A
5. Tea drinking gradually evolved into a kind of social ceremony. A
6. The Russian samovar was a symbol of prosperity, well-being, and comfort. B
7. Water in samovars is boiled ahead of time and just warmed up afterwards. B
8. Glass holders were made to help the tea cool quicker. B

Task 2. Questions 9 – 15

Choose option A, B, C which best fits according to the text. Circle the correct letter in boxes 9–15 on your answer sheet.

9. **For the Japanese the idea of having tea parties in Russia seems**
 A perplexing. B explicable. C evasive.
10. The word “incessant” in the first paragraph means
 A constant. B temporary. C irregular.
11. **The Russians did not welcome the new drink as**
A. they were forced to drink it. B. it took long to make it. C. it was totally alien to them.
12. **In the North Caucasus region and Central Asia**
A. sour fruit and vegetables are commonly served during the tea party.
 B. lavish snacks are served at the tea party if the guest is highly honoured.
C. traditionally only jam and sugar are served during the tea party.
13. **Samovars placed in the middle of the table usually**
A. warmed the water quicker and more economically.
B. helped gather the guests by their special “song”.
 C. added to the calming atmosphere round the table.
14. **The story about Prince Shakhovskoy's meeting with J.W. Goethe**
A. demonstrates Russian hospitality and generosity.
 B. illustrates the different national tea-drinking habits.
C. shows a way to build cross-cultural connections over a cup of tea.
15. **The tradition of having tea from glasses in glass holders**
A. is completely forgotten now. B. has survived on railroads.
C. has become a family tradition.

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 20 minutes (30 points)

Read the passage and fill in the correct word

Believe it or not, darts is a game that is played by ... (1) British people. It is a great sport if you are not very ... (2). You need not be ... (3) and strong; you need not run, jump, or hit anything. The only thing you move is your ... (4). It was originally played by common people in British ... (5) where a dart board is still a part of the ... (6). Although darts looks easy, you need skill and ... (7) to play it. Each player ... (8) three darts from a line 9 feet from the board. The players start with either 301 or 501 points and work ... (9). The winner is the first person who ... (10) 0. A professional darts player can get from 501 to 0 with nine darts.

1. A) many B) much C) little D) less
2. A) weak B) unhappy C) moody D) athletic
3. A) fit B) awkward C) tolerable D) selfish
4. A) arm B) hands C) shoulder D) finger
5. A) pubs B) mansions C) palaces D) castles
6. A) cutlery B) utensils C) furniture D) appliances
7. A) hesitation B) innovation C) application D) concentration
8. A) catches B) throws C) takes D) brings
9. A) upwards B) forwards C) backwards D) sideways
10. A) reaches B) gets C) receives D) finishes

Read the pairs of synonyms and choose the odd ones

11. A) Through – Though B) Below – Beneath
 C) Above – Over D) Between – Among
12. A) Friend – Pal B) Child – Kid
 C) Street – Road D) Happiness – Frustration
13. A) To hurry – To rush B) To wrap – To break
 C) To harm – To hurt D) To shout – To yell
14. A) To say – To tell B) To utter – To whisper
 C) To cry – To shout D) To exclaim – To explain
15. A) To make – To do B) To admit – To admire
 C) To suggest – To offer D) To convince – To persuade
16. A) To cry – To sob B) To help – To give a hand
 C) To move – To stop D) To bring – To fetch
17. A) Stale – Fresh B) Foolish – Stupid
 C) Wet – Damp D) Tiny – Small
18. A) To walk – To stroll B) To scream – To strike
 C) To start – To begin D) To see – To watch

19. A) Seldom – Rarely

C) Next to – Near

20. A) Selfless – Egoistic

C) Lazy – Idle

B) Often – Rarely

D) From time to time – Sometimes

B) Well-to-do – Wealthy

D) Smart – Bright

Use the correct form of the verb to register

21. Every year staff members ... for language classes.

A) register B) will registered

C) registers D) have registered

22. 1000 staff members ... for classes since the programme started.

A) registered B) are registered

C) were registered D) have registered

23. Mr. Brown ... for the first time two years ago.

A) registers B) registered

C) has registered D) would register

24. Many people phoned for information while Mr. Brown

A) register B) registers

C) registered D) was registering

25. If Mr. Brown had known how difficult the classes would be, he

A) wouldn't register B) wouldn't have registered

C) didn't register D) registered

26. So last year he

A) registering B) didn't registered

C) didn't register D) was register

27. But now he realises that he

A) had to register B) should have registered

C) has registered D) need register

28. Moreover, his boss insists that he

A) register B) registered

C) has registered D) registering

29. His colleagues also ask Mr. Brown why he has avoided ... for classes.

A) register B) registering

C) to register D) registered

30. Now Mr. Brown wishes he ... for classes at the beginning of the year.

A) registers B) registered

C) has registered D) had registered

It was a trip I'll never forget. When I was younger, my family and I went on an unforgettable picnic in the woods.

In this picture you can see my father. He made us laugh during the whole trip and ran up to me from behind and said in a bizarre voice: "I'll eat you!" I was a kid and I was scared, but then we all laughed.

The photo on the left shows my mom. As a child she went hiking often so make a fire wasn't a challenge for her. My dad was confused because my mom was able to deal with bewildering things better than he.

My dad looked hilarious in his striped hat, which he is in the photo, so my mother and I laughed at him. But the photo shows that he is smiling and living his best life and this is the most important thing.

On the way home, we met an ignorant policeman who stopped our car. He was very rude to my mother but my dad stood up for her and the officer apologized. At that moment, I saw a real knight in dad!

I will never forget this trip, because I was with my family. It's so great when the sun is warm and friendly. Many years have passed, but my parents still make me happy, I feel their love. Just go to your parents now and tell them, "I love you", because it's so important!