

МИНИСТЕРСТВО НА ОБРАЗОВАНИЕТО И НАУКАТА
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ОБЩООБРАЗОВАТЕЛНА ПОДГОТОВКА

НИВО В1

ВАРИАНТ 1

ЧАСТ 1 (време за работа 60 минути)

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. The passengers from Los Angeles are coming into the station at door number nine.

- A) True B) False

2. On boarding the train, passengers to Denver have to show

- A) their tickets.
B) their boarding passes.
C) their ID cards.

Task Two

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

3. Cappadocia's natural wonders, the well-known fairy chimneys, were formed by volcano eruptions.

- A) True B) False

4. The most popular time for tourists to go on a balloon ride in Cappadocia is

- A) autumn and early winter.
B) late spring and summer.
C) at sunset all the year round.

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 answer. After you listen to the text for the second time, you have 1 more minute to check or correct your answers.

5. The two exchange students are discussing their first Halloween in the US.

- A) True B) False

6. In the U.S., Halloween is a celebration only for children.

- A) True B) False

7. Halloween is only a few days away.

- A) True B) False

8. The environmental club is planning to build a tree house for Halloween.

- A) True B) False

9. The game of apple bobbing shows who is most skilful with their hands.

- A) True B) False

10. The two students think that it will be great if all international students dress up in a similar way as superheroes.

- 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. According to the speaker, much of the information on social media

- A) is strictly regulated.
- B) is not necessarily true.
- C) meets high professional standards.

12. Hoax stories on social media are created

- A) to mislead or deceive.
- B) just for harmless entertainment.
- C) to display the creative talent of their authors.

13. False information

- A) is an altogether a new phenomenon.
- B) is an established journalistic tradition.
- C) has become a talking issue since 2017.

14. The speaker concludes by saying that social media sites

- A) often offer news which readers can easily identify as fake.
- B) play a big part as undoubtedly reputable news sources.
- C) increase the reach of fake news to large audiences.

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. According to the presenter, how popular is Chris Stevenson?

- A) Hardly anyone knows him.
- B) Only a few experts in the field have heard of him.
- C) He is famous across the globe.

16. What is Chris Stevenson's job?

- A) He's a business advisor.
- B) He's a virtual assistant.
- C) He's an app-developer.

17. The report "The Changing Nature of Work and Skills in the Digital Age" was prepared for

- A) the UK.
- B) the EU.
- C) the USA.

18. According to Chris Stevenson, the job of the Youtuber seemed imaginary

- A) only 20 years ago.
- B) merely 12 years ago.
- C) just 2 years ago.

19. What are the advantages of having above-average ICT skills?

- A) You can be a good team leader.
- B) You can get a better paid job.
- C) You improve your ability to plan.

20. How does technology contribute to new forms of work?

- A) By teaching one to be open to learning.
- B) By improving workspace in office buildings.
- C) By making work from a distance common practice.

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.

Hello, Mike,

I'm just writing to you this quick email to ask if you've got Ann's new office address. I've promised to drop off at her office a package of learning materials by the end of the week, so it is a bit urgent.

By the way, yesterday I finally found the time to pop in at Sue's Shoe Store. Well, it turned out they were moving to a new location in the shopping mall downtown, so all the goods were 50% off, including the handbags and gloves. It was definitely my lucky day: I bought a pair of leather boots for me, and I also got presents for you and Ann – a brown leather belt for you, actually, the one you said you liked so much, and a pair of warm gloves for Ann. But please don't tell Ann about the present, it's going to be a surprise for her birthday!

Mike, could you get back to me with the information I need as soon as possible? Many thanks in advance,

Lucy

21. Lucy needs Ann's exact office address to deliver something to her.

A) True B) False

22. Lucy is happy to have dropped into Sue's Shoe Store because she bought herself a pair of leather gloves.

A) True B) False

23. Mike had informed Lucy that he'd bought the brown leather belt he liked so much at a discount.

A) True B) False

24. Lucy's birthday present for Ann was offered at half price at Sue's Shoe Shop.

A) True B) False

25. Lucy wanted to know if Mike could email her the needed information as soon as possible.

A) True B) False

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ВАРИАНТ 1

ЧАСТ 2 (време за работа 180 минути)

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.

