



**Задания второго этапа республиканской олимпиады
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I. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form (8 points)

I (1 **just/come**) back from the USA, where I was delighted finally to visit the city of St Louis. I (2 **pass**) over it so many times high up on the interstate highway that (3 **connect**) more fashionable places on the east and west coasts, and I (4 **always/promise**) myself I'd stop one day. In fact, although it (5 **largely/ignore**) by tourists, St Louis is an amazingly creative place. I had breakfast at the Blueberry Hill café, which boasts the world 's finest jukebox (*музыкальный автомат*) and a guitar belonging to the legendary rock star Chuck Berry. Iced tea (6 **invent**) here in 1904, but that isn't the local speciality I wanted to try. Driving out of town on the road known as Route 66, you come to Ted Drewe's famous shop which (7 **sell**) 441 flavours and styles of frozen custard, a sweet delicacy so popular that the police have to control the crowds at weekends. It's one US fast food that (8 **never/franchise**), so it's not available anywhere else.

II. Use the words given in capitals to form a word that fits the blanks (16 points)

Although recently there has been a small 1 _____ (**REDUCE**) in the number of people out of work in Europe, 2 _____ (**EMPLOY**) is still the number one 3 _____ (**SOCIETY**) problem facing the fifteen member states of the European Union. Moreover, 4 _____ (**EQUAL**) of opportunity between men and women is still an issue that 5 _____ (**POLITICS**) in many countries have not come to grips with. In profession such as the law and 6 _____ (**ENGINEER**) women are still 7 _____ (**NOTICE**) by their 8 _____ (**ABSENT**). 9 _____ (**EMPLOY**) still discriminate female 10 _____ (**EMPLOY**) in a number of ways even if their 11 _____ (**QUALIFY**) are the same as those of men. It would be a pity if the 12 _____ (**ACHIEVE**) of the EU on an 13 _____ (**ECONOMICS**) level were marred by 14 _____ (**FAIL**) in the 15 _____ (**VITALITY**) area of 16 _____ (**SOCIETY**) policy.

III. Read and choose the correct word for each space (10 points)

According to most professors, mature students are ideal students because they are hardworking and become actively (1) in all aspects of the learning process. The majority of mature students have a poor educational background but they (2) to do exceptionally well when they study at a college or university. Although many of them have a job and children to (3), they are always present at seminars and lectures and always hand in essays on time. They like studying and writing essays and they enjoy the class discussions that take place. Consequently, they (4) excellent results. In fact, as they have (5) many of life's pleasures, they are content with their lives and this has a positive (6) on their attitude, making them (7) to learn. On the other hand, despite their enthusiasm and commitment, mature students (8) from anxiety. The fact that they have made many sacrifices to get into university (9) extra pressure on them to succeed. Nevertheless, completing a degree gives mature students a sense of achievement and (10) their job prospects.

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| 1. | a) contained | b) related | c) involved | d) combined |
| 2. | a) achieve | b) succeed | c) manage | d) gain |
| 3. | a) grow | b) develop | c) rise | d) raise |
| 4. | a) fulfill | b) achieve | c) reach | d) earn |
| 5. | a) learnt | b) experienced | c) found out | d) recognized |
| 6. | a) effect | b) affect | c) conclusion | d) consequence |
| 7. | a) eager | b) indifferent | c) reluctant | d) fond |
| 8. | a) fight | b) resist | c) suffer | d) complain |
| 9. | a) puts | b) does | c) takes | d) makes |
| 10. | a) succeeds | b) improves | c) rises | d) moves |

IV. Choose and circle the letter A, B, C or D to show the underlined part that needs correction (5 points)

1. You should enclose (1) a self-addressed envelope (2) if you want them (3) to send the material back to yourself (4).
2. Despite (1) school will never suit everyone (2), some improvements will make a big difference to (3) many pupils' lives (4).
3. The vast majority of people (1) still wants (2) the security of permanent employment, rather than (3) working on one workplace after another (4).
4. Since (1) the beginning of the seventieth (2) rainfall during storms (3) has increased dramatically all over the world (4).
5. I think some of the personal questions (1) asked on chat shows (2) are often a bit irritated (3) for guests (4).

V. Write one word for each gap (12 points)

In the 1950s and 60s, the tower block seemed to offer a solution to two problems. Firstly, houses built (1) earlier in the century, or even in the nineteenth century, were (2) longer suitable for people to live in. Secondly, an increasing population placed a great (3) more strain on available space. New, vertical tower blocks, able to house more people in a relatively small space (4) a horizontal street, started to appear. The more people got used to living in these structures, (5) more they would form the heart of communities, or so the thinking went.

Initially, these tower blocks were (6) popular than the old housing they replaced. They were (7) and away the (8) affordable alternative for many people, and they also offered excellent views.

However, these buildings soon became (9) attractive to residents as crime rose. It also became clear that a tower block was (10) Like as friendly a place to live in (11) a traditional street. More often (12) not, residents in a tower block didn't interact with each other on a regular basis. Although modern tower blocks are making something of a comeback amongst young professionals, they still have a poor reputation in the minds of many people.

VI. Complete the second sentence so that it has similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between three and eight words, including the word given (6 points)

- 1) Denise completely ignored her elder sister's advice.

NOTICE

Denise _____ her elder sister's advice.

- 2) Everybody knows that Beckham is the most highly paid footballer in Britain.

KNOWLEDGE

It _____ is the most highly paid footballer in Britain.

