

**ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ
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ШКОЛЬНЫЙ ЭТАП. 7 – 8 классы**

**Part 1 (10 minutes)
Maximum points – 10
Listening**

You will hear four short dialogues A,B,C,D. Listen to each dialogue and then find out where the action takes place. Use each number only once. There is one extra option. Write your answers in your answer sheet. You will hear each text twice.

Now you will have 20 seconds to read the task.

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1	<i>dialogue A</i>		1. In a restaurant
2	<i>dialogue B</i>		2. On the metro
3	<i>dialogue C</i>		3. In a shoe store
4	<i>dialogue D</i>		4. In a food store
			5. On a train

You will hear a telephone conversation. Listen to it and then choose the right answer. Write your answers on your answer sheet. You will hear the dialogue twice. Now you will have 20 seconds to read the task.

5. The girl's feelings about her roommate from South Korea are:
- a) positive.
 - b) negative.
 - c) mixed.
6. At college the two girls plan to
- a) study foreign languages.
 - b) take music classes.
 - c) sing for pleasure in the college chorus.
7. What does the girl say about her classes?
- a) They are too easy.
 - b) They are too difficult.
 - c) They are manageable.
8. What's the bad news?
- a) She ran out of money.
 - b) She is homesick.
 - c) She lacks friends.
9. What was wrong with her room?
- a) There wasn't enough furniture.
 - b) It looked dull and unattractive.
 - c) It was not functional.
10. Her father was disappointed because she spent too much money on
- a) books.
 - b) a bicycle.
 - c) entertainment.

Part 2 (15 minutes)
Maximum points – 15
Reading

You will read seven short texts. Match the texts 1–7 with the titles A –H. Use each letter only once. There is one extra option. Write the answers in your answer sheet.

- A. A change in people's attitude
- B. A problem still unsolved
- C. A new state organisation
- D. A governmental plan of action
- E. No time to waste
- F. An eco-friendly means of transport
- G. A set of dangerous signs
- H. A reason for global warming

1. Recycling is becoming easier and more widespread. Governments support companies that recycle waste. Also people prefer to buy things from companies that make their products from recycled materials. Reports say that people worldwide are starting to care more about what happens to waste products. For example, now Americans recycle almost 35% of their waste, while in the 1990s the percentage was much smaller.

2. In autumn 2004 a new governmental body was created in Russia to protect the country's natural resources. It's called the Federal Ecological Service. The aims of the new institution are the following: to prevent environmental pollution and to control industrial waste. They say that the new governmental service has improved the state system of environmental protection in Russia.

3. Climate change is on us. Ten years ago we only spoke about it, now it's happening before our eyes. Global warming is bringing unpredictable changes. The Arctic sea ice is disappearing; glaciers are melting faster every year. Due to heavy rains some rivers overflow, while others dry out. Disasters such as tornadoes and floods are spreading. Strong hurricanes are becoming more common and more destructive.

4. People burn plenty of coal, oil and natural gas. As a result of this billions of tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) are released into the atmosphere every year. CO₂ is a greenhouse gas that traps the sun's radiation within the atmosphere so the concentration of CO₂ increases. As a result of this, temperatures in different parts of the planet rise.

5. They are designed to work using electric power, without gasoline. It means that they don't pollute the atmosphere, cost less and reduce the need for oil. Such cars are reliable and have interesting designs. However, they have a few bad points. Many have a maximum speed limit of about 50 miles per hour. Most cities are not ready for the appearance of such cars on their roads.

6. Environmental organisations have been discussing ways of saving the rain forests for many years. However, we are still facing huge losses in the Amazon. People think that rainforests have already had enough attention. They have been discussed in the press for years. Unfortunately the rainforest is still in danger and can be destroyed completely.

7. Environmental problems are serious and we have to deal with them immediately. There may not be easy solutions but we simply can't continue living as if everything is fine. These problems aren't going to disappear by themselves. If we want to keep this planet a healthy place for our grandchildren, it's time to do everything we can to stop the catastrophe.

Read the text and choose the right answer: *true, false or not stated*. Write your answers in your answer sheet.

The koala is a small bear-like animal that looks like a soft toy. The animal is cute and non-aggressive, but it's difficult to see a koala in the Zoo and no one ever keeps them as pets. Why is it so?

The main reason why people shouldn't try to take koalas out from their natural home is their diet. It's a strict diet of eucalyptus leaves as koalas practically never eat anything else. In Australia there are over 600 types of eucalyptus, but koalas eat only 40–50 varieties with only about 10 being preferred. And even if you find the koala's most favourite tree and plant it in your backyard, you won't be able to supply your koala-pet with food anyway. The thing is that koalas eat only fresh young leaves, and the tree has few of them. So, to keep a koala happy and healthy, you would have to plant about 100 eucalyptus trees!

