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ИНСТРУКЦИЯ ПО ОФОРМЛЕНИЮ ОТВЕТОВ К ЗАДАНИЯМ

Просим строго соблюдать следующие рекомендации при внесении ответов к заданиям.

ВНИМАНИЕ! Ответы вписываются в бланк ответов ANSWER SHEET.

В том случае, если ответ на какое-либо задание не будет перенесен в бланк ответов, ответ не будет засчитан.

Общее количество заданий – 41

Время выполнения – 120 минут

Максимальный балл – 100 баллов, количество баллов за каждый вид задания указаны в бланке с заданиями.

Участник самостоятельно определяет в каком порядке от выполняет задания.

READING Task 1. (1 — 5)

В бланк ответов вписывается соответствующая правильному ответу БУКВА

READING Task 2. (6 — 10)

В бланк ответов вписывается соответствующее правильному ответу СЛОВО

VOCABULARY Task 1. (1 — 5)

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GRAMMAR Task 1. (1 — 5)

В бланк ответов вписывается соответствующая правильному ответу ЧАСТЬ ПРЕДЛОЖЕНИЯ

GRAMMAR Task 2. (6 — 10)

В бланк ответов вписывается соответствующая правильному ответу БУКВА

CULTURE STUDY Tasks (1-5)

В бланк ответов вписывается соответствующая правильному ответу ПОСЛЕДОВАТЕЛЬНОСТЬ ЦИФР

CULTURE STUDY Tasks (6-10)

В бланк ответов вписывается соответствующая правильному ответу БУКВА

CREATIVE WRITING

Сочинение вписывается в бланк ответов, с соблюдением красной строки и абзацев.

В бланке ответов обязательно указывается номер темы. Например: **Topic № 1** _____

Допустимое отклонение от указанного объема 10%.

READING (15 points)

Task 1. (1-5) Read the text and choose the correct options. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

Bathtubs have a very curious history. The bathtub has been in existence for thousands of years. Given its long history, the modern-day bathtub is very different from its predecessors. The bathtub originated in ancient Rome as a social gathering place. It did not become the private bathtub, common in American households, until the early 20th century. From its early beginnings in Rome, to cast iron horse troughs, and eventually to the modern-day bathtub, it is clear that the bathtub has had quite an evolution.

The Romans are famous for being one of the first civilizations to bathe. Starting in around 500 BC, Roman citizens were encouraged to bathe daily in one of the many public bathtubs. The Romans used the public baths as a place for social events and as a chance to get to know other people. Their public baths were fairly large and most commonly made of marble. The Romans used lead or bronze pipes to fill the tubs with water. Contrary to popular belief, the habit of bathing continued after the collapse of the Roman Empire, and was common throughout the Middle Ages. Bathing eventually went out of fashion at the beginning of the Renaissance period, only to resurface in the 19th century.

In 1883, the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company and the Kohler Company began producing cast-iron tubs. These companies advertised their tubs as horse troughs — large tubs where horses could drink — because this was seen as a more marketable product than a bathtub. However, human bathing in the tubs became popular due the ease of cleaning the surface of the tub, and the desire to prevent disease.

One cannot explain the history of bathtubs without mentioning the name Henry L. Mencken. He was a journalist who infamously wrote a false story regarding the history of bathtubs. In his story, Mencken wrote that the first bathtub in the United States belonged to Adam Thompson. According to the story, Adam Thompson put a bathtub in his house in 1842. At a Christmas party, four guests tried the tub, and news of the bathtub was in the newspaper the next day. Mencken went on to claim that some people were upset about the news of Thompson's bathtub because they believed it to be undemocratic. In addition to these, he fabricated several other details. He wrote that the bathtub was dangerous, and that the Philadelphia Common Council considered disallowing bathing between November 1 and March 15 of that year for health reasons. He even wrote that several cities put very high taxes on water for houses that had bathtubs.

Mencken claimed that he did not expect people to believe his newspaper story. However, his story was reprinted in many newspapers. Shortly afterward, historians also began to spread Mencken's spurious story. Eight years after he wrote the first story, Mencken wrote a second story admitting that everything he had written about bathtubs was false. His story on the bathtub is now considered to be one of the most famous newspaper hoaxes in history. Even today, some of Mencken's false information still gets intermixed with the true history of bathtubs.

