

**Task 1**

*Guess the meaning of the following words from the text and connect them to their meanings. There are two meanings that you will not have to use.*

1	crops
2	crate
3	chest
4	gone wild
5	leaped
6	recuperated

A	the top part of the human body
B	jumped
C	became crazy
D	plants, such as grain, fruit or vegetables grown in large amounts
E	became healthy again
F	a wooden open box used especially to transport fragile goods
G	returned home
H	a large, strong box with a secure lid used for keeping possessions or moving them from one place to another

Ответ:

1	2	3	4	5	6
D	F	A	C	B	E
+	+	+	+	+	+

**Task 2**

*In which paragraph can we find some information about the following?*

- The kind of a car Mr. Walsh had  
 A       B       C       D       E      +
- The name of Mr. Walsh's illness  
 A       B       C       D       E      +
- Mr. Walsh's character  
 A       B       C       D       E      +
- The celebration that Mr. Walsh organized  
 A       B       C       D       E      +
- Who Mr. Walsh's best friend was  
 A       B       C       D       E      +
- What Mr. Walsh grew on his farm  
 A       B       C       D       E      +
- Frank's job  
 A       B       C       D       E      +

### Task 3

Choose the best answer:

- From the story you can guess that the author
  - thinks that Mr. Walsh should be more friendly.
  - thinks that Mr. Walsh should stop working.
  - likes Mr. Walsh as a person. †
  - does not like to work on a farm.
- If the author added a sentence to the end of paragraph D, which of the following would be best?
  - I hope to work on Mr. Walsh's farm this summer, too.
  - Mr. Walsh learned how to farm from his father.
  - Mr. Walsh was able to return to farm work in a few weeks. †
  - It is easy for me to lift the heavy crates of tomatoes.
- How many sons did Mr. Walsh have?
  - One
  - Two †
  - None
  - This information is not stated in the text.
- Who is the author of this story?
  - Mr. Walsh's son.
  - Archie's owner. †
  - A gas station worker.
  - Mr. Walsh's worker.
- What change should be made in sentence 15 to make it grammatically correct?
  - Change *started* to *would start*
  - Change *got* to *get*
  - Change *decided* to *had decided* †
  - Nothing needs to be changed
- Which sentence does not belong in paragraph B?
  - Sentence 6
  - Sentence 8 †
  - Sentence 9
  - Sentence 12

**Task 4**

1. In which country did this story happen? USA +

*Write four words that helped you understand which country it was.*

	word
2	truck +
3	god -
4	pants -
5	motor

+

## USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 40 minutes  
(40 points)

### Task 1

Read the text below and choose the word that fits best for each space. The first one is done for you.

Example answer:      0      A      B      C      D

### Giraffes

Giraffes are the tallest living animals. (0) Some adult giraffes are (1) tall enough to look into second-story windows. Their long necks help them get leaves and fruit that no (2) other animal can reach. (3) They see how a giraffe's life begins.

Before giving birth, a female giraffe searches for (4) a safe place. Both the baby, or calf, and the mother, or cow (5) live in a great deal of danger right after the birth. More (6) than half of all baby giraffes (7) die by lions, cheetahs, or hyenas minutes after they are born.

The new baby (8) weighs about 130 pounds and is 6 feet tall. The baby can run and jump 10 hours after it is born, but it (9) can't outrun an enemy.

The mother hides the calf in tall grass. Then she goes to search (10) for food. The baby is safe (11) as it stays still. The cow returns to nurse (12) the baby. The calf stays (13) there for about a month.

After a month the mother and baby join (14) with a group of four or five other cows with their calves. The calves stay together (15) near their mothers gather food. (16) Each one mother stays with (17) her. The cows return (18) at night to protect the calves. The calves stay in this group until they are about a year old.

By the time they are a year old, the giraffes are 10 to 12 feet tall. They can outrun all of their enemies (19) except the cheetah. The giraffes rarely attack (20) any an animal larger than themselves. They continue to grow until they are 7 or 8 years old. Adults are between 14 and 18 feet tall.



