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ВЫСШАЯ ШКОЛА ЭКОНОМИКИ
НАЦИОНАЛЬНЫЙ ИССЛЕДОВАТЕЛЬСКИЙ УНИВЕРСИТЕТ

Time limit: 120 minutes

Maximum score: 100

**Внимание! Обязательно перенесите ответы в бланк ответов.
Жюри проверяет только бланк ответов.**

LISTENING (20 points)

Task 1. Listen to the first part of the text. Decide which statements are A. True according to the text, B. False, or C. Not mentioned in the text. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

| № | Statement | A | B | C |
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| 1. | The John Newbery medal is awarded to the most distinguished authors of adult fiction. | | | |
| 2. | “Charlotte’s web” can be enjoyed by children throughout the ages. | | | |
| 3. | Board books are made out of sturdy materials for protection and longevity. | | | |
| 4. | Chapter books are always adapted from well-known works of children’s literature. | | | |
| 5. | The Harry Potter series spans three different age categories. | | | |

Task 2. Listen to the second part of the text. Each statement contains a factual error, which is written in bold. Replace the words in bold with the correct word/words from the text. Write down only the correct word/words according to the number in brackets. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

| № | Statement | Your answer |
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| 6. | Middle grade is generally shorter than YA, due to younger children’s short memories . (2 words) | /_____/ // _____/ |
| 7. | Wilder’s scenes of difficult subjects came under close scrutiny from her editor Ursula Nordstrom at Penguin Press . (3 words) | /_____/ // _____/ // _____/ |
| 8. | Emily Bronte read Sabbath School Visitor as a child in the early 1830’s and early 1840’s. (2 words) | /_____/ // _____/ |
| 9. | Most children’s literature in the United States before the American Civil War focused on religious themes and mysterious plots. (1 word) | /_____/ |

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| 10. | The book that began to transform the reading tastes of American children and their parents was “ Little House on the Prairie ”. (2 words) | / _____ // _____ / |
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LANGUAGE AND CULTURE STUDIES (40 points)

Task 1. Read the first part of the text. There are ten statements listed after the text. The statements are not related to the text but they contain antonyms (in bold) to the words in the text. Find antonyms to the words in bold in the text and write them down in the box. Do not change the word form given in the text. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

Laura Ingalls Wilder, the author of "Little House on the Prairie", based her classic novels on her own experiences growing up in a pioneer family. Life on the frontier was often harsh, but with each hardship, Laura grew stronger and took on more responsibilities. From insect invasions to raging blizzards, there was nothing this tiny trailblazer couldn't handle.

Laura's father, Charles Ingalls, had the heart of a pioneer. He never stayed in a place for long. He needed elbow room and quickly grew tired of an area as it became more crowded. Laura's mother, Caroline, preferred to stay settled in one place, but she reluctantly went along with her husband's wish to be constantly on the move.

By the time she turned seven, Laura Ingalls had moved three times. In fact, one of her earliest memories is of her parents packing all their belongings into a covered wagon for the trip from Wisconsin to Kansas.

After they arrived in Kansas, Laura helped her father build a house out of logs. One day, she saw Indians on the trail that ran past her house. That night she heard the sound of tom-toms in the distance.

The Ingalls did not know yet, but they had built their new home on land that belonged to the Osage tribe. When they had arrived, the Osage were away on a hunting trip. But now they were back and surprised to find white settlers living on their territory. After being told of their mistake, the Ingalls family agreed to leave. Once again, they loaded up the wagon and returned to the Big Woods of Wisconsin, where they lived for the next four years.

As more and more people began to move into the area, however, Laura's father started feeling restless again. He grew increasingly irritated at the sound of new settlers chopping down trees all around him.

Pa's dream was to live on a sprawling farm where neighbors were scarce and wild animals could run free. He heard about a town in Minnesota where there was plenty of room to roam.

| № | Statement | Your answer |
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| 1. | This giant metropolis is home to 10 million people. | |
| 2. | Parks are the ideal place for various physical activities and other forms of recreation . | |
| 3. | I'm told there are caves in the area, unoccupied homes, outbuildings – plenty of room for a person to hide. | |

