

**Северо-Восточная олимпиада школьников
по филологии (английский язык)
второй (заключительный) этап**

Демонстрационный вариант

Listening

Time: 10 minutes

You will hear a scene from a radio soap opera called Willowdale Green, in which a couple, Charles Miller and Daphne Jameson, are speaking with the barman Bill Dexter in a village pub. For questions 1-7, choose the best answer A, B or C. You will hear the recording twice.

1. The man working at the pub presumes that Charles and Daphne

A. are locals.

B. are married.

C. live at Draycott farm.

2. How well did Charles know Andy Draycott?

A. He never met him.

B. They were close relatives.

C. He didn't know him quite well.

3. What happened to the previous owner of the farm?

A. He died.

B. He sold it.

C. He left.

4. Bill says that the couple should not have the farm because

A. they are not from Willowdale.

B. the owner committed suicide.

C. they are not frank.

5. What have people been saying according to Bill?

A. Charles and Daphne are bad people.

B. The farm will not be maintained as a farm going forward.

C. Charles and Daphne did not inherit the farm.

6. What motivated Charles and Daphne to move to the country?

A. a healthier life

B. Charles' work

C. local services

7. How does Bill's attitude change at the end of the conversation?

A. He becomes suspicious.

B. He regrets his previous attitude.

C. He becomes more positive.

TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET

Reading

Time: 15 minutes

Read the article about Bill Gates, a co-founder of Microsoft Corporation. Answer the questions after the text.

The Story of Success

Forty years ago, a young programmer named Bill Gates dropped out of Harvard University to form a company called "Microsoft" with his childhood friend Paul Allen. Today, on the 20th anniversary of Microsoft's release of the Windows computer operating system, here's a look at some bits (bytes?) of information about its famed co-founder:

1. It should come as no surprise that the Seattle-born Gates demonstrated a staggering intellect as a kid. He plowed through the hefty World Book Encyclopedia set at age 8, but he left perhaps his biggest impression as an 11-year-old in his church confirmation class. Every year, Reverend Dale Turner challenged his pupils to memorize chapters 5-7 of the Book of Matthew – a.k.a. the Sermon on the Mount – and treated the successful ones to dinner atop the Space Needle. When Gates took his turn, Reverend Turner was stunned as the boy recited the approximately 2,000-word text with zero errors. While 31 of his classmates eventually got to chow down at the Space Needle Restaurant, Gates was the only one to deliver a flawless performance.

2. Gates met his better half shortly after she began work at Microsoft as a product marketing manager in 1987. A recent Duke graduate, Melinda French sat next to the company bigwig at an Expo trade-fair dinner, recalling him as "funnier than I thought he'd be." A few months later they crossed paths in a Microsoft car park, and Gates asked her out on a date... in two weeks. French rebuffed him, noting that she had no idea what she was doing in two weeks, but she relented when Gates called an hour later and asked to meet that night. Their relationship was an open secret within the company for years, but the veil was lifted by the time they became engaged in 1993, and they were married in Hawaii on New Year's Day 1994.

3. Gates has stated that he plans to give away 95 percent of his fortune to charity, but as you might expect from someone named "world's richest man" by Forbes for 16 of the past 21 years, he's also made his share of lavish purchases. Topping that list are the \$36 million he paid for the Winslow Homer painting "Lost on the Grand Banks," and \$30 million for a Leonardo da Vinci journal known as the Codex Leicester. He also shelled out \$21 million for a private jet, an understandable expenditure for a man with so much global business. And then there's his estate in Medina, Washington: Valued at more than \$120 million and nicknamed "Xanadu 2.0," the 66,000-square-foot behemoth has a private beach, an Art Deco home theater, a 60-foot pool with an underwater sound system and... wait for it... a trampoline room.