Finally, after World War I – and after Mencken's hoax – many new houses were built in the United States with indoor plumbing. Previously, most houses in the United States did not have indoor plumbing. In the early 1920s, only 21% of houses had bathrooms, but by the end of the twentieth century, all new houses had bathrooms.

Today, there are many different types of bathtubs. Luxury bathtubs are made not only for bathing, but also for recreation. Some homes have hot-tubs, which are also called spas. The hot tub has a built-in heater that keeps the water hot and jets to create bubbles. Some hot tubs even have built-in sound systems so the bather can listen to music while they relax. There are also tubs made just for the elderly and disabled. These bathtubs allow people to walk into the tub without having to step over the edge.

It is apparent that, throughout its long history, the bathtub has changed tremendously since its birth in ancient Rome.

1. Bathtubs were first used by ...
 - A. Adam Thompson.
 - B. the Americans.
 - C. the Romans.
 - D. the Celts.

2. After the Roman Empire collapsed, bathing ...
 - A. attracted fewer and fewer people.
 - B. continued to be quite common.
 - C. became interesting only for enthusiasts.
 - D. became unfashionable and was even seen as improper.

3. Even though his story was false, ...
 - A. Henry L. Mencken's name is still associated with the history of bathtubs.

- B. Henry L. Mencken was one of the bathtub inventors.
C. Henry L. Mencken’s story led to an increase in taxes.
D. Henry L. Mencken is still believed to be the first seller of the bathtub.
4. The end of the 20th century in the USA saw ...
A. a lack of indoor plumbing.
B. a decrease in bathtubs’ popularity.
C. public bathtubs gaining popularity.
D. new houses being built with bathrooms.
5. Bathtubs have changed significantly with some houses now equipped with ...
A. a sauna.
B. a hot-tub.
C. a sound system.
D. a jet.

Task 2. (6-10) Find in the text expressions that correspond to the following definitions. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

6. long, narrow containers without a lid that usually hold water or food for farm animals (a plural noun)
7. a chemical element that is a very heavy, soft, dark grey, poisonous metal, used especially in the past on roofs and for pipes and also for protection against radiation (a noun)
8. the outer or top part or layer of something (a noun)
9. false and not what it appears to be, or based on something that has not been correctly understood and therefore false (an adjective)
10. a way of enjoying yourself when you are not working (a noun)

VOCABULARY (20 points)

Task 1. For items 1 — 5, choose one word that fits all three sentences. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

1. Albina rose to _____ after winning the international competition.
_____ can be a double-edged sword, bringing visibility but also scrutiny.

Achieving global _____ requires more than talent; it demands relentless perseverance.

2. Listening to that old song makes me feel _____ for the days of my youth.

The main character's deeds explain the curiously _____ tone of this book.

Listening to the cassette from college days brought a _____ warmth to the room.

3. Tomas's _____ to charity work earned him a quiet but respected reputation.

Adrian was a man of deep religious _____ and everybody knew it.

Alice's _____ to her elderly mother was evident in every small gesture.

4. Each _____ leaves its own mark on society, sometimes quietly, sometimes dramatically.

Mary Stone has inspired a whole _____ of fashion school graduates.

The new policies introduced by the _____ above were met by students with mixed reactions.

5. They decided to _____ their differences to save the friendship.

They sought to _____ the two conflicting viewpoints into a workable plan.

It was hard to _____ Martin's career ambitions with the needs of his children.

Task 2. For items 6 — 10, read the idioms below and decide which idiom fits each gap best. You can use each idiom only once. There are extra idioms. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

(A) a dead loss	(F) out of this world
(B) in dire straits	(G) to let the cat out of the bag
(C) second to none	(H) to grin and bear it
(D) to dig myself into a hole	(I) to wave a magic wand
(E) ground-breaking work	(J) on a knife-edge

6. During the debate, I chose _____ rather than lash out.
7. The presentation was _____ without visuals or data to back it up.
8. After miscalculations, I understood that it was real _____ that would take weeks to recover from.
9. The candidate’s fate rested _____ as votes continued to come in.
10. Her performance was _____, earning her top praise from everyone.