It's difficult to explain why koalas love eucalyptus leaves so much. The leaves are tough and feel like rubber. They have very few calories and they are poisonous to most animals. Koalas, however, cope with such a diet easily. Nature has equipped them with specialised adaptations. Each koala eats approximately 200 to 500 grams of leaves per day. They are very slow eaters and they manage to get the maximum amount of energy from such a small amount of food. They also sleep for up to 18 hours per day in order to conserve energy.

Koalas spend all their lives on eucalyptus trees and they don't have any need to leave them. Normally the animals don't drink water as they receive it from the leaves. For this reason the koala got its name from an ancient Aboriginal word meaning "no drink".

Koalas live in societies, just like humans, so they need to be able to come into contact with other koalas. They live in suitable eucalyptus forests which are large enough to support a healthy koala population and to allow for expansion by maturing young koalas. In spite of their peaceful and sleepy look, koalas are highly territorial animals and don't allow strangers to approach their "home trees" and "food trees".

A female koala gives birth to only one baby in one or two years. It's hairless, blind and very little – about 2 cms long! It gets into the mother's pouch – a special pocket of skin on the stomach – and stays there for six or seven months. Then it gets out of the pouch but stays with the mother until it's about one year old. Koalas are slow-breeding animals and their population can't grow fast. The animals were in danger of extinction at the beginning of the 20th century when the koala was hunted for its fur. Fortunately, the population has been restored and today the Australian government doesn't consider the koala as endangered.

8. To keep koalas as pets is very difficult.
 - 1) True
 - 2) False
 - 3) Not stated
9. Most animals enjoy eating fresh eucalyptus leaves.
 - 1) True
 - 2) False
 - 3) Not stated
10. Koalas eat low-calorie food.
 - 1) True
 - 2) False
 - 3) Not stated
11. Koalas need a lot of fresh water to stay healthy.
 - 1) True
 - 2) False
 - 3) Not stated
12. Koalas are more active at night than at daytime.
 - 1) True
 - 2) False
 - 3) Not stated

13. Koalas protect their territory from other koalas.
 - 1) True
 - 2) False
 - 3) Not stated
14. The baby koala can easily recognize its mother among other female koalas.
 - 1) True
 - 2) False
 - 3) Not stated
15. The number of koalas in Australia is falling down dramatically.
 - 1) True
 - 2) False
 - 3) Not stated

Part 3 (15 minutes)
Maximum points – 20
Use of English

Fill in the gaps with one word.

The Scots celebrate Hogmanay on the night of December 31st. It is a time for people to welcome the coming of the new year. Preparations for Hogmanay begin **1)**..... the end of November when Christmas trees **2)**..... decorated with colourful ornaments and twinkling lights. Shortbread biscuits and black buns are baked. On Auld Year's Night people dress smartly **3)** their best outfits.They also wear **4)**..... tartan clothes they might have. They gather in town squares and wait **5)**..... midnight. Many attend parties **6)**..... traditional folk music fills the air as people perform Scottish country dances.**7)**..... midnight, the clock strikes twelve and the clanging sound of bells ringing can **8)**..... heard. Everyone cheers and shouts "Happy New Year! and sings "Auld Lang Syne". They kiss **9)**..... other and drink a glass of Scotch whisky. Then the merry-makers go "first footing": they visit their friends to wish **10)** a happy new year. It **11)**.....believed that it's good luck **12)**..... the first foot to enter someone's house in the new year belongs to a tall, dark, handsome man First footers carry a piece of coal with them **13)** a good luck present. Hogmanay is a great time for everyone. It's the best time of the year to **14)** fun and enjoy yourself.

Complete each sentence with two to five words including the words in bold.

- 15) She went to Glasgow two weeks ago.
been/ She two weeks.
- 16) She has never eaten caviar before.
time/It's the she has eaten caviar.
- 17) The weather was so nice that we went for a picnic.
such/ It was we went for a picnic.
- 18) One of the four students he interviewed was from Spain.
whom/He interviewed four students, ... Spain.
- 19) The fridge was empty.
not/ There in the fridge.
- 20) My father didn't let me go to the boxing math.
allowed/ I to the boxing match.

Part 4 (20 minutes)
Maximum points – 10
Writing

Write your own version of the story based on the picture.

Don't forget to

- include a title;
- describe events in an entertaining way;
- include description of feelings and emotions;
- try to make an unexpected ending.

You should write about 80-100 words.



Listening

Use of English

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