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| 4. | There must be some mistake – he would never willingly agree to this! | |
| 5. | I rarely go to the theater and when I do, I always have a terrible time. | |
| 6. | The latest edition of the dictionary features plenty of words that were not included before. | |
| 7. | She was contented with the life she had, so there was no reason to look for something else. | |
| 8. | Mrs. Wilson was pleased with how well her children were behaving. | |
| 9. | Many people hate flying since they must be stuck in a limited space for several hours. | |
| 10. | The farmers were happy to provide a bountiful supply of apples for the harvest festival. | |

Task 2. Read the second part of the text. There are five incomplete sentences below the text. Finish each sentence with the words from the text. Write down only the correct word/words according to the number in brackets. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

After he had saved enough money, Pa bought a one-room dugout house in the town of Walnut Grove, Minnesota. The place was tiny, about the size of the wagon the family had just unloaded, but it sat on a parcel of farmland where he hoped to raise acres of wheat to sell to the big flour mills in the city of St. Paul.

In the fall, Laura and Mary started school. Laura was barely five years old, but the two-mile walk to the schoolhouse with her sister every morning was her favorite part of the day - even if they had to walk barefoot because their parents could not afford shoes for them.

The Minnesota winters were harsh, but the heavy snows provided the moisture that would make Pa's wheat crop grow. It was in the summertime that the family's problems began.

One day, just before the harvest, Laura was working in the field when a strange cloud darkened the sky. But this was no rain cloud – it was a swarm of locusts. One of the insects peeled out of the cloud and dove, striking Laura square in the back of the head. Then the others followed.

When the locusts finally moved on, the wheat field had been stripped clean. Her father lost his entire harvest. Meanwhile, Laura and Mary could no longer walk to school because the ground was blanketed with squashed bugs. Their mother taught them at home instead.

The next summer, Laura's father intended to try again with another wheat crop. But he didn't realize that the locusts from the previous year had laid eggs before they left. When they hatched, the bugs started feeding again. Once again, the farmland was decimated. This second invasion convinced Pa that wheat farming was not for him. It was time to load up the wagon again.

| № | Sentence | Your answer |
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| 11. | Laura and her sister loved walking to and from school every day, even though they had nothing to protect their feet from the cold since their parents could not... (4 words) | / _____ // _____ / / _____ // _____ / |
| 12. | Winters in Minnesota were tough, but it was worth it since the abundance of snow could make Laura's father's... (3 words) | / _____ // _____ / / _____ / |
| 13. | Once when Laura was walking home from school, she thought that a big dark cloud had covered the sky, but she soon discovered that it was a... (3 words) | / _____ // _____ / / _____ / |
| 14. | Only after the insects had disappeared could Laura's father see that all his harvest had been... (2 words) | / _____ // _____ / |
| 15. | The damage from the pests was so severe that Laura and her sister couldn't even walk to school anymore since the ground was completely covered with... (2 words) | / _____ // _____ / |

Task 3. There are five British and American authors listed below. Match the author with the brief description of his work. There are two extra descriptions. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

| № | Author's name | Your answer |
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| 16. | Jack London | |
| 17. | John Ronald Reuel Tolkien | |
| 18. | George Bernard Shaw | |
| 19. | William Sydney Porter (O'Henry) | |
| 20. | Herbert George Wells | |

DESCRIPTIONS

A. This prolific English writer had mastered many genres and literary forms, but was best remembered for his science fiction stories, which earned him the honorary title of the "father of science fiction".

B. This American writer specialized in short stories, focusing on the daily struggles of the American middle class.

C. This English author, linguist and academic transformed the genre of fantasy with his inventive sagas which included excellent world building, hundreds of characters, and even a few invented languages.

D. This American novelist, journalist and social activist was an innovator in the genre of science fiction but was best known for his realistic adventure stories.

E. This Irish author became the leading playwright of his generation, and to this day his plays are

produced in theaters around the globe.

F. This American author of realistic fiction won a Nobel Prize in Literature in 1962 for highlighting social issues in his monumental novels.

G. This English author is one of the most widely read humorists of the 20th century, who popularized the idyllic image of British aristocracy on the global level.

CREATIVE WRITING (40 points)

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| Внимание! Не указывайте свои ФИО в творческом задании. |
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Task: Read two quotes about literature.

A quote by Oscar Wilde:

Literature always anticipates life. It doesn't copy it, but molds it to its purpose.

A quote by a critic:

Literature can remind us that not all life is already written down: there are still so many stories to be told.

Now write an article comparing these two points of view on literature and giving your own opinion.

You must write 250 – 300 words.