4. Influenced by his parents' community involvement Gates has made his mark as a philanthropic powerhouse. He consolidated his various efforts under one umbrella in 1999, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has since become the world's largest private charitable enterprise. With its staggering \$43 billion endowment and offices across Africa, Asia and Europe, the foundation has made major headway in tackling issues of poverty, literacy and disease. Gates, meanwhile, has become quite the hands-on boss since leaving his full-time oversight of Microsoft in 2008. Demonstrating his involvement, he appeared on The Tonight Show in early 2015 to discuss a machine that turns sewage into drinking water, even convincing host Jimmy Fallon to join him for a glass.

Decide if each of the statements below is true (T), false (F) or the information is not given in the text (NG).

A	Bill Gates was the best student in his class.	T	F	NG
B	Melinda French changed her opinion of Bill Gates after an Expo trade-fair dinner.	T	F	NG
C	Nobody in the Microsoft company knew that Melinda and Bill were dating until they got engaged in 1993.	T	F	NG
D	Instead of giving away 95 percent of his money to charity, Bill Gates has bought many expensive things.	T	F	NG
E	Bill Gates has been successfully helping the third world countries to provide education and healthcare services to the people there.	T	F	NG

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Time: 1 hour

1. Choose one word where the letter in bold is pronounced differently from the other words.

- A. giraffe
- B. gigantic
- C. giggly
- D. gibberish

2. Choose one word where the letters in bold are pronounced differently from the other words.

- A. broad
- B. throat
- C. coat
- D. load

3. Choose one word where the letters in bold are pronounced differently from the other words.

- A. threat
- B. breathe
- C. cleanse
- D. bread

4. Choose one word where the letters in bold are pronounced differently from the other words.

- A. headache
- B. character
- C. architect
- D. moustache

5. Write the sentences (A-D) in English using the transcription. Start your sentence with a capital letter.

- A. 'nəʊbədi təʊld mi: ə 'baʊt ʃɔ: 'bɜ:θdeɪ
- B. 'mʌni dʌznt grəʊ ɒn tri:z
- C. hi: nju: it wɒz 'gæʊŋ tu: bi: ə hɑ:d faɪt
- D. wi: hæd ə lɒŋ 'dʒɜ:nɪ ə 'hæd ɒv ʌs

6. Find one word to complete gaps in three different sentences. The word should be exactly the same for each of the three sentences.

- A.
Can you give me a _____ with these boxes?
I will _____ the papers out at the end of class.
I always keep my calculator close at _____.
- B.
The border guard asked to _____ her passport.
'Can Jason come too, Dad?' 'I don't _____ why not.'
My parents came to the airport to _____ me off.
- C.
I can't talk now. Why don't you give me a _____ in the morning?
If it rains today, we will _____ off the picnic.
In cases like this, it's the President that has to make the _____.
- D.
Could you please _____ whether a package has arrived for me?
You must _____ in at least one hour before your flight.
Let's _____ out that new dance club.

7. Read the text where one phrase is CAPITALIZED. Choose one idiom (A-D) that has the same meaning as the capitalized phrase.

Chris cleared his throat. "Look. You can't leave."
"What!" Now I was angry.
Adrian raised an eyebrow. "You can't leave campus."
That irked me. Why was I just now hearing about this? "So what, I'm a prisoner?" These boys were driving me nuts. "I really wish everyone would stop **AVOIDING THE IMPORTANT TOPIC** and just tell me what the hell I need to know."

- A. going around in circles
- B. beating around the bush
- C. driving around the bend
- D. asking around about

8. Read the text where one phrase is CAPITALIZED. Choose one idiom (A-D) that has the same meaning as the capitalized phrase.

The gang was finally caught **WHILE THEY WERE COMMITTING THE CRIME** in an armed police ambush in September 1992 as they tried to rob Lloyds Bank in Harrow, north-west London. It was the culmination of a costly Flying Squad operation involving up to 150 officers who studied Doyle's methods and targets.

