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Школьный этап

Английский язык

10-11 классы

Продолжительность – 60 мин.

Максимальный балл – 74

Task 1. Listening. (8 points)

Check which speaker (A, B, C or D) talks about

1. someone who was dedicated to world peace.
2. someone who has been the victim of violence as a result of their campaigning.
3. someone who left a more conventional job to help young people in their country.
4. someone who was excluded from the professional community of the time.
5. someone who she wishes she could meet.
6. someone who wrote a book about the effect humans could have on nature.
7. someone who made an important scientific discovery while still a child.
8. someone who faced strong criticism from big business.

Task 2. (20 points)

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

Harry went back to the camp the following morning, but it was in some confusion. Soldiers (1) (wander) around carrying equipment from one place to another, but there (2) (not seem) to be any purpose to what they (3) (do). Harry (4) (never be) in an army camp before, but it (5) (not take) a genius to realize that most of the officers (6) (take) the first opportunity to abandon the men and head for safety. He (7) (try) to phone the newspaper, but something (8) (happen) to the telephone lines. He (9) (try) to find out what exactly (10) (go on), when the first plane (11) (fly) low over the camp. A wooden building a few hundred yards away suddenly (12) (disappear) in an explosion of flame. Before long bombs (13) (explode) all around him, and then everything (14) (go) quiet. The planes (15) (vanish) as suddenly as they (16) (appear). Smoke (17) (rise) from burning buildings. A dead man (18) (lie) next to Harry, the first dead person he (19) (ever see). And suddenly it (20) (begin) to rain.

Task 3. (10 points)

Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

A WRITING REVOLUTION

I've been a <i>professional</i> (0) writer for most of my adult life and I've been writing ... (1) fiction for at least twenty years now. My real name is Herbert Smith but I use the ... (2) 'Al Macintyre' because I think a ... (3) should have a more exciting name than 'Smith', I used to have enormous problems writing manuscripts for ... (4). First, I would start scribbling on a huge wad of ordinary ... (5) paper. Then I would jot down a few ideas in a ... (6) before I started to write my first draft on the ... (7). This went on till a couple of years ago when I bought my first ... (8) computer. I was only interested in the word ... (9), actually, and when I saw the first neat ... (10) of my efforts on the computer, knew it would change the way I wrote novels forever.	PROFESSION SCIENTIST PEN NOVEL PUBLISH WRITE NOTE TYPE PERSON PROCESS PRINT
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Task 4. (15 points)

Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

Example: A gone B brought C taken D come.

E-MAIL OR SNAIL MAIL?

Modern technology has ... (0) about enormous improvements in communications and yet many people are still very worried ... (1) using the latest computer technology. I am often ... (2) to meet colleagues who still don't know what the 'e' in e-mail stands for and they are too ... (3) to ask. They assume you have to be skilled ... (4) computers to send a message via e-mail but in fact it is ... (5) thing in the world. It is also ... (6) to send an e-mail message ... (7) to send an ordinary letter or a 'snail' message which also takes ... (8) longer. An e-mail message is only ... (9) more expensive than a local telephone call to send; on top of the call itself you also have to pay a fee to your 'server'. If you send a letter by ... (10) mail it will take a couple of days to get there whereas an e-mail will not take ... (11) than a few seconds. Once you become ... (12) to using the system you will be ... (13) at how much more ... (14) it is than other means of communication. Of course before you have access to e-mail, you will need a fairly ... (15) computer, which can be quite expensive.

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| 1. | A. for | B. about | C. at | D. with as |
| 2. | A. surprising | B. irritating | C. surprised | D. irritated |
| 3. | A. embarrassing | B. embarrassed | C. tired | D. tiring |
| 4. | A. about | B. into | C. to | D. in |
| 5. | A. simplest | B. the more simple | C. simpler | D. the simplest |
| 6. | A. cheaper | B. more cheaper | C. cheapest | D. the cheaper |
| 7. | A. as | B. than | C. that | D. from |
| 8. | A. much | B. more | C. as | D. lot |
| 9. | A. little | B. slightly | C. less | D. least |
| 10. | A. second-hand | B. low-paid | C. part-time | D. first-class |
| 11. | A. more long | B. longest | C. as long | D. longer |
| 12. | A. capable | B. accustomed | C. clever | D. good |
| 13. | A. amazed | B. puzzled | C. experienced | D. pleased |
| 14. | A. confident | B. certain | C. efficient | D. skillful |
| 15. | A. strong | B. great | C. powerful | D. large |

Task 5. (11 points)

Read the text below and look carefully at each line. If a line is correct, put a tick (V) at the end of the line. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word at the end of the line. There are two examples at the beginning.

NOTHING LIKE A GOOD STORY

0	I find the way children spend hours just at watching TV	<i>at</i>
00	quite depressing. It can't be good for their imagination. I'm not	<i>V</i>
1	very keen on watching myself. I'd rather to read a good	
2	book. I wish children would have switch off the TV and learn	
3	to enjoy the pleasures of reading. I have always been very	
4	fond of the reading – this comes from my mother who was	
5	a marvelous storyteller. When it was the time for us to go to	
6	bed she would say 'It's time we have had another story'. If	
7	she'd said 'Get into bed and switch the light off' it would	
8	have been not very different. As it was, we began to look	
9	forward go to bedtime because we were expecting yet	
10	another unforgettable tale. If only wish I had had more	
11	the time to tell my children more stories when they were growing up.	

Task 6. (10 points)

You already know American equivalents for some British words. What are they? Could you write them?

1. luggage
2. flat
3. queue
4. biscuit
5. postman
6. sofa
7. underground
8. lift
9. autumn
10. lorry