

Предмет: **английский язык**

Класс: **9-11**

Part 1. Listening comprehension (15 minutes).

Task 1. Listen to the interview with two careers officers. For questions 1-5, decide which of the choices A, B or C is the correct answer. You will hear the recording twice (5 points).

1. What does Craig say about the work of a careers officer?
 - A. It has changed completely over the years.
 - B. It is similar to what it used to be.
 - C. It's better than the other jobs he's done.
2. Only one in ten of the people who want to become doctors
 - A. succeed in their ambition.
 - B. become lawyers.
 - C. are successful in other professions.
3. Craig suggested the air force to the young man because he
 - A. wanted to change his mind about being an astronaut.
 - B. thought it was probably the best way to achieve his aim.
 - C. was sure that astronauts started in the air force.
4. Craig's advice is that you should
 - A. be ready to choose a completely different career.
 - B. only talk about your ambition if you really mean it.
 - C. become a doctor if you can't become an architect.
5. Susan's advice is that you should
 - A. become a lawyer if you like helping people.
 - B. get legal advice before choosing your career.
 - C. find out more about the job you want to do.

Task 2. Listen to the recording and decide whether the following statements are true (T), false (F) or not stated (NS). You will hear the recording twice (7 points).

6. SEVIS keeps records on international students in the USA.
7. About one thousand American universities are required to use SEVIS.

8. Every college and university has to provide full information about their international students.
9. SEVIS always informs universities when their students have come to the USA.
10. Universities must report on what classes a student has chosen.
11. Students who do not begin classes by the required date are considered to be violators.
12. Students pay fees to help pay for the system after they get visas.

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Part 2. Reading comprehension (15 minutes)

Read the newspaper article about holidays. For questions 1-8, choose the answer A, B, C or D which you think fits best according to the text (8 points).

It's a wonderful morning, as I write this: hot, but without being too hot. Outside my window, I can see the bluest, sunniest sky of the year reflected in a huge natural expanse of water. It's the kind of sun that makes you acutely aware of summer's temporary nature – a reminder that if I am ever going to get around to booking this year's holiday, time is running out. For a moment, the idea of sitting on a beach in a place where this kind of weather is nothing remarkable, catching up on my reading, sounds tempting, but then a tension begins to rise in my chest and the temptation passes.

It is now close to four years since I last took a holiday. This is because I have come to the conclusion, over the course of my adult life, that I am not very good at it. You might think this sounds like saying you're not very good at drinking tea or listening to music. What could possibly be difficult about the natural act of putting your working life on hold for a couple of weeks and going somewhere warm to do nothing?

To be honest, I'm a little baffled myself. I was a model holidaymaker as a kid: every July, I would arrive at an Italian campsite with my parents and, within a couple of days, my skin would have turned an olive colour and I would blend into my surroundings so totally that I would often find myself being mistakenly told to join a party of local schoolchildren. The problem started during my early twenties: a stolen tent and wallet at the Glastonbury Festival in 1995; a lightning strike and sudden drop in altitude on a flight over the Channel in 1997; an ill-fated experience in 'luxury inter-railing' in 1998 that lasted just four days and ended with the French police mistaking me for a drug smuggler.

But even if I manage to go away without being mugged or getting food poisoning, I now find that I can't really commit to the experience. A fancy-free trip to the South of France five years ago to 'just kind of hang out on the coast' was ended after just two days, mainly because I had an urge to

check my e-mails. Similarly, my honeymoon, a year or so later, was cut short by 48 hours – not because my wife and I weren't enjoying ourselves, but because we were missing out cats.

So what is my problem? On the surface, I'm probably a bit of a homebody. And I just find the pressure of being on holiday too severe: it always feels like having a gun held to my head and being forced to have fun. Somehow, packing a carefully itemized list of possessions and meeting a scheduled flight has none of the excitement of suddenly deciding to take a day off a driving somewhere for the fun of it.

Thankfully, I'm not alone. This summer, most of my friends have decided not to have a break. And a recent survey highlighted the downsize of holidays, with the results showing that nearly two thirds of people found that the calming effects of a holiday wore off within 24 hours, as stress levels returned to normal. And this year *The Idler* magazine published its *Book of Awful Holidays*. Here you will find a list of the five most ecologically-damaging vacations it's possible to take, along with 50 horrific holiday experiences voted for on *The Idler* website. Over the last decade, *The Idler* has become well known for promoting the idea of an easy, lazy life. The leisure industry might seem an unlikely target of its criticism, but Dan Kiernan, the book's editor, says that he was flooded with entries from readers for his list of Awful Holidays.

