

ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ

ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ

9 КЛАССЫ

**Part 1. Listening**

*Time: 15 minutes (10 scores)*

**Task 1**

*Listen to the students Ingrid and Mikel discussing the best way to get across the city. Answer questions 1–3 choosing from different means of transport A–J. Mark the correct letter A–J in the title sheet. You will hear the conversation only twice.*

1. What means of transport do they talk about?
2. Which two do they decide to use?
3. Which don't they mention?

A. Boat  
B. Train  
C. Metro  
D. Scooter  
E. Tram

F. Bus  
G. Helicopter  
H. Trolleybus  
I. Bike  
J. Taxi

**Task 2**

*You will hear a teacher talking to a group of students. For each question 4–10, choose the correct letter A, B or C. Mark the correct letter A, B or C in the title sheet.*

4. Why is tonight's disco special?
  - A) It starts earlier than usual.
  - B) It's Sam's birthday.
  - C) It's the last week of the course.
5. Where will the football match take place?
  - A) in a park
  - B) at the sports center

C) at Henry's College

6. After the football match, the students will
- A) celebrate on the beach.
  - B) have a party at college.
  - C) go to a pizza restaurant.
7. The train to Thornton leaves at
- A) 1.20.
  - B) 12.45. C) 12.15.
8. What should the students bring to the picnic?
- A) glasses
  - B) bread rolls
  - C) drinks
9. What does the teacher suggest they do at the lake?
- A) go for a walk
  - B) go fishing
  - C) take photos
10. The students will come back
- A) in the morning.
  - B) before sunset. C) at night.

### **Part 2. Reading**

*Time: 30 minutes (16 scores)*

#### **Task 1**

Прочитайте текст. Определите, какие из приведённых утверждений **11–16** соответствуют содержанию текста (**1 – True**), какие не соответствуют (**2 – False**) и о чём в тексте не сказано, то есть на основании текста нельзя дать ни положительного, ни отрицательного ответа (**3 – Not stated**). В поле ответа запишите одну цифру, которая соответствует номеру правильного ответа.

### **The Moscow metro**

The Moscow metro is very important as a means of transport in the Russian capital, in particular during rush hours. It has more metro visitors than the New York subway and London underground put together! The Moscow metro works efficiently and the trains run very frequently and very fast. The Moscow metro is one of the most beautiful subways in the world. 44 of the stations are listed as

cultural heritage sites.

The first plans for a metro system in Moscow date back to the times of the Russian Empire. One such project was actively discussed in 1902, but at that time the local government declined it in favor of trams. Indeed trams in those days were very popular and brought lots of money into the city's budget.

Then the plans for the construction of a metro system in Moscow were postponed by World War I and the October Revolution. As a result, the construction of the metro was only started in 1931 after the Soviet Union was established. The first 13 stations opened on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1935. They were wonders of engineering and design.

Now, the Moscow Metro has 13 lines and more than 200 stations. Each line has a name, a number and a colour that identifies it. The Moscow metro has a circular line that links all metro lines. There is a legend concerning the appearance of the circle line, which had not been planned in the original project. The legend says that at a meeting devoted to metro construction Joseph Stalin put his cup of coffee on the metro map. It left a brown circle around the city centre. Joseph Stalin showed the circle to the builders and ordered the construction of such a line. It was how the circle line appeared and it explains why it has a brown colour on the metro map.

While travelling on the radial lines of the Moscow Metro to the centre, the stations are announced by men's voices and while going from the centre, women announce them. On the circle line men's voices announce the stations when going in the clockwise direction, while women's voices are used when going counterclockwise. This is done to make navigation simpler for blind people in the metro.

The Moscow metro carries almost seven million people daily. The people who work there use every effort to ensure the comfort of the passengers. All trains have free wireless internet access, so that the passengers can read their emails or chat with their friends on their way to work.

Recently the 'Music in the Metro' project has started. 30 talented and well-trained musicians give different concerts to the metro passengers. All concerts are held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (apart from rush hours) absolutely free. There is no special stage –the musicians perform in different stations of the metro. Muscovites really like the concerts, and 'Music in the Metro' has become a regular event in the Moscow metro. Sometimes, walking through the metro, you can listen to a top-quality concert.