GRAMMAR (15 points)

Task 1. For items 1–5, write the missing part of the second sentence using a given word, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the given word. You must use between THREE and SIX words, including the given word. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

1. The company’s leadership claimed that strategic errors led to the campaign’s collapse.

PLACED

The company’s leadership..... for the campaign’s collapse.

2. Employees are not permitted to contact HR directly in any circumstances.

ACCOUNT

On to contact HR directly.

3. If the journalist hadn't released the information, the public wouldn't have reacted so strongly.

FOR

Had releasing the information, the public wouldn't have reacted so strongly.

4. We are going to miss the beginning of the presentation if we don't hurry.

TIME

Unless we hurry, the presentation we get there.

5. I'm sure customers will complain about the new store layout.

BOUND

There from customers about the new store layout.

Task 2. (6-10) Choose the word or phrase a, b, c or d, which best completes each sentence. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

6. Identify the sentence that demonstrates accurate and appropriate punctuation.

- a) When the company launches the new product it will focus on expanding its market share.
- b) The scientists, who questioned the results, were removed from the project.
- c) The news outlet, that was responsible for the misinformation, issued a public apology.

d) The outcome might have differed if the warnings had been taken seriously.

7. Identify the sentence with correct adjective order.

- a) He purchased a small antique silver French watch.
- b) The campaign relied on a global innovative digital marketing strategy.
- c) They restored a large beautiful Victorian brick house.
- d) She delivered a concise compelling political speech.

8. Select the ONE sentence in which the modal verb is *NOT* used appropriately for meaning, context, or grammatical accuracy in a professional/business setting.

- a) Senior management needn't approve the expenditure if it falls below the threshold.
- b) The audit can't have been conducted thoroughly; significant errors remain.
- c) You needn't have attended the meeting; the information was circulated afterward.
- d) The negotiations mustn't be progressing well; talks have stalled.

9. By (1) ___ night, the management team returned to (2) ___ headquarters out of (3) ___ town after negotiations in (4) ___ Sierra Nevada, planning to resume discussions (5) ___ tomorrow morning.

- a) 1- X; 2- the; 3- the; 4- X; 5- X
- b) 1- a; 2- X; 3- a; 4- the; 5- the
- c) 1- X; 2- the; 3- X; 4- the; 5- X
- d) 1- the; 2- X; 3- the; 4- X; 5- the

10. Select ONE sentence in which the gerund or infinitive is used CORRECTLY.

- a) Expanding into emerging markets means accepting a higher level of risk.

- b) Before committing to the new software, the IT department tried to run a pilot version.
- c) This restructuring doesn't mean to reduce staff immediately.
- d) She paused briefly, then went on explaining how the merger would affect shareholders.

CULTURE STUDY (30 points)

Tasks (1-5)

Task 1. Arrange these events in the chronological order. Write the appropriate number 1-5 in the right column. *Begin with the earliest event (1).* Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

James VI of Scotland becomes James I of England, personally uniting the Scottish and English crowns.	
King John seals Magna Carta which is to address baronial complaints over taxation, justice, and feudal rights.	
The Battle of Stoke Field is fought between Henry VII and Lambert Simnel, the last battle of the Wars of the Roses.	
Romans invade Britain under Emperor Claudius, establishing control over much of England and Wales.	
The Industrial Revolution begins driven by such innovations as the steam engine in textile and iron industries.	

Task 2. Arrange these events in the chronological order. Write the appropriate number 1-5 in the right column. *Begin with the earliest event (1).* Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

The Coronation of Elizabeth II takes place.	
World War II ends in Europe.	

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The United Kingdom leaves the European Union.	
The Millennium Dome and London Eye are opened to mark the new millennium.	
Britain intervenes against the Bolsheviks in the Russian Civil War, supporting anti-communist Whites amid fears of revolution spreading.	

Task 3. Arrange these events in the chronological order. Write the appropriate number 1-5 in the right column. *Begin with the earliest event (1).* Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

The Great Recession caused by the financial crisis triggers bailouts and reforms in the banking sector.	
The USA enters World War II after the Pearl Harbor attack.	
The Emancipation Proclamation issued by Abraham Lincoln frees slaves in rebel areas.	
The USA recovers after the COVID-19 pandemic.	
The USA enters the war in Vietnam.	