- 3) The news that the Prime Minister had resigned came as a great shock to everyone.

ABACK

Everyone _____ Prime Minister's resignation.

- 4) John concluded that he should take the job.

CAME

John _____ he should take the job.

- 5) Surely you didn't find this book recently – it's been out of print for years.

ACROSS

You can't _____ this book recently – it's been out of print for years.

- 6) John and I disagree on the subject of juvenile delinquency.

EYE

John and I _____ on the subject of juvenile delinquency.

VII. Think of one word which can be used appropriately in all three sentences (5 points)

1. Our ski was a dynamic young Austrian chap.
We travelled by , so we saw some wonderful scenery.
At midnight Cinderella's changed back into a pumpkin.
2. If you want to learn Spanish, ask if there's a beginners' at the local college.
In the of the conversation I realized I'd forgotten her name.
It was a simple meal; the main was roast chicken.
3. Our club welcomes new members of all
Ewan is studying the history of the Middle at university.
Renata always spends preparing her speeches.
4. The of the company has decided that all products should be environmentally friendly from now on.
The price of most university accommodation includes room and
The salad bowl and the chopping on sale over there are made from non-renewable wood from the rainforests.
5. The holiday on a Saturday last year, so we didn't get a day off.
Linda suddenly Silent, which made her staff wonder if she was upset.
After the arrival of the new team of managers, profits rapidly.

VIII. Choose the correct variant (8 points)

The weather is an important topic of conversation for (1) ... British, but in 1995 they had more to talk about than usual. In comparison (2) ... other years, it was a year with very unusual weather patterns. A rainy spring, the wettest ever recorded, the hottest summer and one of the coldest winters they had ever experienced. In fact, since the beginning of the 1970s, rainfall during storms has increased dramatically all over the world. As (3) ... result, complaints about changing weather conditions are common. But why are we having all these changes?

Climatologists and scientists agree that global warming is to blame (4) ... this. However, they are not all (5) ... agreement as to how this will affect (6) ... us.

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Warnings given by some climatologists say that if we don't prepare for droughts and floods, we will face (7) ... problems like (8) ... starvation. It seems that we should all be prepared to experience changes in the climate and learn to live with them.

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| 1 | a) a | b) an | c) the | d) – |
| 2 | a) for | b) to | c) by | d) on |
| 3 | a) a | b) an | c) the | d) – |
| 4 | a) for | b) of | c) in | d) – |
| 5 | a) at | b) in | c) on | d) with |
| 6 | a) on | b) with | c) at | d) – |
| 7 | a) with | b) to | c) at | d) – |
| 8 | a) a | b) an | c) the | d) – |

IX. Read the texts and answer the questions (6 points)

John McGregor talks to four performers who have made a career out of entertaining others.

1. The Illusionist

Who would expect to find England's answer to Harry Houdini in the sleepy Lancashire village of Mawdsley? Well, Matthew Tate has built up an impressive range of illusions and spectacular magic tricks to shock and thrill his audience, but many attribute his success to the way he manages to involve and excite his audience. They watch as he frees himself after being submerged handcuffed in a water-filled tank. He reminds his audience that failure would mean certain death and even asks them to hold their breath with him, just as Houdini did! I ask him if he can tell me just one of his secrets. My question is met with a cheeky grin and, of course, complete silence!

2. The Living Statue

When people ask Maria Marks what she does for a living, she often tells them “nothing”. Every day, she makes her living by dressing in an antique wedding dress, covering her skin in white clown paint and standing absolutely motionless on a pedestal in London's Covent Garden until a coin is thrown into her hat. So, what exactly draws the crowd when Maria “performs”? “Well, people want me to prove that I'm human.” I ask Maria if she gets bored just standing there day after day. “No,” she says. “I enter an almost trance-like state and an hour passes like a minute.”

3. The Actor

Michael Webster has been an actor in London for almost 15 years. Michael tells me all about the ups and downs of a typical actor's life. "You constantly strive to deliver a perfect performance, often under imperfect or unpleasant conditions." I ask Michael how he feels when he's performing. "One of the most amazing feelings I have," he tells me, "is standing in front of an audience knowing that they expressly came to see me perform. It fills me with two overwhelming sensations: joy and extreme gratitude!"

4. The Circus Performer

Zhao Jian Explains to me how she came to be touring the world as a hand balancer with a circus troupe. "As a young girl I was always jumping around," she tells me, "so one day my mom suggested that I enroll in one of the many acrobatic schools in Wuqiao county. We followed an exceptionally harsh programme, waking at 5:30 in the morning each day to begin 8 hours of tough physical exercises." And now that she has a job in the circus? "I practise an acrobatic move over and over again before I'm ready to perform it." I ask her if she has any regrets. She answers me without the least hesitation: "No, I was made for this life."

Which performer (1-4)

- a) refuses to answer one of the interviewer's questions?
- b) feels grateful to their audience?
- c) performs in a particular spot each day?
- d) owes some of their success to a technique used by someone else?
- e) lives in a quiet place?
- f) mentions the tough training they undertook?

X. Match the responses (a-e) with the situations. One response is extra (4 points)

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| 1. Would you mind moving your car, please? | A. No, none at all. |
| 2. Mind the window! | B. Never mind. |
| 3. Was there any mail? | C. Nothing much. |
| 4. I'm sorry, I didn't mean to break your favourite mug. | D. No, not at all. |
| | E. We won't break it. |