11) The Moscow metro carries more passengers than the New York subway.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

12) At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Moscow government preferred trams to underground transport.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

13) The first metro stations were designed by Russian, English and American architects.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

14) The colours of the lines on the metro map are connected with the technical characteristics of the line.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

15) According to legend, the original plan of the Moscow metro included the circle line.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

16) There is a special rule when male and female voices are used to announce the metro stations.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

17) It was the initiative of Moscow students to make the Internet accessible

in the metro.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

18) 'Music in the Metro' is the name of a new popular musical project.

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Not stated

## Task 2

Прочитайте тексты и установите соответствие между текстами и их заголовками: к каждому тексту, обозначенному буквами А–G, подберите соответствующий заголовок, обозначенный цифрами 1–8. Используйте каждую цифру **только один раз**. В задании есть **один лишний заголовок**.

19. A great source of water

23. The fresh air producer

20. A famous Russian toy

24. Famous for its size

25. Named after a famous scientist

21. A great source of knowledge and information

26. Spoken all over the world

22. Getting higher than the sky

- A.** Russia, also officially known as the Russian Federation, is the largest country in the world. Its territory is 17,075,400 square kilometers. According to scientists, the country's territory would almost cover the surface of the planet Pluto. It is the only country which is washed by 3 oceans and 12 seas. Russia is considered to be a European country, but two-thirds of the country are in Asia. However, most of the population lives in the European part of Russia.
- B.** Siberian Lake Baikal is the largest source of fresh water on the planet. All the 12 major rivers of the world (the Volga, the Don, the Yenisei, the Ob, the Ganges, the Amazon, etc.) would need to flow almost a year to fill a pool equal to the volume of Lake Baikal. Another impressive fact is that even if

all the rest of the planet's fresh water supply were to disappear, there would be enough fresh water left in Lake Baikal to supply the people of the earth for up to 50 years.

- C.** Russia is the country with the largest forest reserves in the world. 45% of its territory is covered in green forests. The forests are located in the European north of the country, in Siberia and in the Far East. Forests play an important role in the life and welfare of people. Russian forests are the biggest 'lungs' of the Earth. They produce oxygen and clean the atmosphere of carbon dioxide and other pollutants.
- D.** There are more than five thousand languages in the world. Russian is one of the five major world languages. 280 million people around the world speak Russian and it is one of the most widely spoken native languages in Europe. The United Nations uses Russian as one of the official languages of the organization. It is also used in international commerce, politics, academic and cultural life.
- E.** For its collection of books, the Russian State Library is considered to be the biggest in Europe and one of the largest in the world. The Russian State Library was founded in 1862, in Moscow. The library has over 275 km of shelves with more than 43 million items, including books, journals and magazines, art publications, music scores and sound records, maps and other things. There are items in 247 languages of the world.
- F.** Russia is known all over the world for its space programmes. In 1957 the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite in the world. Four years later, in 1961, human space flight was accomplished. Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin was the first man to journey into space. He orbited the Earth and landed the same day. There are other impressive space achievements of the country like the first long space flight, the first woman cosmonaut in space, and the first spacewalk.
- G.** One of the most popular souvenirs tourists buy in Russia is the Matryoshka. It is a doll made of wood and painted with colourful ornaments. Although the Matryoshka is called a doll, it is actually a set of dolls of different sizes placed inside one another. A traditional Russian Matryoshka has big black eyes, red healthy cheeks and a friendly smile. She wears a national Russian costume, and often has some flowers or a basket of fruit in her hands.

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### Part 3 Use of English

Time: 45 minutes (24 scores)

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#### Task 1.

**Jumbled Words** (время выполнения – 15 минут) Guess the “literature” words from

their meaning. Unscramble jumbled words and write them on your Answer Sheet.

27. This genre takes you to the imaginable world; it’s a chance to get to a different reality – **satynaf**

28. If you are interested in somebody’s life, this genre is for you - **ygrapobih**

29. This adjective is used to describe a book, that shows things as they actually are – **icesaltir**

30. Actors play on the stage, and this person creates what they perform – **prhigtwayl**

#### Task 2.

**Word building** (время выполнения – 15 минут) Britain is famous for its musicians. Some of them, like “the Beatles”, have become a legend. Read the text about the monument to John Lennon. Use the words on the right to form new words that fit in the gaps (31-36). Write them on your Answer Sheet.

