

МИНИСТЕРСТВО НА ОБРАЗОВАНИЕТО И НАУКАТА

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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 open-top bus tour of London takes no more than three hours to be completed without any stops.

A) True B) False

2. A children's ticket for a 24-hour trip on the hop-on hop-off bus costs

A) twelve pounds.

B) twenty pounds.

C) twenty-four pounds.

Task Two

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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 more seconds to check or correct your answers.

3. The £72.6 million David Beckham made in 2023 includes income from his Netflix documentary.

- A) True B) False

4. *Beckham*, the Netflix story of the famous football player's life, is ...

- A) a ten-part documentary series.
B) a six-part documentary series.
C) a four-part documentary series.

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 conversation is probably taking place at a car shop.

- A) True B) False

6. The client is interested in buying a petrol engine vehicle.

- A) True B) False

7. According to the consultant, a home charger is a must for the electric car owner.

- A) True B) False

8. The client doesn't need to drive so often, so she never does more than 30,000 kilometres a year.

- A) True B) False

9. An owner of an electric car should have practical knowledge and ability to use different smartphone apps.

- A) True B) False

10. The client cannot spend more than 30,000 Euros on a new car.

- 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. Warner Bros. Discovery and Paramount Global are

- A) negotiating a possible merger.
- B) planning to sell their properties.
- C) beginning to shoot joint commercials.

12. Initial talks between the two companies began on

- A) Monday.
- B) Tuesday.
- C) Thursday.

13. Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc. is

- A) a popular video streaming platform.
- B) an international TV news company.
- C) an American mass media and entertainment corporation.

14. Warner Media united with Discovery, Inc. on

- A) April 8, 2022.
- B) April 18, 2022.
- C) April 28, 2022.

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. Baylee Littrell got his first song writing idea when he was

- A) 7 years old.
- B) 17 years old.
- C) 45 years old.

16. Baylee Littrell wrote his first song on the tour bus

- A) seven years later.
- B) ten years later.
- C) seventeen years later.

17. His father, Backstreet Boy Brian Littrell,

- A) helped his son make the first steps in his music career.
- B) shared his new song with his son.
- C) had the feeling that he had heard his son's song before.

18. The teenage musician was overcome by sorrow because

- A) Backstreet Boys split up.
- B) his parents got divorced.
- C) he had broken up with his girlfriend.

19. "Let Her Go" was

- A) a Backstreet Boys hit.
- B) the last song in Baylee Littrell's first album.
- C) included in the "Homemade Originals" series.

20. When Baylee Littrell became aware of his father's fame in music, he was ...

- A) 7 years old.
- B) 9 years old.
- C) 17 years old.

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.

The Sydney Opera House

Over the last 50 years the Sydney Opera House popularity has grown because of its importance to Sydney's, even Australia's, identity. So, it deserved the month-long celebration on its anniversary.

The Sydney Opera House, which was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 20 October 1973 after 14 years of construction, is widely regarded as a masterpiece of 20th-century architecture and stands as a symbol of modern Australia. Its renowned sail-shaped building stands like a cathedral at the waterfront on Bennelong Point. The Opera House now welcomes more than eleven million visitors every year.

In 1956, the Premier of New South Wales, Joseph Cahill, initiated a competition for the construction of the Opera House. He extended the invitation to people worldwide, not just Australians, to submit their design concepts. Danish architect Jorn Utzon won the competition to

design the Opera House in 1957, after his plans had been rescued from a pile of rejects. Although he proposed unparalleled, daring and visionary design, his project was initially turned down. However, in January 1957 the judging committee announced the winning entry, that of the Danish architect, who won with a dramatic design showing a complex of two main halls side by side facing out to the harbour on a large podium. His winning entry brought Utzon international fame and later he won the Pritzker Prize, which is considered the Nobel of architecture. Construction, however, which began in 1959, posed a variety of problems, many resulting from the innovative nature of the design. When UNESCO added the Opera House to its World Heritage list in 2007, the praise was euphoric.

There's much more to the Opera House than, well, opera. Its initial use was for opera, concerts, and theatre but the goal of the Opera House now is to be a "people's house", where all Australians are welcome. While plenty of tourists visit the opera house to attend shows, have a meal at one of the restaurants inside the building, or just take a guided tour, the team behind the house also wants local Sydneysiders to feel like they can swing by anytime. The world-renowned Sydney Opera House invites you to various cultural events, offering diverse experiences for locals and tourists.

