

## 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 to 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 false 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. For the Romans, bathtubs were ...
  - A. unfashionable for many years.
  - B. an opportunity to spend time alone
  - C. a chance to show how rich they were
  - D. a public place for socialising.
  
2. In 1883, bathtubs were advertised as ...
  - A. a popular option for human bathing.
  - B. a place for social gathering.
  - C. water containers for animals.
  - D. the best option for individual cleaning.
  
3. Henry L. Mencken's story about bathtubs was ...
  - A. accurate.
  - B. fabricated.
  - C. genuine
  - D. authentic.
  
4. After World War I, the USA saw a significant change connected with ...
  - A. houses being built with indoor plumbing.
  - B. a bathtub added to all the houses.
  - C. houses being built with a hot-tub.
  - D. houses designed for bathtub lovers.

5. Bathtubs have developed significantly – now they are even adapted for ...
- A. people with disabilities.
  - B. children under 5.
  - C. elderly people with dementia.
  - D. those who cannot see.

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

- 6. things that come before another in time or in a series (a plural noun)
- 7. a type of very hard rock that has a pattern of lines going through it, feels cold, and can be polished to become smooth and shiny (a noun)
- 8. the sudden failure of a system, organization, business, etc. (a noun)
- 9. in a way that is well-known because of something bad (an adverb)
- 10. plans to deceive someone, or tricks (a plural 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. \_\_\_\_\_ often feels like a thread weaving through the choices we make.

Nick was sure it was \_\_\_\_\_ that he had met his wife being a student.

Some people believe \_\_\_\_\_ guides careers more than deliberate planning does.

2. The museum plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the city's trader's quarter as it was in the 18th century.

The police of Toronto tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the crime using evidence found at the scene.

The specialists aimed to \_\_\_\_\_ the victim's memories through careful interviewing techniques.

3. Tom failed the exam not because of one \_\_\_\_\_ but because of a cascade of small mistakes.

The engineer traced the \_\_\_\_\_ in the bridge's design and proposed a safer solution.

The \_\_\_\_\_ was ultimately a combination of design flaws and user error.

4. Martin's calm and courteous \_\_\_\_\_ won him many allies in difficult negotiations.

Several factors influence dietary \_\_\_\_\_.

Nick's \_\_\_\_\_ at the gala surprised the organizers, who expected a more reserved approach.

5. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that two parties would eventually reach a compromise after so many rounds of talks.

The collapse seemed \_\_\_\_\_ after months of stalled progress.

The \_\_\_\_\_ changes of technology reshaped the industry.

**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) rough and ready	(F) to tie up a few loose ends
(B) down in the dumps	(G) to kill two birds with one stone
(C) child's play	(H) safe and sound
(D) to ruffle someone's feathers	(I) after someone's blood
(E) by hook or by crook	(J) like gold dust

6. He pushed the team to the limit, going \_\_\_\_\_ to prove they were right.

7. The constant interruptions are able \_\_\_\_\_ and disrupt the meeting.

8. We need \_\_\_\_\_ before the launch next week.

9. He solved the problem \_\_\_\_\_, but admitted it wasn't exactly ethical.

10. We kept a \_\_\_\_\_ plan in place while we gathered more data.

**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. They had just implemented a rebranding when market demand intensified.

**THAN**

No sooner ..... market demand intensified.

2. Even if it is costly, companies want to invest in premium advertising campaigns.

**MAY**

Costly ....., companies want to invest in premium advertising campaigns.

3. The company has never entered this market before, so it so possible that it has misjudged consumer demand.

**HAVE**

The company ..... it is entering this market for the first time.

4. I strongly dislike it when customers are treated unfairly.

**BEING**

I strongly object ..... unfairly.

5. The CFO gave her subordinates strict instructions that no one should be allowed to disturb her.

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‘Under ..... to be disturbed!’ the CFO told her subordinates.

**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) The committee members, who were absent, were fined.
  - b) The team, that was responsible for the error, issued an apology.
  - c) After the manager reviews the budget, the team will decide whether to invest in new technology.
  - d) The crisis might have been averted, if only the committee had acted sooner.
7. Identify the sentence with correct adjective order.
- a) The museum acquired a rare Japanese medieval wooden sculpture.
  - b) He proposed a large-scale controversial economic governmental reform.
  - c) The committee endorsed a long-term bold national education reform.
  - d) They secured funding for an ambitious renewable large-scale energy project.
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) The meeting may have been postponed due to budget constraints.
  - b) The company could have avoided the lawsuit by conducting proper due diligence.
  - c) The sales figures mustn't be accurate; they exceed all previous forecasts.
  - d) The finance team didn't need to revise the report, but they did so anyway.
9. Executives from (1) \_\_\_ United Arab Emirates arrived in London and walked along (2) \_\_\_ High Street to attend a briefing at (3) \_\_\_ Kensington Palace before continuing discussions at (4) \_\_\_ Bank of England in (5) \_\_\_ late afternoon.
- a) 1- the; 2- X; 3- X; 4- the; 5- X
  - b) 1- X; 2- the; 3- the; 4- the; 5- the
  - c) 1- the; 2- X ;3- X; 4- the; 5- the

