

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. Mrs Brown and her husband stayed in

- A) room 22.
- B) room 23.
- C) room 32.

2. Mrs Brown's wedding ring used to belong to a relative of her husband's.

- A) True
- B) False

Task Two

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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. People who bought tickets for the concert of Mary and the Monsters cannot

- A) use them to see a different performer.
- B) ask to receive their money back.
- C) go to another concert that same evening.

4. The concert was cancelled due to the lead singer's health problem.

- 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. Nora invites Jane for ice-cream at the mall.

- A) True
- B) False

6. According to Nora, everything is on sale at the mall right now.

- A) True
- B) False

7. Autumn items are sold at the highest discount.

- A) True
- B) False

8. Nora's father did not have a holiday the previous summer.

- A) True
- B) False

9. Last summer, Nora's brother, Robby, was in France with a friend from Belgium.

- A) True
- B) False

10. Jane would prefer to take a bus to the mall.

- 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. The stolen portrait of the princess of Lichtenstein was discovered in

- A) Leeds.
- B) Lancaster.
- C) London.

12. When he found the painting, Mr Billingham considered

- A) going to the newspapers.
- B) contacting the police.
- C) trying to sell it.

13. Mr Billingham was given a cup of tea and a snack by

- A) the lady from the coffee shop.
- B) a kind passerby in the street.
- C) the officers at the police station.

14. At present, the police are

- A) trying to establish whether they have the original painting.
- B) investigating a local criminal group dealing in stolen art.
- C) searching for clues in five international museums.

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 Nicolas Fellowes, self-confidence is

- A) a belief that you can meet others' expectations of you.
- B) an ability to fulfil your dreams without external help.
- C) a quality that needs to be built up and kept up.

16. Comparing yourself to others

- A) may prevent you from improving your self-confidence.
- B) might be useful in overcoming your envy of other people's lives.
- C) will help you to find a role model to follow.

17. The people you spend time with can

- A) change the way you think and act in public.
- B) help you develop a more positive outlook about yourself.
- C) make you feel bad about aimlessly wasting your time.

18. To take care of your body, you should

- A) feel good about yourself first.
- B) follow certain good practices.
- C) make sure people find you good-looking.

19. To face your fears, you should

- A) go on a blind date or ask your boss for a promotion.
- B) try to embarrass yourself in whatever way possible.
- C) realize there's nothing wrong with doubting yourself.

20. Learning to say no is important because

- A) a sense of security and control helps boost your self-confidence.
- B) self-confident people never go out of their comfort zone.
- C) it is useful in dealing with people who put you down.

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.

Thirst for Fame

In a weird craze that started years ago but has only recently taken over YouTube, teen vloggers are posting videos of themselves drinking water. The trend seems incredibly boring, but there is an extreme element to it – some YouTubers are filming up to six videos a day, uploading thousands of videos on the site.

Commitment and stamina are the entertaining aspects of the trend, rather than content, with some vloggers downing over four litres a day. One teen, who posts under the alias “Aaron drinks water”, reportedly downs 750ml of water six times a day, filming each session on his phone.

Aaron’s inspiration, the original water-drinking video-maker, Jon, has already crossed the 10,000-video line. “I decided to start my own channel and drink more than others. I think it’s cool to look at a video and see how far I’ve come in a year or two.”

Although the growing number of water-drinkers compete to upload the most videos to their channels, they are supportive of each other to keep the trend alive. For instance, the creator of the trend, Jon, supports others by linking their channels alongside his videos.

And why are these videos so popular? Perhaps due to the “drink water” message we get all the time. We’re told to drink water at every opportunity, and most of us say we need to do it more. Just look around to see people with massive bottles marked with targets for the hour, or take a look at just how many apps there are with the sole purpose of getting you to sip water.

Water drinking YouTubers might be a form of influencing and entertainment that’s good for us. We see a new video in our subscription, we’re reminded that we should be drinking water, too. Watching a video does make you feel somewhat thirsty – try it for yourself.

21. Water-drinking videos are a relatively recent trend.

A) True B) False

22. For some vloggers, it’s all about how much water they drink.

A) True B) False

23. Jon enjoys tracking his water-drinking progress in his videos.

A) True B) False

24. The merciless competition among water-drinking vloggers prevents them from helping each other.

A) True B) False

25. The water-drinking vloggers are doing something people are told to do every day, with the only difference that they record it.

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.

