

ЧАСТ 1 (време за работа 60 минути)

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

PART ONE: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Task One

You will hear a text twice. Before you listen to it for the first time, you have 25 seconds to read the tasks to the text. While listening for the first time you are not allowed to mark your chosen answers. After you listen to it for the first time, you have 25 seconds to mark your chosen answers on your answer sheet. While listening to the text for a second time, you can mark your chosen answers. After you listen to the text for the second time, you have 25 seconds more to check or correct your answers.

1. If the cabin pressure changes during a flight, all passengers should open the compartments above them and pull oxygen masks out of them.

- A) True B) False

2. If the cabin pressure changes during the flight, passengers should NOT

- A) pull tight the elastic bands of their masks.
B) put on their masks in order to breathe normally.
C) help others before they have their masks on.

Task Two

You will hear a text twice. Before you listen to it for the first time, you have 25 seconds to read the tasks to the text. While listening for the first time you are not allowed to mark your chosen answers. After you listen to it for the first time, you have 25 seconds to mark your chosen answers on your answer sheet. While listening to the text for a second time, you can mark your chosen answers. After you listen to the text for the second time, you have 25 seconds more to check or correct your answers.

3. You can try *Babbel.com* without paying.

- A) True B) False

4. With “Babbel” you can learn how to speak a new language

- A) in less than fifteen days.
B) in just about thirty lessons.
C) for a few weeks.

Task Three

You will hear a text twice. Before you listen to it for the first time, you have 1 minute to read the tasks to the text. While listening for the first time you are not allowed to mark your chosen answers. After you listen to it for the first time, you have 1 minute to mark your chosen answers on your answer sheet. While listening to the text for a second time, you can mark your chosen answers. After you listen to the text for the second time, you have 1 more minute to check or correct your answers.

5. Ben has been painting for years.

- A) True B) False

6. Ben’s art classes take place every Sunday.

- A) True B) False

7. Anna complimented Ben on his painting skills.

- A) True B) False

8. Anna didn’t start painting because she didn’t have any spare time.

- A) True B) False

9. Ben believes painting can help reduce stress.

- A) True B) False

10. Doing martial arts makes Anna feel tough.

- A) True B) False

Task Four

You will hear a text twice. Before you listen to it for the first time, you have 1 minute to read the tasks to the text. While listening for the first time you are not allowed to mark your chosen answers. After you listen to it for the first time, you have 1 minute to mark your chosen answers on your answer sheet. While listening to the text for a second time, you can mark your chosen answers. After you listen to the text for the second time, you have 1 more minute to check or correct your answers.

11. Germany's carnival season

- A) began last Tuesday.
- B) was put off until Wednesday this month.
- C) will end in the last week of February.

12. Last year's festivals

- A) were closed to people not wearing costumes.
- B) were open only to people with vaccination certificates.
- C) weren't held because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

13. The celebrations are taking place

- A) although Germany is suffering from the fourth wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- B) because Germany has suffered from the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- C) while Germany is suffering from the fifth wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

14. The vaccine regulations during Germany's carnival season

- A) were only partially followed in Cologne.
- B) meant that people could attend events without masks.
- C) were closely observed as a precaution against the spread of the infection.

Task Five

You will hear a text twice. Before you listen to it for the first time, you have 1 minute and 30 seconds to read the tasks to the text. While listening for the first time you are not allowed to mark your chosen answers. After you listen to it for the first time, you have 1 minute and 30 seconds to mark your chosen answers on your answer sheet. While listening to the text for a second time, you can mark your chosen answers. After you listen to the text for the second time, you have 1 minute and 30 seconds more to check or correct your answers.

15. Frankie, who was flown from Puerto Rico, was

- A) a nine-month-old mix of Shepherd and Spaniel.
- B) a three-month-old Shepherd puppy.
- C) a six-month-old Shepherd mix.

16. The dog was transported to Massachusetts

- A) to be in a foster home for a while.
- B) to stay with his new owners for good.
- C) to have an unforgettable experience.

17. According to a recent survey, 77% of the interviewed intended

- A) to take their pets with them on a vacation.
- B) to adopt a new pet and take it home.
- C) to train their pets to be friendly to their kids.

18. The best thing about the Pacific road trip is that

- A) it offers fantastic views along the American West Coast.
- B) it is restricted mainly to the area of Seattle.
- C) it provides rest breaks every couple of hours.

19. When travelling with your pet,

- A) you shouldn't take all its favourite toys.
- B) you should give it its medication whenever you make a rest stop.
- C) you should do your best to keep it safe in your car.

20. In order to prepare your dog for a trip, you should NOT

- A) take it to the local pet shop.
- B) take it to the vet for a thorough check-up.
- C) go with it on a short ride around town.

PART TWO: READING COMPREHENSION

Task One

Read the text below. Then read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question, marking your answers on your answer sheet.

As winter approaches, we want to remind you of our policy regarding absence from work due to severe weather conditions. Now is a good time to prepare your car for safe travel in winter weather; our employees' safety is our greatest concern. We have rarely found it necessary to close our offices completely, however, we have done so when road conditions are too risky to travel. If you are unsure about whether to report to work, you may call our employee hotline. We will provide information concerning company hours.

In the event of bad weather or other emergency, our company announces closings on radio station ABC117. The station has agreed to make public service announcements every half hour. Employees are expected to be at work when the office is officially open; if you are unable to be at work, you must notify your supervisor so that you are not fined for missing a day.

21. This is the first time that this company has introduced a policy concerning employees' absence from work because of severe weather conditions.

- A) True B) False

22. It is common practice for the company to stop operating in bad weather.

- A) True B) False

23. In the case of bad weather conditions, employees can phone the special hotline to find out if they should go to work or not.

