

Открытая филологическая олимпиада для учащихся 10 классов школ университетского
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Task 1.

Read the text. Some of the lines are correct and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put (✓) in the space provided. If a line has a word which should not be there, write it in the space provided.

CROSSWORDS

0 A crossword is a form of word puzzle which it is thought

00 have originated as a children's game in Britain in the

1 19th century. "The New York Word" began to publishing

2 crosswords in 1913. By the 1923, newspaper crosswords

3 had become a popular trend, spreading across the America

4 and later Britain. As like a feature in daily newspapers,

5 the crossword is now popular in many languages all over the

6 world. A crossword it consists of numbered white squares set

7 in a frame with some black squares that are most generally

8 been placed to form a symmetrical pattern. The black

9 squares are there to separate individual words. In addition

10 to being the frame, a set of numbered clues

11 is given. The object of the puzzle oneself is to use the given

12 clues to fill the white squares with letters for making complete

13 words which run across and down the frame. The clues they are

14 often difficult, to having many alternatives and a wide general

15 knowledge is required to complete the puzzle successfully.

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Task 2

Read this text and decide which of the alternatives best fits each gap.

Holidays

We've just come back exhausted after a two-week holiday in France. We were really stupid, on the last day we drove non-stop from Marseille to Calais –we should have (16) _____ our journey in Lyon or Paris. As if that wasn't enough, the sea was so rough in the English Channel that the (17) _____ took three hours instead of one and a half. Next year we've decided we've going on a cheap (18) _____ holiday to Italy. It sounds marvelous-the cost of the flight, the hotel and all our meals are (19) _____ in the price. While we've in Rome we'll be going on a guided (20) _____ of the Colosseum. The last time I was in Italy, I was on a business (21) _____ - I can't say I saw many of the famous tourist (22) _____ on that occasion.

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| 16. A stopped | B paused | C broken | D interrupted |
| 17. A expedition | B crossing | C cruise | D passage |
| 18. A party | B package | C overall | D inclusive |
| 19. A included | B involved | C contained | D combined |
| 20. A view | B tour | C sightseeing | D trip |
| 21. A trip | B journey | C excursion | D travel |
| 22. A views | B sights | C scenes | D visits |

Task 3

Read the text below and use the words to the right of the text to form one word that fits in the same numbered space in the text.

The Art of Conversation in the UK

You're having lunch with a friend in one of your (23) _____ places to eat, there's nothing novel about the (24) _____ or the events that (25) _____ around you, and you know the menu pretty well. This leaves you to concentrate on the conversation, and you and your friend cover all the topics you normally do, from movies and restaurants to politics and (26) _____. It's the usual sort of conversation the two of you have and there's little that's really (27) _____. But think about this: the two of you are able to talk (28) _____ without ever giving a single thought to how you're able to do that. Forget all the factors that might determine what you're going to discuss, like when you last got together and what's happening to both of you. Just think about the mechanics of the conversation: the way that you take turns - you talk and then your friend talks, then you, then your friend. The most (29) _____ aspect of a conversation is how these turns are taken but it is hard to say how this process actually works. (30) _____, you and your friend do take turns and those turns are (31) _____ choreographed. Long pauses are awkward, and in most cases, very few gaps will appear in this conversation. Instead, you finish speaking, and without giving you time for a breath, your friend starts. Remember, in an hour-long lunch, there's a lot of (32) _____ in switching back and forth. The puzzle is, how do the two of you manage it?

(23) FAVOUR

(24) SURROUND

(25) FOLD

(26) RELATE

(27) SURPRISE

(28) CONTINUE

(29) ELEMENT

(30) OBVIOUS

(31) BEAUTY

(32) PRECISE

Task 4

Choose correct item.

33. I'd be grateful if you'd me the secret of making perfect pastry.

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| A say | C talk |
| B speak | D tell |

34. Even though he objected to violence, he was made in the army.

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| A serving | C to serve |
| B serve | D had served |

35. He didn't want to wash the family car but his father made him it.

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| A doing | C did |
| B have done | D do |

36. She wouldn't forgive him all his apologies.

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| A even though | C in spite |
| B despite | D although |

37. It's time you Up your mind about what you're going to do with your life.

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| A have made | C make |
| B made | D had made |

38. I'd prefer to see him personally write him a letter.

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| A from | C rather than |
| B to | D rather |

39. I'd rather he me to my face rather than behind my back.

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| A criticised | C has criticized |
| B criticizing | D to criticize |

40. He collects not only stamps old coins.

A while

C whereas

B though

D but also

Task 5

Fill in the correct particle(s).