Flash Mobs

In 2003, an unusually large number of customers arrived in the carpet department of a New York department store, all seemingly interested in buying the same carpet. In 2006, 4,000 people arrived with MP3 players and headsets at a London railway station and started dancing, although no music could be heard. Police were called to make sure that trains continued to run on time, but when they arrived the dancers had gone. In March 2013, about 2,000 students got together in Seoul, South Korea, and started to dance. Together with other Earth Hour supporters, they collected 150,000 signatures from local citizens in support of the Earth Hour 2013 campaign. These are examples of ‘flash mob’ events, when a crowd of people suddenly come together in a public place, perform an unusual action, and disappear as quickly as they had appeared. They are organized using mobile phones or the internet.

To fans, flash mobs are simply a chance to have some fun. However, when nearly 2,000 people gathered in San Francisco for a huge pillow fight, it ended up costing thousands of dollars – just after the fight ended, there was a heavy rainstorm that left the city covered with wet, sticky feathers from the pillows. The rain flooded the streets, and it took several days to put the damage right. Norman Dito of the Recreation and Park Department said, ‘In future, organizers of such events should apply for permission in advance and pay the standard fee to cover security, insurance, and cleaning up. Sadly, I don’t think this will ever happen, because nobody knows who the organizers are, or when a flash mob will take place next’.

Flash mobs may also, though infrequently, bring about crime. ‘Flash robs’ start with the idea of destroying private property and often lead to acts of aggression. Professor of

Psychology Mark Leary explains that individuals who wouldn't rob a store on their own feel freer to break the law when they are in a crowd of unidentified people.

26. In 2006, the police were called to the London railway station to

- A) arrest the dancers.
- B) make sure people were safe.
- C) prevent the trains from being late.

27. In 2013, the flash mob in Seoul was organised to

- A) promote a good environmental cause.
- B) maintain stable relationships between the participants.
- C) increase motivation to keep a healthy diet.

28. The pillow fight in San Francisco was a disaster because

- A) it was too expensive to organise.
- B) no one cleaned up afterwards.
- C) the weather prevented people from going to it.

29. Norman Dito thinks controlling future flash mobs is impossible because

- A) it would cost too much.
- B) so many people participate in them.
- C) those who organise them are anonymous.

30. Mark Leary says people who take part in "flash robs"

- A) feel braver because they're not alone.
- B) are often people with a criminal past.
- C) have psychological problems.

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.

Interviewing Super-Gentle-Man

Interviewer: So, JonJon, there's no need to introduce you... Everyone's heard about you by now – the 19-year-old Hollywood actor who took the world by storm with your portrayal of Superman in the latest blockbuster to hit the screen. But tell me, why do they also call you Super-Gentle-Man? Where does that come from?

JonJon: Well, I was always a gentle child, you know – I never liked rough games, or playing tricks on the girls, or getting up to anything naughty. I'd always prefer to play quietly

by myself, reading picture books or drawing picture for Mom and Dad, or enacting elaborate scenarios with my dolls... I was then known as Gentle Child.

Interviewer: Dolls? Do you mean action figures, superheroes, that kind of thing?

JonJon: That, too, but I also had Barbies, and I always tried to bring the two worlds together, because I believe in peace and harmony among people, regardless of their gender... Actually, it's this gentle side, the more sensitive side, that I try to bring out in my portrayal of Superman, because everyone has such a side. It's not just about flying around and avoiding disasters and saving people, it's about being in touch with the gentler you. I guess that goes to explain the nickname, too.

Interviewer: Well, judging by ticket sales, cinemagoers seem to love your movie.

JonJon: That makes me so happy! I'm so proud to have an influence on so many people at my tender age. And I have a message for all my fans – be yourselves, be gentle! And remember – even in the worst of times, when you might be feeling down, “gently does it!”

Interviewer: Thank you, JonJon, that has been truly inspiring!

31. What, according to JonJon, are the two main reasons for his nickname?

32. What kind of things did JonJon NOT like doing as a child?

33. What is it that JonJon believes every person has?

34. What does JonJon think Superman is really about?

35. What does JonJon mean when he tells his fans to remember that “gently does it”?

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.

Tell a friend, **named Joe/Jane**, about a hobby or sports activity that you particularly enjoy. Briefly explain:

- when, why and how you became interested in it;
- how far you have come since you first started doing it;
- what you find so enjoyable about it.

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.

Describe a situation when you managed to make a friend truly happy.

- What was the situation, and why was your friend unhappy?
- What did you do to help your friend?
- How did you feel about your actions?

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