'What interests me is what the concept of a "holiday" says about the rest of our lives,' he explains. 'We all seem content to slave away for 48 weeks a year and only get four off. For me, the point of living is to have a life you enjoy for 52 weeks a year.' **He has a point.** The more I like my life and the better I structure it, the less I want to go away. Maybe I'm weird for not liking holidays, but I just feel my leisure time is too valuable to waste on them.

1. The writer says in the first paragraph that while he is writing this article,
 - A. he feels envious of people who are on holiday.
 - B. he realizes it is too late to book a holiday.
 - C. he wishes that the weather would change.
 - D. he experiences a brief desire to book a holiday.
2. What does the writer suggest about the fact that he has not taken a holiday for four years?
 - A. Some people may find the reason surprising.
 - B. He often has to explain the reason to other people.
 - C. There have been times when he has regretted it.
 - D. It is not something he has thought about before.
3. What is the writer describing in the third paragraph?
 - A. events that explain why he has never really liked holidays.

- B. events that he regards as not typical of most people experiences.
 - C. events that illustrate his contrasting experiences of holidays.
 - D. events that he did not consider particularly serious when they happened.
4. The events the writer describes in the fourth paragraph illustrate
- A. how hard he has tried to enjoy holidays.
 - B. how badly he behaves when he is on holiday.
 - C. his fear that something bad will happen when he is on holiday.
 - D. his lack of enthusiasm for being on holiday.
5. The writer says in the fifth paragraph that the main thing he dislikes about holidays is that
- A. they are often organized in order to please other people.
 - B. they are far less enjoyable than breaks that have not been planned in advance.
 - C. he tends to be made responsible for too much of the organization of them.
 - D. he feels embarrassed when other people are having fun but he isn't.
6. The writer says that a recent survey shows that a lot of people
- A. pretend to enjoy their holidays.
 - B. fail to relax while they are on holiday.
 - C. feel that the benefits of going on holiday are limited.
 - D. have made the same decision as the writer and most of his friends.
7. The writer says that the book published by *The Idler* magazine
- A. illustrates a point that the magazine has often made.
 - B. proved more popular than he would have expected.
 - C. focuses entirely on bad personal experiences of holidays.
 - D. indicates that his dislike of holidays is widely shared.
8. When the writer says 'He has a point' in the final paragraph, he is agreeing that
- A. people who like normal lives don't need to go on holiday.
 - B. some people need to have holidays but others don't.
 - C. not liking holidays is generally considered strange.
 - D. a lot of people don't really want to go on holiday.

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Part 3. Use of English (40 minutes)

Task 1. Choose the correct answer (10 points).

1. Agatha Christie is the uncrowned queen in the sphere of ... stories.

- A) adventure B) "ghost" C) detective
2. It was the residence of the Queen in London.
 A) Buckingham Palace B) The Tower C) Westminster Abbey
3. It is said that a famous fiction detective lived there.
 A) Downing Street B) The Royal Albert Hall C) Baker Street
4. They say the Loch Ness Monster lives in a lake in...
 A) Scotland B) Wales C) Ireland
5. Which is not a university town?
 A) Oxford B) Brighton C) Cambridge
6. What do people call New York? The Big...
 A) Apple B) Pot C) City
7. Canada has two official languages. What are they?
 A) English and Spanish B) English and French C) English and Irish
8. How many countries are there in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland?
 A) 2 B) 3 C) 4
9. Where did the Beatles come from?
 A) Manchester B) Liverpool C) Bath
10. Who is the head of the government in the UK?
 A) the President B) the Queen or the King C) the Prime Minister

Task 2. For questions 11-20, think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences (10 points).

Here is an example (0).

0 The committee decided to the money equally between the two charities.

I can't believe that John and Maggie have decided to up after 20 years of marriage.

To serve a watermelon you need to it down the centre with a sharp knife.

Example:

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11. There was thick dust on the picture ...

He uses a combination of commuter ... and subway to get to work.

After the accident a guard ... was placed all the way along the cliff path.