d) 1- the; 2- the; 3- X; 4- the; 5- X

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

- a) After presenting the quarterly figures, the CEO went on to outline the company's long-term strategy.
- b) Before committing to the new software, the IT department tried to run a pilot version.
- c) The CFO means renegotiating the contract before the end of the quarter.
- d) Despite initial objections, the board went on to discuss the proposal late into the evening.

### **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.

English Civil War begins.	
The naval Battle of Trafalgar takes place.	
William the Conqueror defeats Harold Godwinson at the Battle of Hastings.	
Henry Tudor's victory at Bosworth Field ends the War of Roses, founding the Tudor dynasty.	
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland comes into being.	

**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.

Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland gained devolved parliaments via referendums.	
The Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla takes place.	

The Falklands War is fought against Argentina, resulting in the United Kingdom reclaiming the Falkland Islands.	
Britain declares war on the Ottoman Empire.	
India gains independence from Britain.	

**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 US troops participate in the Korean War.	
9/11 attacks prompt US invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq.	
European colonization of the American continent begins with establishing settlements in Jamestown and Plymouth.	
American patriots throw 342 chests of tea belonging to the British East India Company from ships into Boston Harbour (Boston Tea Party).	
Slavery debates erupt into the Civil War after the Southern secession.	

**Task 4.** Arrange these stages of education in the UK 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.

This stage includes apprenticeships and courses.	
This stage focuses on play-based development.	
This stage builds literacy, numeracy and science, ending with SAT exams.	
This stage narrows to GCSE preparation in subjects like English, maths, and sciences.	
This stage covers university-level study.	

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

Ron, Hermione and Harry break into The Gringotts Bank to get the horcrux (Helga Hufflepuff's Cup).	
Harry confronts Quirrell and protects the Philosopher's Stone.	
Voldemort fails to kill baby Harry creating his scar.	
Harry's name emerges from the Goblet of Fire.	
Fred and George give Harry the Marauder's Map.	

**Tasks (6-10)**

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

*Which statement about the UK's political system is not true?*

- a) The House of Commons includes 650 MPs directly elected by public vote.
- b) The House of Lords can override the House of Commons fully as it can veto on all legislation.
- c) Devolution transfers powers to Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland for areas like health and education.
- d) The Prime Minister leads the majority party and is appointed by the monarch.

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

*Which statement about the geography of the USA is not true?*

- a) The Missouri River flows northwest to southeast across 15 states before ending in the Mexican Gulf.
- b) Great Lakes contain 21% of global surface freshwater with Lake Michigan being wholly in the USA.
- c) Great Plains are vast grassland east of the Rockies, spanning from Canada to Texas and forming the agricultural heartland of the USA.
- d) Alaska extends northwest across the Bering Strait from Russia.

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

***Which statement about the UK economy is not true?***

- a) UK exports include clothing and textiles, agricultural produce, and mineral fuels; key trading partners being India, Australia, and China.
- b) The UK economy ranks as the world's sixth-largest by nominal GDP as of 2025.
- c) Scotland, the Humber region (Yorkshire and Humber), and the North East of England are likely to attract the most green investment in 2026, driven by offshore wind, hydrogen clusters, and industrial decarbonization hubs.
- d) Services dominate with 80% of GDP, led by finance (London as a global hub), professional services, and retail.

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

***Which statement about the USA is not true?***

- a) A Pledge of Allegiance is a daily school recitation to the US flag, which fosters patriotism.
- b) Tailgating is a festive tradition involving making barbecue and socialising around parked cars before college or NFL games.
- c) Halloween features turkey dinners, pumpkin pie, and gratitude prayers tracing back to the 1621 Plymouth feast with Native Americans.
- d) State Fairs are large annual events, for example, contests for the biggest pumpkin or pie-eating.

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

***Which statement about British universities is not true?***

- a) Matriculation is a formal gown ceremony marking graduation from a university; in Oxford it involves Latin oaths and medieval trumpets.
- b) Scotland offers free undergraduate tuition to Scottish residents.
- c) Oxford exam-takers wear white tie suits with carnations of different colours (white for the first exam, pink for the middle, and red for the last).
- d) Red Brick Universities are civic institutions like Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham that pioneered engineering or medicine for industrial cities.

**CREATIVE WRITING (20 points)**

**Choose one topic:**

**1. Machines can never surpass the human mind, as they remain products of human intelligence.**

*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. In contemporary society, appearance is often valued more highly than reality.**

*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.*