

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ  
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ПРИГЛАСИТЕЛЬНЫЙ ЭТАП. 6–7 КЛАССЫ

**Максимальный балл за работу – 45.**

**LISTENING**  
**Time: 10 minutes**  
**(5 points)**

*Listen to part of a city tour around Moscow and decide whether the statements (1–5) are TRUE, FALSE or this information is not provided in the text – NOT STATED – according to the text you hear. You will hear the text twice. Now you have 15 seconds to read the sentences.*

**Задание 1.** There are few old buildings in Ostozhenka street today.

- A) TRUE                      B) FALSE                      C) NOT STATED

**Задание 2.** The house where Ivan Turgenev’s mother lived is one of the few houses that were lucky to survive the great fire of Moscow in 1812.

- A) TRUE                      B) FALSE                      C) NOT STATED

**Задание 3.** Ivan Turgenev was an only child.

- A) TRUE                      B) FALSE                      C) NOT STATED

**Задание 4.** What Ivan Turgenev is describing in his short story “Mumu” really happened.

- A) TRUE                      B) FALSE                      C) NOT STATED

**Задание 5.** As soon as Ivan Turgenev died, his mother’s house became a museum.

- A) TRUE                      B) FALSE                      C) NOT STATED

**READING**  
**Time: 30 minutes**  
**(10 points)**

*Read the text below and do the tasks after it.*

**Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans**

(1) Hurricane Katrina has been called one of the worst natural disasters in the history of the United States. (2) When the storm struck in 2005, no place was harder hit than New Orleans, Louisiana. (3) The wind tore off roofs and wooden **siding** like it was peeling an orange. (4) Then, the worst disaster of all happened.

(5) New Orleans is about five feet below sea level. (6) A series of **levees** protect the city from flood waters that might come in from lakes and the ocean. (7) But on August 29 and 30 the levees broke, and water flowed into the city. (8) Soon 80 percent of the city was covered in **filthy** water. (9) The water tossed cars around like toys, and homes floated from one place to another.

(10) After the storm, there was no drinking water or electricity. (11) There was little food and no way to get around except by boat. (12) The storm **snuffed** out the life of the city like it was blowing out a candle.

(13) Many people left New Orleans before the storm, but others did not. (14) Some older people wanted to stay and **brave** the storm while they had with Hurricane Betsy forty years earlier. (15) Others were too poor to pay for transportation out of harm's way. (16) Many people watched the storm on television.

(17) People crowded together in the Superdome sports stadium and the New Orleans convention center for safety. (18) Others sought high places like highway overpasses and bridges. (19) When the storm ended, everyone had to be **bused** or flown out of the city until it was safe to return. (20) Many people from New Orleans moved to other parts of the United States until their city could be put back together.

**Задание 6.**

**Task 1.**

*Use context clues to guess the meaning of the following words from the text and connect them to their meanings. There are two extra meanings you do not need to use.*

1	siding	A	taken somewhere by bus
2	levee	B	extremely or unpleasantly dirty
3	filthy	C	to deal with dangerous or difficult things
4	snuffed	D	having a lot of things to do
5	brave	E	material that covers the outer walls of a building
6	bused	F	a wall built to stop the river from overflowing
		G	showing no fear of something scary
		H	put out a flame by covering it with something

**Task 2.**

*This text has some mistakes. Choose the right option to make it sound better.*

**Задание 7.** What change should be made in sentence 14?

- A) Change earlier to ago
- B) Change had to did
- C) Change while to as
- D) Nothing needs to be changed

**Задание 8.** Which sentence does not belong in paragraph 4?

- A) Sentence 13
- B) Sentence 14
- C) Sentence 15
- D) Sentence 16

**Задание 9.** Which transition phrase should be added to the beginning of sentence 17 to improve the last paragraph?

- A) In spite of the storm,
- B) Of course,
- C) During the storm,
- D) As a matter of fact,

**Задание 10.** The author wants to add a new paragraph to the text. Which topic should be added after the last paragraph to keep the text focused on the main idea?