41. When milk turns sour, it **gives** a horrible smell.
42. The teacher's patience finally **gave**
43. They were forced to **give** to the enemy.
44. Ricky **went** the flu.
45. My aunt has **gone** that pop quiz.
46. There wasn't enough cake to **go**
47. Before going to bed, we watched the fire slowly **go**
48. The detective carefully **went** the facts with the witness.
49. The film was so sad she couldn't **hold** her tears.
50. I was asked to **hold** while Mr Smith was fetched to the phone.
51. We were **held**.....on the motorway for three hours.
52. I **held** my anger until he'd left the room.

Task 6

№1

Make the following nouns feminine.

Example: actor – actress

- 53. host- _____
- 54. gentleman - _____
- 55. duke - _____
- 56. Mayor - _____
- 57. Negro - _____
- 58. traitor - _____
- 59. earl - _____
- 60. uncle - _____

№2

Do the quiz.

61. "Fleet Street" is associated with _____.

A the fleets

C the Anglican Church

B the press

D the Royal family

62. Broadcasting in the United Kingdom is controlled by _____.

A CNN

B BBC

63. The "guinea" (a gold coin) is originally associated with _____.

A Guinea in West Africa

B short-eared animal like a big rat

C horse-race

D domestic fowl of the pheasant family

64. 'Fiver' is _____.

A five pence

C five shillings

B five pounds

65. The British monetary system consists of _____.

A pounds and pence

C pounds, pence, penny

B pounds, pence and shilling

D pounds and penny

66. Which of these capital cities is the capital of an independent state?

A Edinburgh

C Belfast

B Dublin

D Cardiff

67. The word "Whigs" is _____.

A a rude name for cattle drives

C a name for all opponents

B people who wear wigs

68. Which of these people is not elected in Great Britain?

A a member of Parliament

C a peer

B the Prime Minister

№3

Match the English and Russian proverbs.

69. Diamond cut diamond.

70. Discretion is the better part of valour.

71. Don't bite off more than you can chew.

72. Don't make a mountain out of a molehill.

73. Fine words butter no parsnips.

74. First come, first served.

75. Forbidden fruit is sweetest.

a) И на солнце есть пятна.

- b) Нашла коса на камень.
- c) Не делай из мухи слона.
- d) Береженого бог бережет.
- e) Соловья баснями не кормят.
- f) Игра не стоит свеч.
- g) Доброе слово и кошке приятно.
- h) Руби дерево по себе.
- i) Первому гостю первое место и красная ложка.
- j) Запретный плод сладок.

Speaking

Give a 1 minute talk **on the Internet in your life and health.**

Remember to discuss these points:

- How often do you use the Internet at home or at school?
- What do you most like doing online?
- Have you ever used the Internet to support your learning? Why/why not?

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Keys:

Task 1

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4	Like
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7	Most
8	Been
9	✓
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11	Oneself
12	For
13	They
14	to
15	✓

Task 3

- 23. FAVOURITE
- 24. SURROUNDINGS

Task 2

- 16. C
- 17. B
- 18. B
- 19. A
- 20. B
- 21. A
- 22. B

- 25. UNFOLD
- 26. RELATIONS / RELATIONSHIPS /
RELATIVES
- 27. SURPRISING
- 28. CONTINUOUSLY

- 29. ELEMENTARY
- 30. OBVIOUSLY
- 31. BEAUTIFULLY
- 32. PRECISION

- 33. D
- 34. C
- 35. D
- 36. B
- 37. B
- 38. C
- 39. A
- 40. D

Task 4

Task 5

- 41. off
- 42. out
- 43. In
- 44. down with
- 45. in for
- 46. Round
- 47. out
- 48. over
- 49. back
- 50. on
- 51. up
- 52. in

Task 6

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- 53. hostess
- 54. lady
- 55. duchess
- 56. mayoress
- 57. Negress
- 58. traitress

- 59. countess
- 60. aunt

№2

- 61. B
- 62. B
- 63. A

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64. B
65. A
66. B

67. C
68. C

№3

69. B
70. D
71. H
72. C
73. E
74. I
75. j

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