

МИНИСТЕРСТВО НА ОБРАЗОВАНИЕТО И НАУКАТА

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ВАРИАНТ 2

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. In case of severe weather, there'll be information on the local radio about road conditions every 60 minutes.

- A) True B) False

2. The office will be closed if

- A) the road conditions are dangerous.
B) the employees have some family emergency.
C) the supervisors take time off.

Task Two

You will hear a text twice. Before you listen to it for the first time, you have 15 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 30 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 30 more seconds to check or correct your answer.

3. The advertisement aims to attract the attention of ambitious businessmen who want to promote their business.

- A) True B) False

4. The O'Brien Marketing Conference

- A) is a two-day event that can be attended for free.
B) is a one-day event that includes meals for \$300.
C) is a paid event that includes the meals during the forum.

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. Julie bought a train ticket to New York City.

- A) True B) False

6. Julie is leaving for New York City next month.

- A) True B) False

7. Julie is visiting her sister in New York.

- A) True B) False

8. Julie will stay in New York for two weeks.

- A) True B) False

9. Julie will take the plane to Washington, D. C.

- A) True B) False

10. Sophie wants to spend her vacation by the sea.

- 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. Ashley

- A) still sleeps through her clock alarm every morning.
- B) has recently changed her morning habits.
- C) continues to have difficulties waking up in the morning.

12. Which statement is NOT true according to the text?

- A) Sunrise alarm clocks gradually wake up people.
- B) Sunrise alarm clocks are also called dawn simulators.
- C) Sunrise alarm clocks used to be very popular in the past.

13. Sunrise alarm clocks

- A) use artificial light to imitate sunlight.
- B) use natural sunlight for comfort.
- C) have not been proved to be beneficial.

14. Sunrise alarm clocks could be especially useful for people

- A) who have to get up at a regular time every morning.
- B) who have consistent wake and sleep times.
- C) who have difficulties in sleeping during dark winter months.

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. The job applicant

- A) used to be unemployed.
- B) used to work as a manager at another company.
- C) used to be the owner of a company.

16. The former job of the applicant involved dealing with

- A) angry customers.
- B) angry co-workers.
- C) angry employees.

17. The applicant believes that

- A) the manager is always right.
- B) the customer is always right.
- C) the customer is always angry.

18. The applicant left her previous job because her husband

- A) has been fired from his company in Emeryville.
- B) has been transferred to a branch office in Emeryville.
- C) has retired and wants to live in Emeryville.

19. The applicant

- A) can start work right away.
- B) can't start work until next week.
- C) can't start work until next month.

20. The applicant

- A) has just learned about the company.
- B) has thought about working for the company before.
- C) didn't know the company but needed a job.

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.

Railway Announcement at London Euston

Dear passengers, unless your service is announced, please remain in the hall until your train is ready for boarding. Passengers are advised when travelling with rail operators to book in advance online, wash and sanitise their hands before and after travel, follow advice from staff and be considerate of others, as well as follow social distance guidelines at all times.

Please also note that over certain weekends in November, there will be reduced London North Eastern Railway services from London King's Cross mainline station. Over the weekend of Saturday 21st November and Sunday 22nd November King's Cross main railway station will be closed. This is due to planned engineering works.

Customers are advised when travelling with Avanti West Coast, to have a reservation to travel. If you do not have a reservation, there will be no guarantee that you'll be able to board your preferred service. If you have a flexible ticket or season ticket, you should make a reservation via our online booking system. Please, note that when travelling with Avanti West Coast with a bike, you must have a reservation for your bike too.

For more details and train service alternations, plan ahead at www.nationalrail.co.uk. Facemasks are now mandatory on National Rail services to and from London Euston, London Underground, as well as on bus routes to and from Euston bus station.

21. Passengers are NOT allowed to get on a train until an announcement says so.

A) True B) False

22. While travelling, passengers should follow the advice and directions of the railway staff.

A) True B) False

23. King's Cross station will remain open to passengers throughout November.

A) True B) False

24. Passengers need a reservation to travel with Avanti West Coast even if they have season tickets.

A) True B) False

25. Passengers are obliged to wear facemasks when using public railway, underground or bus transport.

A) True B) False

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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 Hubble Space Telescope

The Hubble Space Telescope (HST) is named after Edwin P. Hubble, the American astronomer who confirmed that the universe is expanding, which provides the foundation for the Big Bang theory and Einstein's theory of general relativity.

