

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) _____ speak. 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.

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| (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.