- A) True B) False

24. The ABC117 radio station makes announcements concerning the company regardless of the weather conditions.

- A) True B) False

25. If employees don't turn up at work without informing their supervisor, they get punished.

- A) True B) False

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PART TWO: READING COMPREHENSION

Task Two

Read the text below. Then read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question, marking your answers on your answer sheet.

Carnival in the Caribbean

One of the best things about living in Martinique is the countless number of events and festivals which take place throughout the year. While it's hard to make time for every festival in your busy schedule, there is one event that you definitely can't miss. As soon as the Christmas festivities draw to a close and decorations are finally taken down, preparations begin for Carnival, the most exciting event of the year. Having never experienced Carnival in the Caribbean before, I was excited to see Martinique come alive in Carnival spirit last year. True to my expectations, the celebrations were loud and energetic. For five days, the streets of Fort de France were filled with huge crowds, colourful costumes and pulsing music. Daily routines and commitments were completely abandoned while everyone took to the streets with crazy dance moves and festive costumes. In Martinique, Carnival is a celebration that brings people together. Everybody is united in this grand celebration of life. An interesting aspect of Carnival for me was to see how many different cultural influences there were. The performances of street merrymakers strongly mirrored ritual African dances, while the costumes were European, with extravagant masks closely resembling the costumes of French masquerade balls. The music was also a unique blend of West African, Caribbean, and European influences.

So, what are the roots of Martinique's culture? Most of the population are of African descent. They can trace their history back to Africans who were brought to the Caribbean as slaves. After the abolition of slavery, many Caribbean societies embraced forms of African culture and identity, which are strongly in evidence today. As a former colony of France, Martinique is also deeply influenced by French culture. This is what makes the island, along with Guadeloupe, different from other Caribbean islands. The people of Martinique identify as French, but also as Caribbean and African. Carnival is an expression of the fusion of French, African and Caribbean cultures that run deep in the island.

26. Martinique is a Caribbean island that

- A) is most alive during Christmas.
- B) used to be a British colony.
- C) is home to many festivals and events.

27. Carnival in Martinique

- A) has its preparations in full swing right after Christmas.
- B) makes the island look less attractive to visitors.
- C) traditionally lasts for a whole week.

28. In Martinique, during Carnival,

- A) most people continue to lead a normal life.
- B) people go out and dance in the streets.
- C) people gather for celebrations in their separate cultural communities.

29. Carnival street performers

- A) dance in a fashion similar to African style dances.
- B) wear costumes which are typical of West Africa.
- C) play mainly French classical music.

30. Today when you visit Martinique,

- A) you see no evidence that slavery was abolished.
- B) you only come across people of French descent.
- C) you realize it's a melting pot of different cultures.

Task Three

Read the text below. Then read the questions that follow it and answer each question with a sentence of your own. Write your answers on your answer sheet. Sentences copied word for word from the text will get 0 points.

Two men, who police say robbed nine restaurants in two hours (earning themselves the nickname of 'The Diner Bandits'), were caught last night after a wild car chase was suddenly stopped by the arrival of Spider-Man.

The men were spotted running out of the Malibu Coffee Shop on Twenty-Third Street, waving guns and threatening pedestrians. They jumped into their convertible car and sped off. Quickly thinking witnesses

took a picture of the licence plate number of their car with their phones and mailed it to the police, and the thieves were soon spotted by a police car, which chased after them. Two more police cars entered the pursuit as the thieves sped into Greenwich Village. Pedestrians rushed to get out of the way as the suspects smashed through anything that got in their path.

“When I saw Spider-Man, my pulse started racing!” said eyewitness Barry MacDonald. He came zipping down, straight as an arrow. The two guys in the car were shooting at him, and he dodged the bullets right in mid-air. Then Spider-Man dropped into the thieves’ automobile, spun his web out from his wrists and attached it to the backs of the criminals. He connected the web to a lamp-post overhead and the two criminals were pulled straight up and out of their car.

Spider-Man was not able to be located by police for questioning.

“Who cares about questioning him?” said one bystander, “He was there when we needed him and he saved a lot of people,” a feeling that seems to be shared by many New Yorkers.

31. Where did the action take place?

32. Why were the two thieves nicknamed ‘The Diner Bandits’?

33. How were the police able to identify the thieves’ car?

34. What was Barry MacDonald’s reaction when he first saw Spider-Man?

35. How do New Yorkers feel about Spider-Man’s involvement in the incident?

PART THREE: WRITING

You are required to do BOTH tasks.

<p><i>Внимание: В случай на непристоен език, плагиатство или текст, идентичен с този на друг ученик, на съответния текст се присъждаат 0 точки.</i></p>
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36. Read the task and write an e-mail (100 – 110 words) including the suggested prompts.

You have recently celebrated your birthday in a fancy restaurant with your family. Write an e-mail to your English e-friend, Caroline, telling her about your experience.

Write about:

- the atmosphere of the restaurant and what you liked about it;
- what you ate;
- what presents you received for your birthday.

Sign your email with **Jack / Jill**.

Писмен текст с обем под 55 думи или текст изцяло несъответстващ на темата се оценява с 0 (нула) точки.

37. Read the task and write a composition (120 – 130 words) answering the suggested questions and/or including the suggested prompts.

Nowadays travelling by train has become less common. Do you think people should be encouraged to travel by train more often?

Write about:

- the advantages of travelling by train;
- the disadvantages of travelling by train;
- your preferences in terms of means of transport.

Писмен текст с обем под 65 думи или текст изцяло несъответстващ на темата се оценява с 0 (нула) точки.