In the 1920s, Edwin Hubble used the 100-inch telescope at Mt. Wilson Observatory in Los Angeles – then the largest telescope in the world – to discover that the Andromeda is its own galaxy. It was previously believed that the Andromeda galaxy, and others like it, were “spiral nebulas” within the Milky Way galaxy.

Although the HST is named after Hubble, its history begins with another man: Lyman Spitzer. In 1946, Spitzer was a professor and researcher at Yale University. He wrote a paper entitled “Astronomical Advantages of an Extra-Terrestrial Observatory”, in which he argues that a space-based telescope could take clearer photos by evading Earth's atmosphere and could detect electromagnetic frequencies that ground-based telescopes cannot. Decades later, in the 1970s, Spitzer helped lead NASA's lobbying efforts for Hubble.

Don't feel bad for Lyman Spitzer though. He eventually got his name on a telescope. NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope launched in 2003.

The HST launched in April 1990 from the Space Shuttle Discovery and took its first image of a star cluster 1,300 light years away, NGC 352, a little over a month later. The image is notoriously unremarkable.

26. The Hubble Space Telescope was named after Edwin P. Hubble because

- A) he came up with the Big Bang theory.
- B) he provided evidence that the universe was expanding.
- C) he and Einstein developed the theory of general relativity.

27. In the 1920s, Edwin Hubble

- A) used a 100-foot telescope in Yale University to look at Andromeda.
- B) proved that Andromeda was a spiral nebula.
- C) found out that Andromeda was not in the Milky Way.

28. Lyman Spitzer

- A) claimed that a telescope in space would make better photos.
- B) argued with NASA about how to name the new telescope.
- C) never got the recognition he deserved for his innovations.

29. Edwin Hubble and Lyman Spitzer

- A) both had telescopes named after them.
- B) were both remarkable physicians.
- C) lived in the same city throughout their lives.

30. The Hubble Space Telescope

- A) reached a star cluster 1,300 light years away.
- B) was sent to space thanks to the Discovery Shuttle.
- C) took its first image less than a month after launch.

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.

China's Population Growth Rate Falls to 61-year Low

China's population growth rate has fallen to its lowest level in six decades, despite major government efforts to increase population growth and avoid a demographic crisis. Across China, 10.62 million babies were born in 2021, a rate of 7.52 per thousand people, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Monday. In the same period 10.14 million deaths were recorded, a mortality rate of 7.18 per thousand, producing a population growth rate of just 0.34 per thousand head of population.

The rate of growth is the lowest since 1960, and adds to the findings of last May's once-a-decade census, which found an average annual rise of 0.53%, down from 0.57% reported from 2000 to 2010.

China, like much of East Asia, is in the grip of a population crisis, with lowering birth-rates, and predictions of imminent negative population growth and an ageing population. Monday's figures showed the proportion of over-60s in China rose from 18.7% in 2020 to 18.9%.

Beijing has announced major reforms to address the decline, including raising the retirement age. A three-child policy has replaced the two-child policy that was introduced in 2016 and had sparked a slight increase in births before falling again. The high cost of living, delayed marriages and lack of social mobility are frequently cited as contributing factors to young Chinese people's reluctance to have children. In response, Beijing promised better access to childcare and maternity leave.

Professor Wang Feng from the University of California Irvine, who specialises in Asian demographics, said the results showed that the root causes ran deeper than the policymakers realised. He said: "Without addressing the deeply rooted causes, which discourage young Chinese from getting married and having children – from gender inequality to high living cost – what we are seeing now is likely just the beginning of a further decline in birth-rate and a prolonged process of population decline in China."

31. What did the National Bureau of Statistics say about the birth-rate in China in 2021?

32. How can the predictions of negative population growth in the near future in China be explained?

33. How did Beijing address the demographic challenge?

34. What has Beijing done about young Chinese people's reluctance to have children?

35. What two further causes does Professor Wang Feng mention which worsen the problem with population growth in China?

WRITING

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

A friend of yours called Elizabeth, who is from the United Kingdom, is visiting Bulgaria in two weeks. She would like to meet up with you when she comes to Bulgaria. Write an email to Elizabeth and tell her:

- when and where you can meet her;
- things you can do together;
- what places of cultural interest she can visit in your region.

Start and finish the email in an appropriate way.

Sign your letter with Jane / Jim.

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.

Describe someone who has helped you a lot in the past. Write about:

- who this person is;
- how long you have known him/her;
- how he/she has helped you.

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