	A	B	C	D
0	<i>Most</i>	<i>Much</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	<i>At most</i>
1	tall	taller	tallest	the tallest
2	other	others	another	the other
3	Let	Lets	Let's	Let us to
4	---	a	an	the
5	---	be	is	are
6	---	of	than	then
7	killed	is killed	be killed	are killed
8	weighs	weigh	weight	weights
9	can	can not	cannot	could
10	---	for	a	of
11	so long so	as long as	all along	along the lines
12	---	a	an	the
13	hide	in hide	hidden	is hidden
14	---	to	together	of
15	while	awhile	a while	for a while
16	Sometime	Some time	Sometimes	Some times
17	they	them	their	there
18	---	at	in	on
19	accept	accent	exceed	except
20	---	at	on	to

### Task 2

*An eponym is a person, place or thing after whom or which someone or something is or is believed to be named. This is a task about eponyms. You are given two groups of definitions. On the left they describe geographical places and people. On the right they describe words that originated from the names of these geographical places and people. You need to connect these definitions in such a way, that they correspond correctly.*

There is an example done for you.

**Example:**

0	A village in Nizhny Novgorod Oblast, Volga region.	M	Traditional Russian craft – painting on wooden plates, spoons and bowls using red, black and golden colours.
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Ответ:

0
M

1	A country in Central America
2	In Greek mythology, a Titan that had to hold up the heavens or sky on his shoulders
3	A city in Ireland
4	A British aristocrat that loved eating while playing cards
5	An officer in the British Army who commanded the Light Brigade during the Crimean War
6	A Scottish chemist and inventor
7	A big country in East Asia
8	A British politician and military leader during the Napoleonic wars who served twice as Prime Minister and was also famous for his style in clothes
9	An island in the English Channel.
10	A Russian ballerina of the late 19 <sup>th</sup> and the early 20 <sup>th</sup> century

A	Two pieces of bread with food such as cheese, salad, or meat between them
B	Clay of high quality that is shaped and then heated to make it hard, or objects made from this, such as cups and plates
C	A coat that does not allow rain through
D	A piece of wool or cotton clothing that is worn on the upper part of the body and has sleeves but no opening at the front
E	A waterproof boot that covers the foot and the lower part of the leg, usually reaching almost up to the knee
F	A man's hat made from straw and usually worn in hot weather
G	A sweet cold dish consisting of a meringue with a layer of fruit and cream on top
H	A piece of clothing usually made from wool that covers the upper part of the body and the arms, fastening at the front with buttons and usually worn over other clothes
I	A book of maps
J	A humorous poem with five lines that often begins with "There was..."

Ответ:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
F	I	J	A	H	C	B	E	D	G

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*Below you will need to write the required word.*

There is an example done for you.

**Example:**

0. Traditional Russian craft – painting on wooden plates, spoons and bowls using red, black and golden colours. Khokhloma

11. Two pieces of bread with food such as cheese, salad, or meat between them

12. Clay of high quality that is shaped and then heated to make it hard, or objects made from this, such as cups and plates

13. A coat that does not allow rain through

14. A piece of wool or cotton clothing that is worn on the upper part of the body and has sleeves but no opening at the front

15. A waterproof boot that covers the foot and the lower part of the leg, usually reaching almost up to the knee

16. A man's hat made from straw and usually worn in hot weather

17. A sweet cold dish consisting of a meringue with a layer of fruit and cream on top

18. A piece of clothing usually made from wool that covers the upper part of the body and the arms, fastening at the front with buttons and usually worn over other clothes

19. A book of maps

20. A humorous poem with five lines that often begins with "There was..."





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**LISTENING**  
**Time: 15 minutes**  
**(9 points)**

Listen to the dialogue between Wendy and Robert. Then, do the following tasks. You will hear the dialogue **three** times. Now you have 2 minutes to read the tasks.

1. Choose the right statement:

- Robert is younger than Wendy.
- Wendy is younger than Robert. +
- Robert and Wendy are twins.

+595

2. Robert

- speaks Russian very well.
- speaks Russian not very well. +
- doesn't speak Russian at all.