A new monument to John Lennon has been unveiled in Liverpool, where the famous (0) <b>singer</b> was born. It’s called “Peace and Harmony” and it is (31)_____ by a 19-year-old American artist, Lauren Voiers. The monument is in the shape of a (32)_____. The dove is holding a feather in its beak. This feather is a very important (33)_____ in the monument. When Lauren was working on the sculpture Lennon’s son Julian called her and asked if she could find a place for a white feather in it. To Julian, it’s a symbol of his father’s (34) _____. When John Lennon was alive, he told his son, “If I die, I’ll send a message that I’m OK in the form of a white feather”. After their telephone conversation Lauren suddenly saw a small white feather (35)_____ on her carpet in front of her. “I had never seen one in my apartment before and I did not remember seeing it before or during my phone conversation. I (36)_____ at that moment: a message from John Lennon was sent to me,” the young artist said	0 (sing)
	(31) Designer
	(32) Global
	(33) Elementary
	(34) Spiritual
	(35) Lie
(36) Knowledge	

#### Task 3.

**Famous writers** (время выполнения – 15 минут) Great Britain is famous for its numerous writers. Insert the necessary words into the gaps. Choose the best option (a-d) for each number (37-42)

37. Charles Dickens is \_\_\_\_\_ novelist of the Victorian time.

38. When Mary Shelley was a teenage girl she began to write “Frankenstein”, a thrilling \_\_\_\_\_ novel.

39. Charlotte Bronte, the author of “Jane Eyre”, was sure that art was more convincing if it was based on personal \_\_\_\_.
40. John R. R. Tolkien is \_\_\_\_ to be the “father” of high fantasy.
41. Arthur Conan Doyle, known as the author of the world-famous stories about Sherlock Holmes, is a master of \_\_\_\_.
42. Charles L. Dodgson was an English writer, mathematician, logician, Anglican deacon, and photographer, but the world knows him as Lewis Carroll, the author of “Alice's Adventures in Wonderland” written in the genre of literary \_\_\_\_.

37. a. a striking	b. a spectacular	c. an important	d. an outstanding
38. a. panic	b. horror	c. terror	d. fear
39. a. skill	b. practice	c. participation	d. experience
40. a. considered	b. regarded	c. viewed	d. expected
41. a. insecurity	b. uncertainty	c. suspense	d. doubt
42.a. jabberwocky	b. absurd	c. absurdity	d. nonsense

#### Task 4.

Read the text. Choose the best word a), b) or c) for each space for questions 43-50.

Serena Williams is very popular tennis player. At the Australian Open tennis competition (43)\_\_\_\_\_January 2005, Serena Williams (44) \_\_\_\_\_ something special to Melbourne - her new fashion range. Serena helped to design (45) \_\_\_\_\_ lime-green and white tennis clothes, which included an amazing dress and knee-high boots to go with (46) \_\_\_\_\_. Serena showed these clothes to journalists in Melbourne. Under the dress, she (47) \_\_\_\_\_ wearing a cutaway top and white shorts, which she later wore for all her matches. The lime-green and white boots can be unzipped and taken off (48) \_\_\_\_\_ the warm-up and the match. Serena said, 'My legs take a little (49) \_\_\_\_\_ to warm up than most players, so they're perfect for me!' Serena played very (50) \_\_\_\_\_ in Melbourne and won the competition.

43. a) on . b) at c) in
44. a) brings b) bringing c) brought
45. a) a .... b) the c) one
46. a) it ... b) them c) both
47. a) is ... b) has c) was
48. a) with b) between c) from
49. a) long b) longer c) longest
50. a) well b) good c) best

## Part 4. Writing

*Time: 30 minutes (10 scores)*

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend, Alice.

*... My parents say that I watch TV too much. And they are not always happy with the programmes I watch. I understand that often watching TV is waste of time but I can't live without TV anyway. ...*

*...How much do you watch TV? What do you prefer: watching TV or browsing the Internet, why? What else do you do in your free time?...*

Write her a letter and answer her **3** questions.

Write **100–120** words. Remember the rules of letter writing.