- A) Information about Hurricane Betsy which happened in 1965.
- B) Why scientists decided to give hurricanes women's names.
- C) What New Orleans looks like now – 15 years after Katrina.
- D) Other big cities that suffered in 2005 from Hurricane Katrina.

**USE OF ENGLISH**

**Time: 40 minutes**

**(30 points)**

**Задание 11.**

**Task 1 (8 points)**

*Read the text below and choose the word that fits best for each space. The first one is done for you.*

*Example answer:*        0     A    B    C    D

**Firefighting**

Firefighting is a brave and courageous job. If you can't imagine yourself working (0) \_\_\_\_\_, then this job isn't for you. Firefighters (1) \_\_\_\_\_ through special training. They never take training (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Some trainees don't make it (3) \_\_\_\_\_ this training. Firefighters (4) \_\_\_\_\_ train in real fires. They may find they don't like climbing ladders that are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ high. Some may find they are hardly strong (6) \_\_\_\_\_. The firefighters who graduate are ready for the job. They don't know anything about what lies (7) \_\_\_\_\_, but they are trained and ready. Firefighters (8) \_\_\_\_\_ us, our pets and our homes safe. Firefighting is a brave and courageous career to explore.

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>0</b>	<i>hard</i>	<i>heavy</i>	<i>well</i>	<i>difficult</i>
<b>1</b>	come	study	make	go
<b>2</b>	easily	lightly	softly	slightly
<b>3</b>	through	over	around	with
<b>4</b>	may	might	can	must
<b>5</b>	as	so	much	up
<b>6</b>	enough	yet	still	already
<b>7</b>	before	in front	ahead	on
<b>8</b>	stay	get	make	keep

**Задание 12.**

**Task 2 (10 points)**

*There's a word missing in each of these proverbs 1–10. Choose the correct one from the three possibilities.*

1. An Englishman's home is his.....  
A) security                      B) castle                      C) palace
2. Let sleeping dogs .....  
A) sleep                      B) dream                      C) lie
3. Many ..... make light work.  
A) servants                      B) hands                      C) cooks
4. It takes all sorts to make a.....  
A) world                      B) war                      C) salad
5. Prevention is better than.....  
A) cure                      B) punishment                      C) medicine
6. .... is thicker than water.  
A) Coffee                      B) Blood                      C) Soup
7. A miss is as good as a.....  
A) mister                      B) mile                      C) wife
8. Birds of a..... flock together.  
A) family                      B) cage                      C) feather
9. It's no use crying over .....milk.  
A) sour                      B) spilt                      C) tinned
10. .... begins at home.  
A) Charity                      B) Learning                      C) Love

**Задание 13.**

**Task 3 (12 points)**

*Read the text below and choose the correct word for each question 1–12. The first one is done for you.*

**Example answer:**        0    A    B    C    D

**Many Thanks**

Giving thanks is (0) A custom among people all around the world. Like the American Thanksgiving, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ celebrations began as a way of showing gratitude for a good harvest. In Korea, people (2) \_\_\_\_\_ an autumn holiday called Ch’usok for (3) \_\_\_\_\_ than 1,000 years. Families (4) \_\_\_\_\_ special foods (5) \_\_\_\_\_ newly harvested crops. On (6) \_\_\_\_\_ holiday itself, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks and remember (8) \_\_\_\_\_ ancestors – relatives who lived long before them. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the day, they (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a feast of rice cakes, fresh fruit, and vegetable soup. In the United States, Thanksgiving honors a tradition that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1621 with the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians. A typical American Thanksgiving (12) \_\_\_\_\_ foods such as turkey, potatoes, cranberries, stuffing, vegetables, and pumpkin pie.

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>0</b>	<i>a</i>	<i>the</i>	-
1	many	much	few
2	celebrate	celebrated	have celebrated
3	more	much	many
4	prepare	prepares	preparing
5	use	uses	using
6	a	the	-
7	Korea	Korean	Koreans
8	there	their	they’re
9	Later	Lesser	Last
10	enjoy	enjoyed	are enjoying
11	has begun	was beginning	began
12	include	includes	is including