- A. red-handed
- B. black and blue
- C. in the pink
- D. out of the blue

9. Read the text where one phrase is CAPITALIZED. Choose one idiom (A-D) that has the same meaning as the capitalized phrase.

One thing that a life lived in dangerous places had taught him was that you didn't **AVOID DEALING WITH PROBLEMS**. Problems got faced until you found solutions, and then you moved on. Denial was ineffective and downright stupid.

- A. bring problems to rest
- B. put a lid on problems
- C. get away with problems
- D. sweep problems under the rug

10. Read the text where one phrase is CAPITALIZED. Choose one idiom (A-D) that has the same meaning as the capitalized phrase.

I will **TELL HONESTLY WHAT I THINK**: I'm a conservative woman, and I want to see a woman elected as President of the United States. Apparently 57 per cent of Americans say it doesn't matter to them if they see a woman elected to the presidency in their lifetime; but I am not one of those people.

- A. lay my cards on the table
- B. play my cards right
- C. have a card up my sleeve
- D. have all the cards

11. For questions 1-12 read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Packaging

What is packaging? It is the first thing we see when we are buying a product. It is often the packaging which (1) ____ us to a particular product in the first place. But packaging is not only about making us (2) ____ to buy something, it also protects and (3) ____ whatever we are buying and gives us information about the product (4) _____. It is impossible to (5) ____ a world without packaging; everything we buy has some kind of packaging. We need it; it clearly serves many (6) ____ purposes. So what is the problem with packaging and why has it attracted so much media attention in recent years?

The problem is what we do with the packaging once we (7) ____ it and don't need it anymore. Packaging (8) ____ for about 60% of all household waste. In Western Europe the amount of plastic we use each year is going up and most containers are only used once before being thrown (9) _____. Plastic takes about 450 years to degrade but even then it never completely (10) ____ but gets broken down into tiny pieces which then pollute both the land and sea. Disposing of packaging is therefore a (11) ____ problem and one that we need to address. We need to think carefully about the things we buy and their impact on the environment. We should look for products with less packaging and in (12) ____ less plastic packaging. Ideally we should buy products with recycled or recyclable packaging.

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| 1 | A | notices | B | grabs | C | pulls | D | attracts |
| 2 | A | want | B | desire | C | hope | D | plan |
| 3 | A | saves | B | preserves | C | keeps | D | guards |
| 4 | A | contained | B | inside | C | below | D | under |
| 5 | A | think | B | dream | C | imagine | D | see |
| 6 | A | useful | B | useless | C | usual | D | easy |
| 7 | A | break | B | consume | C | open | D | finish |
| 8 | A | makes | B | accounts | C | consists | D | amounts |
| 9 | A | up | B | over | C | off | D | away |
| 10 | A | disappears | B | hides | C | dies | D | goes |
| 11 | A | important | B | minor | C | serious | D | true |
| 12 | A | such | B | exact | C | particular | D | example |

12. For questions 1-12 read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

The Other Hollywood

Hollywood is America's unofficial homeless capital and between 4,000 and 10,000 homeless teenagers (1) ____ on Hollywood Boulevard every night, that's about one tenth of Los Angeles' homeless population.

Why are they on the streets? (2) ____ half of the people aged under 25 and living on the streets leave their family homes because of abuse. They might (3) ____ frightened, or even think they are responsible for it. Many teenagers don't know where to look (4) ____ help, and the only way out of the situation may seem to be to run away from it.

A dream come true? For many teenagers Hollywood (5) ____ like an escape from their difficult home life. They arrive with the dream that they (6) ____ movie stars and lead the glamorous lifestyle that they see in the movies. (7) ____, the reality is that thieves steal their money in the first week, and many soon become involved in buying and selling drugs in order to survive. Some teenagers become gang members and (8) ____ end up in prison, or dead because gang culture is very violent in America. So the dream that teenagers arrive with, and the reality they find, are (9) ____ different.