Task 4. Arrange these stages of education in the USA in the chronological order. Write the appropriate number 1-5 in the right column. *Begin with the earliest stage (1).* Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

Studying expands to advanced topics like algebra, earth science, US history, and electives such as foreign languages at this stage.	
This stage introduces formal schooling with reading readiness, math basics, usually half-day in public systems.	
At this stage students are required to pass exams like End-of-Course tests; many students pursue college preparation via SAT.	

At this stage classes prioritize reading proficiency and arithmetic; standardized testing begins at this stage.	
This stage is often optional and focuses on socialization, basic literacy, and play-based learning.	

Task 5. Arrange these events in the books about Harry Potter chronologically beginning with the earliest event. Write the appropriate number 1-5 in the right column. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

Sirius Black dies in the Battle at the Ministry of Magic.	
Harry Potter is born to James and Lily.	
Dumbledore recruits young Tom Riddle (Voldemort) to Hogwarts, who is later sorted to Slytherin.	
Harry receives his father's invisibility Cloak.	
Harry slays the basilisk in the Chamber of Secret and destroys the first horcrux.	

Tasks (6-10)

Task 6. Choose the correct option. Transfer your answer onto the answer sheet.

Which statement about the political system of the USA is not true?

- a) The President can veto bills but the Congress can override the veto with two-thirds majorities.
- b) The system of checks and balances prevents dominance of one branch of power over the others.
- c) Vice President presides over the Senate, casting tie-breaking votes.
- d) The President is elected directly by American people.

Task 7. Choose the correct option. Transfer your answer onto the answer sheet.

Which statement about the geography of the British Isles is not true?

- a) The Pennine Chain forms England's "backbone," running north-south through central regions like the Lake District.
- b) Ben Nevis in Scotland rises to 1,345 meters being the highest point of the British Isles.
- c) The Isle of Man is located in the Irish Sea and is a self-governing Crown Dependency.
- d) The English Channel separates England from Ireland, serving as a narrow arm of the Atlantic Ocean that connects to the North Sea via the Strait of Dover.

Task 8. Choose the correct option. Transfer your answer onto the answer sheet.

Which statement about the US economy is not true?

- a) The nominal GDP exceeds \$30 trillion, representing about 25% of the global output.
- b) Services comprise 77% of the GDP; the technological sector contributing 12%, fueled by AI investments.
- c) The use of renewable energy dominates 80% of the US production.
- d) Manufacturing makes up 11% of the GDP with advanced sectors like computers/electronics, chemicals, machinery, aerospace, and autos.

Task 9. Choose the correct option. Transfer your answer onto the answer sheet.

Which statement about the UK is not true?

- a) Trooping the Colour marks the monarch's coronation with spectacular military ceremonies and flypast.
- b) Plough Monday is First Monday after Epiphany with plough blessing processions for fertile fields.
- c) Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace involves regimental parades with bearskin hats.
- d) Shortbread is buttery crumbly biscuits offered to guests during Hogmanay in Scotland.

Task 10. Choose the correct option. Transfer your answer onto the answer sheet.

Which statement about higher education in the USA is not true?

- a) University endowments represent investment funds receiving funding in the form of charitable donations, used to finance scholarships and long-term operations.
- b) Community colleges focus on 4-year bachelor's degrees emphasizing broad intellectual development unlike liberal arts colleges.
- c) The Ivy League comprises eight elite private universities famous for academic excellence, selective admissions, and historic prestige.
- d) Universities differ from colleges as they are major research institutions with laboratories and research grants.

CREATIVE WRITING (20 points)

Choose one topic:

- 1. Intense competition for high grades significantly undermines the quality of learning across all levels of education.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you either agree or disagree with the claim. TAKE ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE ARGUMENT. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position. You should write about 250 – 300 words.

- 2. Young people should prioritize realistic long-term ambitions over the desire for instant fame.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you either agree or disagree with the claim. TAKE ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE ARGUMENT. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position. You should write about 250 – 300 words.