

МИНИСТЕРСТВО НА ОБРАЗОВАНИЕТО И НАУКАТА
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ВАРИАНТ 2

МОДУЛ 1 (Време за работа: 60 минути)

PART ONE: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Directions: *You will hear a short story about a special seal twice. Before you listen to it, you have 1 minute to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have 3 minutes to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.*

- 1. Hoover became famous as the only seal raised by people.**
A) True. B) False. C) No information in the text.
- 2. At first Hoover wouldn't eat because he didn't like the fish he was offered.**
A) True. B) False. C) No information in the text.
- 3. Hoover revealed his special talent when he started courting female seals.**
A) True. B) False. C) No information in the text.
- 4. George and Alice Swallow had actually taught Hoover human speech.**
A) True. B) False. C) No information in the text.
- 5. Hoover is known as the only seal with the ability to reproduce human speech.**
A) True. B) False. C) No information in the text.

Directions: *You will hear a short story about St. Bernard dogs twice. Before you listen to it, you have 1 minute to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have 3 minutes to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.*

- 6. The Great St. Bernard Pass in the Western Alps was named after an Augustine monk.**
A) True. B) False. C) No information in the text.
- 7. The Augustine monk, St. Bernard de Menthon, was the first to keep St. Bernard dogs in the monastery.**
A) True. B) False. C) No information in the text.

8. **The ancestors of St. Bernard dogs were specially trained during the time of the Roman Empire.**
A) True. B) False. C) No information in the text.
9. **Often St. Bernard dogs were sent on rescue expeditions in pairs.**
A) True. B) False. C) No information in the text.
10. **St. Bernard dogs always have casks of liquor fixed to their collars for travellers in trouble to warm themselves up.**
A) True. B) False. C) No information in the text.

Directions: *You will hear a text about a student's culinary experience twice. Before you listen to it, you have 2 minutes to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have 4 minutes to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B, C or D. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.*

11. **The narrator was brought up to believe that**
A) small boys were not supposed to cook.
B) men could not cook well.
C) women were to do the cooking.
D) children should know how to cook.
12. **The cooking classes offered by the school were**
A) compulsory.
B) optional.
C) conducted on one-to-one basis.
D) scheduled in the evening.
13. **The application of the “eat what you cook” principle**
A) was meant to satisfy all hungry boys.
B) was part of the exam task for the course.
C) stimulated the boys to do their best in cooking.
D) encouraged the boys to eat healthily.
14. **While cooking their special Stuffed Hot Dogs the narrator and his teammates**
A) got carried away by the irresistible look and smell of their rivals' dish.
B) forgot to switch on the oven and the result was disastrous.
C) made a great mess of preparing the cheese and bacon.
D) were deliberately distracted by their rivals so as to lose the competition.
15. **Finally, the narrator and his teammates were regarded as the heroes of the day because**
A) everybody was full with the amazing hot dogs they had prepared.
B) they managed brilliantly with their final culinary assignment.
C) they succeeded in turning into role models for their peers.
D) all students had an unexpectedly short school day.

PART TWO: READING COMPREHENSION

Directions: Read the text below. Then read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question correspondingly among **A, B, C** or **D**, marking your answers on your answer sheet.

How Climbers Reached the Summit of K2 in Winter

Since the 1950s, K2 has also been known as Savage Mountain for its deadly reputation. For every four climbers who reach its summit, one dies, while the death rate on Mount Everest has been around 1 percent since 1990.

Central Asia is home to all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks. All but K2 had been climbed in both summer and winter. Even a successful spring or summer climb of K2 is rare. More people have been to outer space than have stood on its summit.

For generations, since Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary became the first to climb Mount Everest, in 1953, Sherpa people have worked as guides, facilitators and collaborators on countless historic mountaineering feats. Yet, they have often been rendered invisible by the global media and press and have seldom received their due. And none have been credited with first ascents in Nepal.

Yet experienced Alpinists know that Sherpa people are among the strongest mountaineers and are unparalleled at high altitude.

And this group, team Nimsdai, was climbing for themselves. The lines they fixed weren't for well-funded international climbers seeking fame or glory. They were for them to claim a piece of history for their country.

Temperatures were far below zero, winds were howling sometimes at up to 60 mph for days and they had some 40-degree slopes to climb. On their way they lost part of their equipment in the deep snow, some of them were with frost-bitten toes, others began thinking of quitting, but finally, a weather window opened on January 13 and the ten Nepalese climbers set off from base camp for their first attempt at the summit.

By 3 p.m., strung out like prayer beads, they made their slow march over the shoulder toward the top of K2. There the men grouped up, stood shoulder to shoulder and continued as one. They would enter the record books together. Singing the Nepali national anthem, they stepped up to the summit just before 5 p.m. and enjoyed the wintry view nobody had seen before. But even that beauty paled in comparison to the feeling of pride and unity that swelled within and among the men.

16. K2 has also been known as Savage Mountain because

- A) Everest climbers have never attempted to conquer it.
- B) only 1% of mountaineers have managed to climb it since 1990.
- C) one in five of all attempts to climb it have ended fatally.
- D) it is a warning to all recklessly ambitious mountaineers.

17. In Central Asia

- A) all 8,000-meter-high peaks have been climbed by mountaineers.
- B) all the 8,000-meter-high peaks are easily climbed in all seasons.
- C) all mountain peaks are at least 8,000 meters high.
- D) only 14 of the highest peaks are truly dangerous.

18. Since 1953 Sherpa people

- A) have led numerous risky expeditions.
- B) have been in the focus of the public eye.
- C) have been the first to ascend other peaks in Nepal.
- D) have always deliberately escaped the media.

19. The Nimsdai team started their expedition

- A) to win world fame and glory for themselves.
- B) because they knew the coming winter would be mild.
- C) for they wanted to show off to all mountaineers.
- D) to make their country visible to the world.

20. Their achievement of climbing K2 in winter was made possible by

- A) their calculated good luck with the weather.
- B) their hurt dignity as unparalleled mountaineers.
- C) their pride and sense of belonging to a nation.
- D) their ambition to be recognized as record breakers.