Who is responsible? Movies create the image of Hollywood which we all have. Are they responsible (10) ____ what happens to homeless teenagers on Hollywood Boulevard? Some campaigners for the homeless believe that they are and have organised protests at Hollywood studios. London's Big Issue magazine recently asked Steven Spielberg's office, Warner, and Columbia Studios to comment on the problem of homeless teenagers in Hollywood, but none of them believed that they (11) ____ . Every day the studios continue to make movies and teenagers keep (12) ____ to Hollywood full of hope and dreams.

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| 1 | A | had slept | B | are sleeping | C | sleeps | D | sleep |
| 2 | A | over | B | above | C | across | D | on |
| 3 | A | feel | B | to feel | C | feeling | D | felt |
| 4 | A | after | B | across | C | for | D | from |
| 5 | A | seem | B | are seeming | C | is seeming | D | seems |
| 6 | A | become | B | will become | C | became | D | becoming |
| 7 | A | moreover | B | besides | C | however | D | likewise |
| 8 | A | neither | B | either | C | or | D | both |
| 9 | A | very | B | much | C | more | D | some |
| 10 | A | of | B | to | C | on | D | for |
| 11 | A | to be responsible | B | responsible | C | were responsible | D | was responsible |
| 12 | A | coming | B | come | C | to come | D | came |

13. For each sentence (1-4) choose the word (A-E) that most suits the meaning of the sentence. Only four words out of five (A-E) should be used.

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| 1. His pictures were so ____ that they were sometimes mistaken for photographs. | A. natural |
| 2. He's a ____ of Edinburgh but now lives in London. | B. national |
| 3. The earthquake is the worst ____ disaster that Japan has experienced. | C. nationalist |
| 4. All the states try to secure their ____ interests. | D. native |
| | E. naturalistic |

14. For each character below decide if he/she is a real person (A-G) OR a fictional character (H-N) AND if he/she is American (1-7) OR British (8-14)

Example:

Name	Historical figure	Fictional character	American	British
Batman	O	P	15	16

Correct answer:

Name	Historical / Fictional	American / British
Batman	P	15

Name	Historical figure	Fictional character	American	British
Prince Harry	A	H	1	8
Malcolm X	B	I	2	9
Atticus Finch	C	G	3	10
Jim Hawkins	D	K	4	11
Stephen Hawking	E	L	5	12
Holden Caulfield	F	M	6	13
Charlie Chaplin	G	N	7	14

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Writing

Time: 1 hour

Write a short story based on the picture.



Remember, that your short story should include:

- a title
- the major elements of a story (characters, setting, plot)
- narrative techniques (character development, descriptions, dialogues)
- literary devices (e.g., metaphors, similes, epithets, etc.)

Your story should be 230-280 words long.

Бланк ответов

Listening

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Reading

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Use of English

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Stephen Hawking		
Holden Caulfield		
Charlie Chaplin		

КЛЮЧИ

Listening

Transcript:

B = Bill C = Charles D = Daphne

B: I'm afraid I can't serve you another pint if you're driving home tonight, sir.

C: I'm not driving, actually. I live just up the road at Draycott farm - you must know it.

B: The Farm - I know very well ... but you, I don't.

C: The name's Charles Miller, and this is my partner Daphne.

B: What can I get you then, Mrs Miller?

D: I'll just have a tonic water - you see we came in my car tonight - oh, and the name's Jameson, actually.

B: Oh, so we're not married. And I suppose you're living up at the farm, as well. Old Arnie Draycott would've liked that.

D: Well, yes, we moved in last week.

B: I suppose you know what happened there.

D: About the suicide you mean? Yes. What a terrible tragedy.

B: Oh yeah ... but I don't suppose that fancy estate agent of yours told you why he did it.

C: He did mention something but that's not really any of our business. Of course, I did actually meet the poor man once - worked there one summer picking strawberries. Mind you, in those days things must have been going quite well.