21. The text was written on the occasion of the Sydney Opera House celebrating its 50th anniversary.

A) True B) False

22. The Sydney Opera House used to be a cathedral.

A) True B) False

23. The Sydney Opera House attracts more than 11 million tourists annually.

A) True B) False

24. The winning entry of the Danish architect was instantly acknowledged by the judging committee.

A) True B) False

25. The Sydney Opera House is a venue for cultural events for both local and international visitors

A) True B) False

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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.

The Best Apps for Nature Lovers

While phones often get the blame for distracting users from their physical environment, technology can also be a way to connect with the natural world. With a phone at your fingertips, the world is your oyster, or colourful bird, or oak tree. It's now possible to identify everything from mystery animal tracks to elusive birdsong via an app. Beyond that, your sightings could contribute valuable information to scientific studies and conservation efforts around the globe. Here's how.

Using augmented virtual reality, the *Forests* app takes you on an immersive tour of temperate forests from the comfort of your living room. *SkyView Lite*'s easy to use without wi-fi. Open a window on to the night sky – just point your tablet or smartphone camera up and you'll discover which stars or constellations you're gazing at.

Seek is a great app for families who want to spend more time exploring nature together. It is perfect for curious kids who are keen to categorise the different plants, animals and fungi they come across: just take photos with your phone and *Seek*'s artificial intelligence will identify the species and outline some key facts. Depending on your region, the app will suggest common species to look out for and set you themed challenges throughout the year so you can look for everything from decomposers to urban nature or pond critters and pollinators. For older children and adults, the flagship *iNaturalist* app opens up access to a global community that can confirm logged observations – and is a great tool for local bioblitz surveys.

26. The text focuses on the use of personal mobiles for

- A) getting distracted from the real world.
- B) staying connected with nature.
- C) being disconnected from people.

27. The observations you make via the applications discussed in the text

- A) help you relax by listening to tracks of recorded birdsongs.
- B) will make your scientific research easier.
- C) may contribute to the global efforts to protect the environment.

28. Using the *SkyView Lite* app, you can

- A) find your way when immersed in a forest.
- B) reach out to the global community for a bioblitz survey.
- C) identify a configuration of stars on the night sky.

29. *Seek* is an app that can help you

- A) start a family of your own.
- B) distinguish different species of plants, animals, and fungi.
- C) organise and edit your photographs and videos.

30. The *iNaturalist* app will

- A) tell you what common species there are in your area.
- B) provide challenges for about curious kids.
- C) guide you how to set your future goals.

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.

Blogging

Starting a blog can be both a rewarding and profitable venture that opens exciting opportunities. Through blogging, you can establish yourself as a credible expert in your field, earn a part-time or full-time income and connect with like-minded people who share your interests and passions.

In this article, we'll explain how to start a blog and make money no matter what your experience level is. In the early days of the internet, blogging was more like journaling. Some of the earliest blogs were used as a way to chronicle someone's personal viewpoints and experiences.

Blogging has since evolved to become much more than a form of digital record-keeping. At the present time, both businesses and individuals alike create blogs to share information and to boost sales or businesses. There are several reasons to start a blog. You could be looking to start a blog to try a fun hobby, generate some side income, build a community or for any other reasons, like having a space or a way to save your thoughts and photos in one centralized place.

Blogging encompasses writing, editing, and to some extent, design. This makes it a very creative pursuit. If you're looking for a relatively low-cost way to express yourself, blogging is a great option.

31. What two benefits of starting a blog are mentioned in the text?

32. What can you achieve through blogging?

33. How can some of the first blogs be described?

34. Why do individuals and businesses create blogs nowadays?

35. What makes blogging a creative outlet?

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.

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

Write a letter to your English friend, **Mary**, telling her about the coming Christmas holidays.

Write about your shopping list and how you like to spend money to prepare for the holidays.

- What is the first thing you would buy for the holidays and why?
- Is there anything specific you would buy as a present and to whom?
- If you were to buy yourself a present, what would it be and why?

Sign your letter with **George / Gerry**.

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

Write about an unusual pair of friends. They seem completely different but there is something that binds them together. Include information about:

- their appearance;
- their personal traits;
- their hobbies and interests.

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