

Всероссийская олимпиада школьников

II (муниципальный) этап

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SECTION 1

20 баллов

LISTENING

LISTENING (20 minutes)

Task 1

Listen to a lecture about the learning of foreign languages. Mark the statements below as true (T), false (F) or not given (NG).

1. No-one actually knows how one's first language is learnt. T
2. There are very few facts known about how language is learnt. T
3. Subliminal language learning can only take place overnight. F
4. You do not need to listen closely to the words on the tape.
5. You learnt your first language quickly because you were exposed daily to new words. T
6. Watching TV or playing the radio in a foreign language is useless. F
7. The words on the subliminal tape must be spoken softly and slowly. T



8. You should restrict the number of new words when starting to learn a language. T
9. Reading a foreign newspaper is never a waste of time. TVG
10. The author thinks that learning a new language in six weeks is possible.

## Task 2

**Listen to a radio program about violent computer games and complete the gaps in the summary with the correct word or phrase you hear.**

**Before the recording starts, you will have 45 seconds to read the summary.**

**You will hear the recording ONCE ONLY.**

Violent video 11 games could be responsible for a rise in violence by children in society, but not enough 12 has been done to prove it. Although a disturbed child may 13 violently after playing a 14 video computer game, it is possible that he or she will react similarly after a less violent stimulus. There is a great amount of violence on TV and in computer games because violence 15 sells well. Young 16 females, however, play less violent games than young males, but this may be because of the way in which 17 companies package their products. Computer games are 18, unlike TV, playing games is not a passive activity. Perhaps children can relieve their 19 harmlessly in this way. Or maybe such games reward violence instead of punishing it. If you agree, telephone 20 56381574.

**This is the end of the listening section.**

**Transfer your answer to your answer sheet.**



## SECTION 2

20 баллов

### READING

READING Time: 20 minutes

Task 1. Read the text and questions 1-5 below. For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D.

My home is a windmill

by Josh Summers, aged 14

My home's different from where my friends live because I live in a 19th century windmill! My parents saw it one day, and bought it. It was in poor condition, but it was repaired and now it's fantastic! The windmill was once used to make flour from corn. The corn store used to be downstairs, where our kitchen is now, and horses came there to deliver the corn. The enormous 20-metre sails are still on the front, but they don't turn in the wind like they used to because it's too dangerous, so birds live in them instead. There's always a ladder up the side of the windmill so that dad can paint it and keep it a nice cream colour. He also cleans the windows, although a company comes to do the top ones as the ladder's too short. Inside it's like a tent with six sides, and it becomes more pointed towards the top, so the rooms get smaller. My room's under the roof and I get a fantastic view – it's like looking out of an airplane window. There are some other houses around now, and a new main road, but I can relax and make a noise when I play my guitar up there and no one can hear me! I can hear everything, though, like the birds when it's quiet, which is really calming, or the very loud storms, which I can see coming towards us. And I actually find it easier to concentrate on my school work up there, as my brothers and sisters don't want to climb up all the stairs, so they don't disturb me! I can't imagine living anywhere.

21. What is Josh trying to do in the text?

A compare his home with his friends' home

B explain why his family chose to live in their current home

C tell readers about advantages of living where he does



**D** suggest how his home could be improved

22. What does Josh say about the outside of the windmill?

- ☒ **A** Wild creatures have made their homes there
- B** It's covered in dark paint..
- C** There's a ladder that goes right to the top.
- D** The windows frequently need cleaning.

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25. What would a visitor from the 19th century say if they saw the windmill now?

- A** It's great that they've kept the corn store as it was. The horses used to love coming there.
- B** The sails are a lot smaller than they used to be. I suppose that's for safety reasons.
- C** It's still in the same condition as before. The owners never looked after it then, either.
- ☒ **D** You can still see the windmill from miles away. Of course, there weren't all these buildings around it then, as a busy road going past.

**TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET**

**Task 2.** Read the text and mark statements 26-32 below as T (true) or F (false).

On 2 November 1982, the British public turned on their television sets for the arrival of the nation's fourth TV station, called Channel 4. They were greeted by the smiling face of local TV news presenter Richard Whiteley, who



welcomed them with the words: 'As the countdown to a new channel ends, a brand new countdown begins.' And with this sentence, the words and numbers game show 'Countdown' was launched. The rules of this new game show were as follows: two contestants faced each other over several rounds of games with letters and with numbers. Finally, there was the Conundrum round, where contestants had to work out the nine-letter anagram. At the end of the show, the contestant with the highest score won and was invited back the next day to face a new challenger. However, despite the simplicity of the rules, those who watched the early editions of the 30-minute show, which was on five days a week, could hardly have imagined that it would last any longer than the original seven weeks that had been planned for it. The first contestants and guests were not exactly the most exciting people on television. But luckily for 'Countdown', there were enough old people, university students and other people with nothing much to do each afternoon to keep the show alive. When the show began, Carol Vorderman won over fans with her amazing mathematical abilities. 'Countdown' made a celebrity out of Carol, and these days she's a familiar face on British TV. Despite her fame, Carol still loyally turned up on 'Countdown' each day to turn over the letters and show the contestants how to solve the numbers game until she retired in 2008. Yes, that is correct – nearly 30 years since it began, 'Countdown' continues to keep its audience's brains working every afternoon. In fact, on 3 January 2006, it celebrated its 4,000th show. Other signs of its success include the increase in the length of each programme to 45 minutes, the addition of a show on Saturdays and the number of British celebrities who have made an appearance.

26. 'Countdown' rules were very complicated T
27. Every day two new contestants compete to become 'Countdown' champion. F
28. Different categories of people kept show alive T
29. Celebrities also participate in early shows F
30. Carol Vorderman is no longer involved with the show. F
31. These days 'Countdown' lasts for a longer period of time T
32. More and more famous people like turning up on the programme. T

**Task 3. Read the text and match sentences 33-40 below with paragraphs A-F of the text.**



## **The History of BMX Biking**

**A.** BMX biking began in the late 1960s in southern California. It's based on the sport of motocross, which dates back to 1924 and involves racing motorbikes across rough tracks. It started when children began to copy motocross riders by racing their bikes on tracks which they built themselves. This new form of bike racing was named bicycle motocross, or BMX.

**B.** In July 1971, a movie about motocross called 'On Any Sunday' came out. At the start of the film a group of kids from California are shown riding their bicycles as if they were riding motorbikes. This helped to make BMX biking more popular. Soon BMX races attracted hundreds of riders.

**C.** In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the most famous BMX bike was the Schwinn Sting-Ray; this was the bike every young rider wanted to own. At this time 70 per cent of all bicycle sales in the USA were either the Sting-Ray or similar models. By the mid 1970s BMX design had improved a lot and there were many new models to choose from. But the bikes all had the same sized wheels and usually only one brake.

**D.** In 1977, the American Bicycle Association was formed to organize the competitions and to make the rules. The sport was also becoming popular in other parts of the world, particularly in Europe. The first BMX world championship was held in Indianapolis, USA, in 1978. Most of the 165 competitors were teenagers, but there were also children competing in special races for the under 8s and under 12s. There were separate races for boys and girls. There weren't many nationalities present at this competition; apart from Americans there were only a few riders from Australia, Japan and Venezuela.

**E.** Since that time the number of races for adults has grown very quickly, but BMX racing didn't become a full Olympic sport until the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Maris Stromberg from Latvia won the first ever Olympic men's gold medal for BMX racing and Anne-Caroline Chausson from France became the first women's champion.

**F.** As the popularity of BMX grew, riders were constantly testing the limits of their bikes. BMX wasn't just about racing any more. Riders began to take their bikes to skateboard parks and started performing tricks and jumps. This became known as 'freestyle' and riders soon began to practice this as much as racing.