B: Well, over the years, I got to know him quite well and what with his money problems and his son getting sick and so many other things ... it all got too much for him.

D: Oh, how ghastly! Poor fellow! What an awful thing to happen.

B: Yeah, it is ... and he would have wanted the farm to go to someone from Willowdale ... which you are not. Pardon me for being so frank - but there it is.

C: So that's a problem, is it? I suppose you all think that this is just a weekend cottage for us ... and that we'll be disappearing to the city all week and that Draycott farm won't be a farm any more and ...

B: Steady on. That is what people have been saying ... and they're not very happy.

C: Well, if that's what they've been saying, they're all wrong... And, I suppose that explains the broken window.

D: Look, we've just both decided to move to the country ... and we really want to live here. Charles is a technical writer and he'll be working at home from now on ... and we have every intention of using the shops and the local services.

C: That is, of course, if we are welcome.

D: Charles has a heart condition. He even had an operation last month. So we wanted to get away from the city and make a healthier life.

B: Like running a farm you mean. It won't be very easy with a heart condition.

C: Well, that's where we thought you might be able to help. You see, we were hoping to find somebody who could manage the farm for us, ... we'd be willing to pay of course.

B: How much were you thinking you might pay this ... er ... somebody?

C: Well, we haven't decided exactly but I should think somewhere in the region of fifteen hundred a month.

B: Well, that is rather generous. I can think of one or two people who would drop everything to work for that sort of money. If I wasn't working here, I would consider it. You are serious?

C: Absolutely! ... It's what we've always wanted.

Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B	C	A	A	B	A	C

1. The correct answer is B. After Charles introduces himself, the bartender says: "What can I get you then, Mrs Miller?" Choices A and C are incorrect because: "The farm - I know very well...but you, I don't." He knows they are not locals and he is surprised to hear they live at Draycott farm.

2. The correct answer is C. Charles says "Of course, I did actually meet the poor man once - worked there on summer picking strawberries."

3. The correct answer is A. "About the suicide you mean? Yes. What a terrible tragedy"; the owner killed himself.

4. The correct answer is A. "...and he would have wanted the farm to go to someone from Willowdale...which you are not." While choice B is true, this is not the reason that Bill thinks they shouldn't have the farm. Choice C is incorrect because Bill says that he is being frank, which means that he is stating things in an open and honest way.

5. The correct answer is B. Charles says "...that Draycott farm won't be a farm any more and..." and Bill replies "...That is what people have been saying". Choice C is incorrect because although Bill says "and he would have wanted the farm to go to someone from Willowdale...which you are not." This only means he does not think the farm was taken over by the right people, NOT that Charles and Daphne didn't actually take it over. Clearly, they did. They have a "fancy estate agent", after all.

6. The correct answer is A. "So we wanted to get away from the city and make a healthier life." Choice B is not correct because Charles' work is flexible; he can work wherever he is so it's not a reason they needed to move to the country. Choice C is incorrect because they have "...every intention of using the shops and the local services." In other words, since they live there, they will support the local community but this does not mean they moved there for the purpose of doing so.

7. The correct answer is C. After he hears about the high salary, Bill says "Well, that is rather generous" which, is the first positive thing he has said. Choice A is incorrect because he expresses suspicion from the start and choice B is incorrect because, although he changes his attitude, he does not indicate that he is sorry for his previous negativity.

Reading

1.

A	B	C	D	E
NG	T	F	F	T

Use of English

1 C

2 A

3 B

4 D

5.

A	Nobody told me about your birthday.
B	Money doesn't grow on trees.
C	He knew it was going to be a hard fight.
D	We had a long journey ahead of us.

6.

A	hand
B	see
C	call
D	check

7	B
8	A
9	D
10	A

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6	A
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Prince Harry	A	8
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Jim Hawkins	K	11
Stephen Hawking	E	12
Holden Caulfield	M	6
Charlie Chaplin	G	14