The Bagpipe

The bagpipe is a musical instrument played in Scotland during cultural festivals and celebrations. How bagpipes arrived in Scotland is somewhat of a mystery. Some historians believe that bagpipes originated from ancient Egypt and were brought to Scotland by invading Roman Legions. What is certain, however, is that bagpipes have existed in various forms in many places around the world including Bulgaria. Whilst historians can only speculate on the actual origins of the great Highland bagpipe, it was the Scottish Highlanders themselves that developed the instrument to its current form, establishing it as their national musical instrument both in times of war and peace. There are over thirty different types of bagpipes, but the one used in Scotland is the Highland Pipe. The bagpipe in total has four reeds and a bag to create its sound; the reeds are set in motion by wind fed by arm pressure on an animal-skin bag. The sound is produced by blowing into a blowpipe to make a sound that comes out of the three drones that come out of the top of the bag. The Scottish Highland bagpipe has two tenor drones and a bass drone, tuned an octave apart; its scale preserves traditional intervals foreign to European classical music. Bagpipes are part of Scottish life, and they are used on special occasions. All Scottish Army regiments have pipers to play the bagpipes when they go on parade.

Bagpipes are an essential feature in many songs, stories, and poems as they represent the cultural heritage of the Scots. One of the most popular songs played on bagpipes is *Scotland the Brave*.

26. Some scholars claim that bagpipes come from

- A) Scotland.
- B) Bulgaria.
- C) Ancient Egypt.

27. The great Highland pipe

- A) is no longer used by anyone.
- B) was only used during times of war.
- C) was developed and refined by the Scots.

28. From the description of the bagpipe it becomes clear that it is

- A) a string instrument.
- B) a drum instrument.
- C) a wind instrument.

29. The sound of the Scottish bagpipe

- A) is traditionally European.
- B) is specific to Scotland.
- C) is predominantly bass.

30. The Scottish bagpipe

- A) is typical of military parades.
- B) accompanies all Scottish songs and dances.
- C) appears as a favourite image in Scottish poetry.

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.

What Counts as Nature?

Think, for a moment, about the last time you were out in nature. Were you in a city park? At a campground? On the beach? In the mountains?

Now consider: What was this place like in your parents' time? And in your grandparents' time? In many cases, the parks, beaches, and campgrounds of today are surrounded by more development, or are themselves more developed, than they were decades ago.

But to you, they still feel like nature.

For years, as cities grow and open spaces shrink, psychologists and environmentalists have examined how people perceive and impact the environment. They have introduced the term “environmental generational amnesia”, a term first used by psychology professor Peter Kahn, emphasizing the fact that each generation has a new baseline for what nature is, and what “normal” surroundings are. That phenomenon enables development to continue relentlessly. With human progress, people are more accustomed to the civilizational achievements of having more conveniences like easily accessible public transportation, with jobs, schools, hospitals, groceries, entertainment, and other amenities all within walking distance.

“If we just try to teach people the importance of nature, that’s not going to work. They have to interact with it,” Professor Kahn said. Research has linked exposure to the outdoors with physical and mental health benefits, greater ability to focus and communicate with others, and an overall improvement in quality of life. At the same time, health conditions connected to inactive lifestyles, such as diabetes and obesity, are on the rise. One solution is to provide opportunities – for children and adults – for encounters with “big nature”. By “big”, Prof. Kahn means “wild”, in the most traditional sense: old-growth forests, clean rivers, and untamed species like bears and trout.

31. What is the main issue discussed by the author of the article?

32. What is young people’s idea of “nature” today and how is it different from the time of their parents or grandparents?

33. What does Professor Kahn mean by “environmental generational amnesia”?

34. What examples of human progress does the author mention in the article?

35. What solution to the health problems caused by inactive lifestyles is suggested in the article?

WRITING

You are required to do BOTH tasks.

Внимание: В случай на непристоен език, плагиатство или текст, идентичен с този на друг ученик, на съответния текст се присъждат 0 точки.

36. Read the task and write an e-mail (100 – 110 words) including the suggested prompts.

Write an email to a friend named Joe/Jane and explain to him/her what your favourite sports activity is and why doing physical exercise is good for you.

- Tell him/her how much you are into sports and what your favourite sports activity is.
- Consider the benefits of sport to the human body, mind, etc.
- Recommend to him/her a sport or an exercise routine (e.g. aerobics, yoga, etc.)

Start and finish the email in an appropriate way. Sign it with Mark / Mary.

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) including the suggested prompts.

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

What is the essence of the proverb? Do you think this proverb is true?

- Does it apply to your personal experience?
- Provide some examples to support your opinion.
- What makes a person a helpful friend?

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