12. Oh, Julia, come in! ... a seat.

- I'd like to ... my argument a stage further.
 You fly to London and ... the train to Brighton.
13. Only ... the buzzer if you have the right answer.
 The case has been widely reported in the
 I didn't ... him further on the issue.
14. I badly need to smoke. Do you have a ...?
 They managed to see where the door was by the ... of the moon.
 She travels ..., choosing to use as little equipment as possible.
15. When he goes to restaurants he never gives ...
 I picked up some useful ... from my ski instructor.
 He ran the ... of his fingers over the bruise.
16. The album kicks off with the title ...
 He loves sports and participates in ... and basketball.
 Setting goals means you can ... your progress.
17. They wanted me to get a ... job.
 There has been a gradual but ... increase in prices.
 He took a few deep breaths to ... his nerves.
18. I rely on you to ... a good example.
 I got myself a new ... of saucepans and other kitchen equipment.
 She ... a new world record for the high jump.
19. I don't want to ... anything in my life.
 I told the taxi driver to keep the ...
 Nothing will make me ... my mind.
20. I think he will ... for Ireland in the coming Olympics.
 He produced a ... of matches from his pocket.
 The painting depicts two elegantly dressed women in a ... at the opera.

Task 3. Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line 21-30 (10 points).

<p>The Altai Mountains are located in the very heart of Russia — near the Russian border with Kazakhstan, Mongolia, and China. They are often called “Russian Tibet”, “Siberian Switzerland” and even “New Zealand” thanks to their beauty and 21 ... The highest point of</p>	<p>STRONG</p>
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<p>the Altai Mountains, and of the Siberian Region as well, is the Belukha Mountain. It is 4,509 meters high and is 22 ... covered with snow, from its peak to its bottom.</p> <p>The Altai Mountains are really very old but the first documented 23 ... with them dates back to the 17th century when Cossacks from the nearby city of Kuznetsk (which later became a part of Novokuznetsk) arrived at the Lake Teletskoye or Altyn-Kol. Later, when Biyskaya 24 ... (now the city of Biysk) was built, the massive 25 ... of the Altai territory, and more of its northwestern part, began.</p> <p>The Altai is a very versatile 26 ... region, where plains and steppes change to mountains and vice versa. Now it's very popular among tourists because it has a lot of 27 ... things which can attract those who like active holidays and those who like to contemplate as well.</p> <p>The most essential kinds of 28 ... are of course climbing, snowboarding, hiking around the 29 ... routes, trekking, cycling, diving, rafting, kayaking, sailing, swimming, and fishing. Many people come here for more passive relaxation, such as spa, and feasting the eyes upon maralnik, which is a kind of rhododendron, blossoming in spring — 30 ... deeds of avid ecotourists. They are often attracted by collecting healing herbs, riding a horse, and participating in local festivals, for example in summer “VOTETNO” (literally — “here is ethno”) festival at the end of July.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>ENCOUNTER</p> <p>FORT</p> <p>DEVELOP</p> <p>GEOGRAPHY</p> <p>FASCINATE</p> <p>ACTIVE</p> <p>LEGEND</p> <p>TYPE</p>
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Task 4. Match the colour idiom 31-40 and its definition a-l. There are two extra definitions you do not need to use (10 points).

<p>31. Red herring</p> <p>32. A white elephant</p> <p>33. Once in a blue moon</p> <p>34. To be tickled pink</p> <p>35. Black and blue</p>	<p>a. to be extremely pleased, amused or happy</p> <p>b. the human brain</p> <p>c. something without a clear rule or answer</p> <p>d. a set of rules that stop progress</p> <p>e. something unimportant that distracts your attention from the issue you should be concentrated on</p> <p>f. someone skillful in gardening</p>
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36. Grey matter	g. successful and profitable
37. On a silver platter	h. something easily received
38. In the black	i. something that is a waste of money/time, something useless, unwanted
39. Green thumb	j. the odd or bad member of the group
40. Black sheep	k. hurt physically or mentally
	l. very rarely, almost never

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Part 4. Writing (50 minutes) (20 points)

Comment on the following quotation.

Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.

John F. Kennedy

Write 180–220 words.

Use the following words in your commentary:

- ✓ duty,
- ✓ support,
- ✓ community.

Underline the words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction, explaining how you understand the author’s point of view;
- express your personal opinion and give reasons (2-3) to support it;
- give examples from literature or history to illustrate your reasons;
- make a conclusion restating your position.