

МИНИСТЕРСТВО НА ОБРАЗОВАНИЕТО И НАУКАТА

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НИВО В1

ВАРИАНТ 2

ЧАСТ 1 (Време за работа: 60 минути)

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

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 coach would like to let Tim know that

- A) he won't be playing in the match.
- B) the match will be held on another day.
- C) the weather will be bad all week long.

2. The coach asked Tim not to make any plans for this Sunday.

- A) True
- B) False

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. TechnoPro stores are now offering discounts of

- A) 20% on numerous items.
- B) 30% - 50% on all items.
- C) up to 50% on certain items.

4. The discounts will last until the end of the week.

- A) True
- B) False

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. John's latest video has had great success.

- A) True
- B) False

6. In it, he is singing and dancing about to his favourite songs.

- A) True
- B) False

7. John says Martin is his best friend at school.

- A) True
- B) False

8. Nicky is a boy from John and Cindy's class.

- A) True
- B) False

9. Cindy has been punished for not passing a school test.

- A) True
- B) False

10. Most people in her class passed that test.

- 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 new research of the Education Policy Institute, the mental health of young people in England

- A) has worsened in the last few years.
- B) has improved since 2017.
- C) has no connection to social media use.

12. According to the research report, young people start experiencing low self-esteem

- A) from a very young pre-school age.
- B) after primary school.
- C) in their late teens.

13. The report recommends that for the improvement of youngsters' mental health, the government needs to set aside for schools

- A) £ 65 million.
- B) £ 650 million.
- C) £ 1,650 million.

14. Among the reasons for young people's mental health problems the report mentions

- A) their poor immune system at that age.
- B) their inability to communicate openly on social media.
- C) the fact that they don't get enough physical activity.

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. Tanya plays in a TV series titled

- A) *Love in the Dark.*
- B) *Loving Me Darkly.*
- C) *In Love with the Dark.*

16. Though playing a teenager, Tanya is actually

- A) twenty-two.
- B) twenty-three.
- C) twenty-four.

17. The host says Tanya and her co-stars are

- A) too young to play in such a series.
- B) not good-looking enough for their roles in the series.
- C) good at pretending to be something they are not.

18. The host believes that it would be child exploitation if

- A) teenagers were to play teenagers on screen.
- B) teenagers were cast for this particular series.
- C) teenagers were made to learn about vampires.

19. Tanya explains that the laws in the UK

- A) are less strict than those in the USA.
- B) vary from region to region.
- C) forbid casting underage actors in erotic scenes.

20. By saying vampires have been “done to death”, the host means that

- A) they no longer exist.
- B) they are always defeated in the end.
- C) they are no longer an interesting subject.

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.

Hi, Brad,

I just want you to know that I and the whole gang are thinking of organising a surprise birthday party for Sandra next week – please don't tell her, even if she is your ex-girlfriend. Mike has suggested booking that pizza place where he works in the summer, and we all thought that's a good idea. We're thinking 7 – 7:30 p.m. or so, so do you think you could find a way to bring her there without her knowing the reason?

Now, about the present – Sonya suggested jewellery, but if it’s good, it’s way too expensive. Then we thought about getting her the latest Tom Cruise DVD – you know she’s crazy about him – but she has all the streaming platforms and it should be out on one of those soon, so that’s probably not a good idea, either. Finally, we decided to get her a voucher for the local spa centre – she can pick when to go and what to do there. Anyway, we hope you’re fine with that, and that you’ll make your contribution to the cost.

Anyway, let me know what you think and, just in case, mail Sonya and Mike, too. And don’t forget it’s a secret!

Cheers,

Tony

21. Tony and his friends want to surprise Brad with a party on his birthday.

A) True B) False

22. Brad and Sandra used to be boyfriend and girlfriend.

A) True B) False

23. Brad has to take Sandra to Mike’s home while keeping it all a secret.

A) True B) False

24. Tony thinks Sandra will soon be able to watch the latest Tom Cruise film anyway.

A) True B) False

25. Tony and his friends have made a booking for Sandra for a weekend away at her favourite spa hotel.

A) True B) False

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ВАРИАНТ 2

ЧАСТ 2 (Време за работа: 180 минути)

Write your answers **on the separate answer sheet.**

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.

Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl (1916-1990) was a British novelist, short-story writer, poet, and screenwriter. His books have sold over 250 million copies worldwide, and he has been called "one of the greatest storytellers for children of the 20th century".

Born in Wales to rich Norwegian immigrant parents, Dahl spent most of his life in England. He served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War. He became a fighter pilot and, subsequently, an intelligence officer. He became famous as a writer in the 1940s with works for children and for adults, and he became one of the world's best-selling authors, winning various awards for his contribution to literature in his lifetime.

Dahl and his work have been criticised for racial stereotypes, hatred of women and anti-semitism, although the latter has been contradicted by those who knew him. In 2008, *The Times* placed Dahl 16th on its list of "The 50 Greatest British Writers since 1945". In 2021, *Forbes* ranked him the top-earning dead celebrity.

Dahl's adult short stories often blend dark humour with surprise plot twists and unexpected endings. His children's books, known for their unsentimental, often blackly comic mood, typically involve adult villains who hate and mistreat children, and feature at least one "good" adult to counteract the villain(s). This choice of characters is possibly a reference to the abuse that Dahl stated that he experienced in the boarding schools he attended.

His works for children include *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, *The Witches*, and *Fantastic Mr Fox*. His works for older readers include the short story collections *Tales of the Unexpected* and *The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar*.

Many of Dahl's works have been filmed, both for the big screen and for TV.

26. Roald Dahl's parents came from

- A) Wales.
- B) England.
- C) Norway.

27. Dahl gained fame as

- A) a writer.
- B) an air force pilot.
- C) an intelligence officer.

28. He became famous

- A) in the mid-20th century.
- B) in 2008.
- C) after his death.

29. According to the text, Dahl has been accused of

- A) having a soft spot for women.
- B) portraying negatively people from different cultures.
- C) having been a bully at school.

30. Dahl's books for children and adults are both characterized by

- A) dark humour.
- B) unexpected endings.
- C) twisted style of writing.

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.

Teen Drama

Teen drama has turned out to be one of the most enduring genres on TV. We've all been teenagers at some point. So, the heartbreak, emotions, journeys, and discoveries that come with being a teenager typically make for highly engaging stories.

Typically, teen drama is a series that focuses on teenage or young adult protagonists, who are most of the time facing some sort of conflict. That conflict may be the ups and downs of friendships, a shaky romantic relationship, or even the fate of the world. Just like in real life, the teenagers are exploring life and their freedom, while battling peer pressure, parental

pressure and societal pressure. The downside of having free rein over your own life, however, is that you can very easily be led down the wrong path and make mistakes that will haunt you.

So teen dramas at their core try to demonstrate what being young is like. Teenagers are complicated, high school is messy, and relationships are crazy.

The difficulties of growing up – the triumphs, the pitfalls, the dangers, the laughs, the tears – are all a part of normal teenage life. Teen dramas love to explore these common themes. Often they show us a conflict with an authoritative figure of power – an overprotective parent, a school authority, or even the supernatural.

These teen characters are most often just trying to figure out how to get through life unhurt. But drama's purpose is to heighten the experiences. It often does this by, for instance, placing the characters in extreme, even fantastical, situations that we would probably never find ourselves in. By seeing how the characters react to an extreme or distinctive situation we find universal experiences within the extraordinary and empathise with them more easily.

31. Why is teen drama one of the most enduring TV genres?

32. What four different types of conflict do teenagers face?

33. What are three sources of pressure experienced by teens?

34. What two disadvantages of controlling your own life does the text mention?

35. Why does teen drama often place its characters in extreme or fantastical situations?

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.

A friend from abroad **named Joe/Jane** is coming to stay with you for a few days. Write to him/her and briefly describe:

- what your hometown is like;
- what interesting things people can do and see;
- where and when you plan to take him/her during his/her stay.

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.

Every cloud has a silver lining.

Do you agree with this proverb that every situation, however sad or unpleasant, has a positive side to it?

- Does it apply to your personal experience?
- What example(s) can you provide to support your opinion?
- How can looking on the bright side of things be helpful?

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