

**Time limit: 120 minutes****Maximum score: 100**

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

**LISTENING AND WRITING (35 points)**

**Task 1. Listen to the text. Decide which of the following statements (1 – 10) are (A) true, (B) false, or (C) there is no information in the text. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.**

№	Statements	A	B	C
1.	The professor wants to prove some scholars wrong with his lecture.			
2.	Some scholars believe that the main function of all living creatures is to pass on their genes.			
3.	Mutant forms will continue to live and flourish in any type of environment.			
4.	The direct influence of the environment is the cause of biological diversity.			
5.	Memes and genes share a common feature.			
6.	Richard Dawkins came up with the term “meme” when studying viruses and bacteria.			
7.	Memes need no human assistance for their transmission.			
8.	Some people believe that meme complexes are formed on the basis of ideological similarities.			
9.	Memes can be a tool to prove why some ideas endure.			
10.	The constant reproduction of memes keeps our minds active.			

**Task 2. Listen to the text again and write a summarizing paragraph based on the text you have just listened to. You should follow the structure:**

- a topic sentence;
- supporting arguments;
- a conclusion.

**The paragraph must contain no less than 100 words.**

**VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR, CULTURE STUDY (30 points)****VOCABULARY**

**Task 1.** For items 1 – 5, choose one word that fits all three sentences. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

*Example:*

The computer was delivered late, so they agreed not to \_\_\_\_\_ me for delivery.

He's been put in \_\_\_\_\_ of accounts while the boss is away!

The director shouted “\_\_\_\_\_!”, and all the soldiers rushed into battle.

*Answer:* charge

1. He knew he was on dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ talking about money.

We are breaking new \_\_\_\_\_ on the sports arena today.

I was on more familiar \_\_\_\_\_ now that we were talking about our own system.

2. She won a bronze medal in gymnastics to complete her \_\_\_\_\_.

This colorful plate is part of a \_\_\_\_\_.

Her mother is dead \_\_\_\_\_ against this marriage.

3. I am not much of a \_\_\_\_\_ at making pastry.

Who dealt the last \_\_\_\_\_?

The meeting is getting out of \_\_\_\_\_ – will everybody stop talking at once!

4. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ on this point?

The defendant is now \_\_\_\_\_ of all charges.

I went for a walk to \_\_\_\_\_ my head.

5. Don't try to \_\_\_\_\_ the blame onto me. It's not my fault.

He used to \_\_\_\_\_ his ground whenever it seemed to his advantage to do so.

The moment marked a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in attitudes to the war.

**Task 2.** For items 6 – 10, read the text and choose from the table below a word (A, B, or C) that fits each gap best. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

Recent research has (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that a third of those living in Britain have not met their (7) \_\_\_\_\_ neighbours, and those who know each other (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Neighbours gossiping over garden fences and in the street was a common (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1950s, says Dr Robert Halt, an expert on local communities. Now, however, longer hours spent working at the office, together with the Internet and satellite television, are eroding neighbourhood (10) \_\_\_\_\_. “Poor neighbourhoods once had strong kinship, but now prosperity buys privacy”, said Halt.

(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
(A) undertaken	(A) side-on	(A) barely	(A) outlook	(A) ties
(B) conducted	(B) next-door	(B) roughly	(B) vision	(B) joints
(C) revealed	(C) close-up	(C) nearly	(C) sight	(C) ropes

**Task 3.** For items 11 – 15, read the idioms below and decide which idiom fits each gap best. You can use each idiom only once. There are extra idioms. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

(A) square accounts	(F) jump the gun
(B) split hairs	(G) call the shots
(C) up for grabs	(H) hand in glove
(D) make head or tail	(I) clutch at straws
(E) get into the groove	(J) set great store by

11. Now that she thinks I started that rumor about her, I'm worried about how she is going to try to \_\_\_\_\_ with me.
12. I have read the document through three times, but I can't \_\_\_\_\_ of it.
13. It was rumored at the time that some of the gangs were working \_\_\_\_\_ with the police.
14. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ your friends, for it is to them you must turn when life becomes difficult.
15. I hope we can get things settled but I mustn't \_\_\_\_\_.

### GRAMMAR

**Task 1.** For items 1 – 5, write the missing part of the second sentence using a given word, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the given word. You must use between three and six words, including the given word. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

Here is an example (0).

*Example:*

“Where do you think he is?” she said.

### WONDERED

She \_\_\_\_\_.

*Answer:* She wondered where he was.

1. He looked as if he was about to cry when he saw the damage to his bicycle.

**VERGE**

He looked like he \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw the damage to his bicycle.

2. My grandmother has got used to living alone.

**TERMS**

My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ living alone.

3. Penny has become really self-important since she was promoted.

**GONE**

Getting a \_\_\_\_\_ head.

4. I really think you should be more assertive about your rights.

**UP**

It's about time \_\_\_\_\_ more.

5. Advances in science should soon yield a cure for cancer.

**BRINK**

Scientists are thought \_\_\_\_\_ finding a cure for cancer.

**CULTURE STUDY**

**Task 1: Arrange these US Presidents in chronological order. Put the appropriate number in the right column.**

US Presidents	Number
Franklin D. Roosevelt	
Abraham Lincoln	
Ronald Reagan	
George H.W. Bush	
Thomas Jefferson	

**CREATIVE WRITING (35 points)**

**Внимание! Не указывайте свои ФИО в творческом задании.**

**Write a story based on one of the given sayings:**

1. You live and you learn.
2. As you brew, so you must drink.
3. Every man is the architect of his own fortune.

**Use your imagination. Your story must have:**

- a title;
- characters;
- a setting (when and where the story is taking place);
- a plot (sequence of events);
- a conclusion (which comments on the saying).

**You should write about 200 – 250 words.**