3. Robert is going to make a presentation about

- a church +
- a university
- a square
- a fortress

4. In this dialogue buildings are compared to 2 foods. What are these two foods?

cake onion + \_\_\_\_\_

5. In this dialogue two synonyms are used which mean "very big". What are these two words?

huge ~ gigantic +

6. Sometimes we answer questions by simply saying "yes". But sometimes we use other expressions. Some of these expressions mean that we are absolutely certain, it is a real "yes". But sometimes they mean that even though we want to say "yes", we are not 100% certain.

Answer the following 2 questions using 2 expressions from the dialogue, which mean 1. "Yes, and I'm absolutely certain about it"; 2. "Yes, but I'm not quite certain".

1) Did you enjoy your summer holidays? - I sure did! ("Yes, and I'm absolutely certain about it"; 3 words)

2) Do you like cooking? - I guess I do! ("Yes, but I'm not quite certain"; 4 words)



## READING

Time: 15 minutes

(9 points)

Read the text below. Fill in the blanks 1–6 with sentences A–F. Then answer the questions 7–9 after the text.

There are lots of reasons to bring your own water bottle to school. (1) C. One time, I drank too much of it, and it made me sick. (2) B. And I still didn't feel well! (3) A. Why go through all that trouble just because you're thirsty? (4) E. Always try to make your life easier! (5) F. Be careful, though, because that could land you in the principal's office. (6) D. In short, I think having a water bottle is a good idea.

- A. Also, having your own water bottle means you don't have to get up to get a drink.
- B. The nurse made me drink half a bottle of Pepto Bismol!
- C. For one thing, it means you don't have to drink the nasty stuff coming out of the rusty pipes.
- D. Believe me – you really don't want to have that conversation or your parents to be informed about your bad behaviour!
- E. And sometimes it's not just being lazy – your teacher may not let you go get it.
- F. Finally, if somebody wants to fight with you, you can squirt them in the eye.

7. Which title is best for this text?

- You need to Be Healthy!
- You Do Need That Bottle! +
- Why People Need Water

8. Which sentence is the best to finish this text?

- I bring a sandwich to school too.
- Wouldn't you agree with me? +
- I buy it in the local supermarket.

9. Who wrote this text?

- A teacher
- A pupil +
- A parent

## USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 40 minutes

(58 points)

### Task 1

Read the text below and choose the best answer for each space. The first one is done for you.

Example:

(0) A. traveled      B. travels      C. has traveled

### An Interesting Collection

Erica's grandfather, Max, was a sailor. He traveled all over the world. When he (0) traveled, he collected shells. Now he has shells from (1) different different places.

Erica always admired her (2) favorite shells. When she (3) was nine years old, she started (4) a town shell collection. She hopes to have a collection like her grandfather's someday. She knows it will (5) take a long time.

Erica collects shells from the shores of rivers, lakes, seas and streams. (6) Where she finds shells in dry places that used to be underwater. Most of the shells (7) she she collects belong to a group of animals known as mollusks. Snails, clams, and oysters (8) are mollusks.

Each animal's shell differs in shape as well as in size and color. A snail's shell is one piece. It is like a tube that turns around (9) itself as it grows. Clams and oysters have shells made of two parts joined together at one spot. Clams and oysters (10) don't keep their shells open when (11) they're resting. Other mollusks have shells called tooth shells. (12) Some shells look like long needles.

Erica (13) has been collecting shells for three years. She has almost one hundred shells. Max told her it was (14) important to care for her collection properly. He taught Erica how (15) to care for her shells. She boils them in water for five to ten minutes. (16) After she washes the shells in soap and water. Finally, she puts the shells on pieces of cardboard. On each piece of cardboard, she writes down the name of the shell and when and where she (17) found it.

Now Erica and her grandfather go looking (18) for shells together. Erica even has one or two shells that her grandfather (19) collected. There are (20) so many kinds of shells that both of their collections will keep growing for a long time.

