

**Задания школьного этапа Всероссийской олимпиады школьников в 2014-2015
учебном году по английскому языку для учащихся 7 - 8 классов**

**Part 1
Reading**

Task 1

*Have you ever wondered how birds find their way when flying? Read and find out.
Choose the best answer a, b, c or d for the questions 1 – 5.*

The pigeon is famous for always being able to find its way home. In fact racing pigeons is a popular sport in some countries. Owners take their birds hundreds of miles away and then release them. The bird that gets back home in the fastest time is the winner. Until now it has been thought that the birds have their own built-in system of navigation and use the position of the sun and stars to guide them.

However a ten-year study has proved to scientists that pigeons travel rather like drivers do and follow the major roads. The birds that were monitored in the study were constantly flying along motorways and even turning left and right at main junctions, while ignoring small winding roads. A professor of zoology at Oxford University and a racing pigeon expert agree. The professor says that birds use their traditional forms of navigation first but when they fly the same route again they remember the roads and follow them.

A group of birds was released as a test and all flew along the same major road and turned right at the first junction. The pigeon racer describes this research as absolutely accurate. Every Saturday, he says, you can see flocks of pigeons flying along the motorways.

1. Pigeon racing consists of:
 - a. owners seeing how far each pigeon can fly.
 - b. scientific research into the way pigeons fly.
 - c. pigeons being released on the motorways.
 - d. owners seeing which pigeon gets home first.

2. Pigeons' built-in system of navigation' refers to:
 - a. their natural instinct for finding their way.
 - b. their natural ability to follow major roads.
 - c. the fact that they fly as a large flock.
 - d. special equipment the researchers have used to track them.

3. The roads pigeons followed were:
 - a. all the roads going in the right direction.
 - b. only motorways.
 - c. the important direct routes.
 - d. the smaller less busy country roads.

4. A junction is:
 - a. a sharp bent in the road.
 - b. where a motorway and a road meet.
 - c. a place where one road crosses another.
 - d. a place where you can buy petrol.

5. Pigeons are especially seen on Saturdays because:
 - a. that's the day the roads are busiest.

- b. that's the day the research takes place.
- c. that's the day pigeon racing takes place.
- d. that's the day the motorways are open.

Part 2
Use of English

Task 2

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question 6 – 15, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D

Chocolate

When the Spanish explorer Cortez A Mexico in the sixteenth century, he found the people there using a drink they ___6___ chocolate. It tasted quite strong ___7___ it had pepper in it. To ___8___ it taste better, the Spanish added sugar to it. When chocolate first came to Europe in the seventeenth century, people started to drink it with milk, ___9___ of water. Nowadays, tons of chocolate and cacao are ___10___ to factories, where they are turned ___11___ many popular sweets and cakes. ___12___ chocolate and cacao come from the fruit of cacao tree. Cacao trees ___13___ only be grown in hot countries, as they need a warm climate. Cacao is an American plant, ___14___ still grows wild in the northern part of South America. Countries in Central and South America were the first to grow it, but today Africa ___15___ the world with the most of chocolate.

	A	B	C	D
Example	reached	arrived	got	went
6	announced	told	called	declared
7	while	because	so	whether
8	let	cause	allow	make
9	apart	except	rather	instead
10	delivered	directed	prepared	produced
11	down	into	off	over
12	Both	Every	Either	Each
13	ought	can	have	might
14	what	which	who	whose
15	brings	fetches	supplies	gives

Task 3

Match the sentence (16–23) and the idiom (1)–(8).

16. Mick Jagger, David Bowie, Mick Fleetwood and some other rock ___will be playing at the show.	(1) more fish in the sea
17. In my small town I was a ____. Now I'm in London, nobody has heard of me – I'm just one of thousands DJs hanging round the music scene.	(2) big fish in a small pond
18. Try to forget that stupid guy, Alice. You're a lovely girl and there are plenty ___.	(3) dinosaurs
19. Ever since the first day of term those two have been inseparable; ___.	(4) as sick as a parrot
20. Why are you smiling so brightly? You look like a ___.	(5) wild horses couldn't tear them apart
21. Just try and understand that Peter has nothing to do with the robbery.	(6) cat that got the cream

You're ____.	
22. This week he's been ____, he can't go anywhere with us because of his work.	(7) barking up the wrong tree
23. I felt ____ when Manchester United lost the match.	(8) as busy as a bee

Task4

Follow the labyrinth and complete the sentences 24–30. You can move one section down or across.

- 00) If you ___0___ with measles your face is covered in red spots.
 24. You can sometimes ___ to a doctor's surgery for a check-up.
 25. If you have a headache, it might help to ___ for a while.
 26. A rash may disappear if you ___ some cream.
 27. If you twist your ankle it can ___ quite badly.
 28. An injection can be quite painful at first, but the pain will soon ____.
 29. If you have toothache, the dentist might have to ___ a tooth.
 30. If you have a bad fall and can't ____, you might have broken your leg.

0 go down	1 drop in	2 go out	3 look for	4 call in	5 come over
6 call out	7 lie down	8 put on	9 swell up	10 wear off	11 come around
12 get by	13 set on	14 fall over	15 sit down	16 pull out	17 get up
18 looked up	19 emptied out	20 filled up	21 topped up	22 go up	23 reach out

Part 3

Social-cultural competence

Task 5

Do you know Great Britain and its culture?

- The Great Fire of London was in ...
 A) 1600 B) 1660 C) 1666
- The Battle of Trafalgar took place in ...
 A) 1805 B) 1812 C) 1814
- The Prime Minister of Great Britain during WWII was ...
 A) Winston Churchill B) Margaret Thatcher C) David Cameron
- "Big Ben" was the nickname of ...
 A) Christopher Wren B) Andrew Lloyd Webber C) Benjamin Hall
- It was not designed by Christopher Wren.
 A) St.Paul's Cathedral B) Westminster Abbey C) Greenwich Observatory
- The Boat Race in England is between ... Universities
 A) Oxford and Cambridge B) Oxford and London C) Cambridge and York
- His musical "Cats" is popular in many countries.
 A) Christopher Wren B) Andrew Lloyd Webber C) Benjamin Britten
- Alexander Selkirk was the prototype of ...
 A) Ivanhoe B) Gulliver C) Robinson Crusoe
- King Lear had ... daughters.
 A) four B) two C) three
- They say "When a man is tired of London, he is tired of ... "
 A) travelling B) life C) sightseeing