33. There were races for different age groups at the first BMX world championships. D

34. BMX freestyle started because BMX riders wanted new challenges. F

35. BMX biking was invented by children. A



36. The Schwinn Sting-Ray was the favourite model of BMX riders to begin with. C

37. More BMX bikes were sold than any other type of bike in the USA in the early 1970s. C

38. Many people learned about BMX biking from a film. B

39. BMX biking appeared more than 40 years after its prototype – motocross. A

40. Some riders from Asia and Latin America took part in the first BMX world champion D

**TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO YOUR ANSWER SHEET**

**SECTION 3**

**USE OF ENGLISH**

**10 баллов**

**USE OF ENGLISH (20 minutes)**

**Task 1**

**Complete the description of the bicycle by inserting one of the words/ phrases in the box.**

**Not all the words and phrases in the box or in the illustration may be placed in this text.**





<del>metal chain</del>	<del>seat</del>	<del>air pump</del>	<del>wheel</del>	<del>cable</del>	<del>frame</del>
<del>brake lever</del>	<del>saddle</del>	<del>pedals</del>	<del>gear lever</del>	<del>headlamp</del>	<del>rubber tyre</del>
cyclist					

The \_\_41 Frame\_\_, who is balanced on top of a seat covered by a soft \_\_42 saddle\_\_, leans forwards and grips the handlebars, pushing down with his feet on the \_\_43 pedals\_\_ which rotate up and down. They drive a central notched cog which is connected by a(n) \_\_44 metal chain\_\_ to the back wheel hub. Alternative gear positions are available by operating a(n) \_\_45 gear level\_\_ at hand level. Also on the handlebars is the \_\_46 brake lever\_\_ which is connected by a(n) \_\_47 cable\_\_ to a set of brakes on the back wheel.

Accessories include a(n) \_\_48 air pump\_\_, with which the \_\_49 wheel\_\_ are filled periodically with air, a speedometer, and a(n) \_\_50 headlamp\_\_ for use at night.



SECTION 4

SOCIO-CULTURAL COMPETENCE

(10 minutes)

5 баллов

For Questions 51-55, answer the following questions about English-speaking countries:

1. What woman was the Prime Minister in Britain?
2. What is the Scottish national musical instrument?
3. What is *Eisteddfod*?
4. Who is Sir Winston Churchill?
5. What is the oldest and probably most famous American university?

- 1 Margaret Thatcher
- 2 Bagpipe
- 3 festival of literature, music and performance
- 4 Prime minister in Britain
- 5 Cambridge

SECTION 5

6 баллов

WRITING

Participant's ID number

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Personal letter

You have 20 minutes to do this task.

**You have received a letter from your English pen-friend Jane who writes:**

*Dear N...*

*...Thanks for your kind invitation to come and stay with you. I'll be coming over in January for two weeks. Is there a lot to do in January? I'd like to bring a little present for your parents. What do they like? Anyway, I'm arriving on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January at 19:10. What's the best way to get to your house? ... I've got a laptop as a birthday present!*

*Write back soon.*

*Best wishes,*

*Jane*



Write a letter to Jane. Answer her questions. Ask 3 questions about her birthday present.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter-writing.

YOU CAN USE THE OPPOSITE SIDE

Kustov Anton

Village Georgievskoe 12

Dear Jane

I'm very glad to receive your letter. We are waiting <sup>for</sup> you on January. We can meet you <sup>then</sup> from airport.

There is a lot to do in January. We can play hockey, make a snowman and just have fun.

The best present for my parents is <sup>a</sup> book. They ~~are~~ like to read book together. The most popular books in our home is detectives.

The best way to get to my house is by bus.

I want to know more about your birthday present. Who gave you a laptop? Do you play video games on it? Do you like your laptop?

I'm waiting for your answer.

Best wishes,

Anton

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Answer sheet

1	T		
2	T		
3	F		
4	NG		
5	T +		
6	F +		
7	T		
8	T +		
9	T		
10	F		
11	games +		
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14	Video		
15	sails ✓		
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