	A	B	C
1	lot	many	more
2	grandfather	grandfathers	grandfather's
3	is	was	will be
4	she	her	hers
5	take	have	get
6	Some time	Sometime	Sometimes
7	that	this	than
8	are all	are together	are everyone
9	it	it is	itself
10	doesn't	can	have
11	there are	there're	they are
12	This	These	This is
13	is	will be	has been
14	now	time	then
15	clean	to clean	cleaner
16	Then	Than	That
17	finds	found	founded
18	for	after	–
19	not have	don't have	doesn't have
20	so	as	too



**Task 5**

*Homophones are words that are spelled in different ways but pronounced exactly the same. Find the words in the left and right columns that sound the same, write them down, and mark the numbers of homophones from the left column in the right column.*

Example:

0. An insect that makes honey <u>bee</u>	№ 0 To live, to exist <u>be</u>
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1. What people and animals do with the help of their eyes <u>see</u> +	№ 3 Use a pen for forming letters and words on paper <u>write</u> +
2. Opposite of yes <u>no</u> +	№ 5 In this place <u>here</u> +
3. Opposite of left and wrong <u>right</u> +	№ 9 2 <u>two</u> +
4. Stuff that grows on people's heads <u>haer</u> -	№ 6 Belonging to us <u>our</u> +
5. What people and animals do with the help of their ears <u>to hear</u> +	№ 7 Became victorious <u>won</u> -
6. 60 minutes <u>hour</u> +	№ 1 A big body of salty water <u>sea</u> +
7. 1 <u>one</u> +	№ 10 A big star that the Earth is rotating around <u>Sun</u> +
8. Myself, me <u>I</u> +	№ 2 To have information about something <u>to know</u> +
9. Also <u>too</u> +	№ 8 An organ on the face that is used for seeing <u>eye</u> +
10. Somebody's child that is a boy <u>son</u> +	№ 4 An animal with long ears and a small tail <u>hare</u> +

### Task 6

*In 1867 the future famous author of Alice in Wonderland Lewis Carroll came to Moscow. While travelling, he kept a journal where he wrote about everything he was doing. Some of the things he wrote in Russian using English letters. Try to guess what he meant! Write the words in Russian. Don't make spelling mistakes in the Russian words or else they won't be counted as correct answers!*

The first one is done for you.

“AUG.14 (W.) The morning went in a visit to the Bank & the **Dvor** (0) Двор. We dined at the “Moscow Traktir” on a genuine Russian dinner, with Russian wine... Here is the bill of fare.

- + 1) супу пирожки soup ee pirashkée
- + 2) персенок parasainok
- + 3) всетрина acetrina
- + 4) котлеты kotletee
- + 5) мароженое marojenoi
- + 6) крымское krimskoe
- + 7) кофе kofe”.....

“..... As an instance of the extraordinary long words which the language contains, he spelt for me the following: – 8) заштешештшайоуштшеехсыя which, + written in English letters, is Zashtsheeshtshayoushtsheekhsya: – this alarming word is the genitive plural of a participle, and means “of person defending themselves.”



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**LISTENING**  
**Time: 10 minutes**  
**(10 points)**

For items 1–10, listen to a young man called Simon talking about the 'gap year' he took after finishing secondary school and choose the best answer. You will hear the text **twice**.

- Simon's parents
  - supported the idea of a gap year.
  - preferred him to continue his education. +
  - wanted him to work until he retired.
- What was the main reason Simon wanted a gap year?
  - to become independent. +
  - to get away from his family.
  - to forget about his schooldays.
- Life at university is
  - pretty much the same as at school. /
  - unbearable for some students.
  - full of entertainments.
- What did Simon do in his last year of school?
  - prepare for a change of lifestyle. /
  - daydream instead of studying.
  - plan his gap year trip.
- Simon planned to visit some particular countries because
  - they were not very far from his home country.
  - the language would be no problem there.
  - he would be able to earn his living there. +
- What did Simon enjoy about working in France?
  - He learnt to pick fruit. /
  - He improved his language skills.
  - He became interested in Vietnam.

7. What proved to be useful when Simon got to Vietnam?

- having met a lot of other gap year students.
- brushing up his French.
- fruit picking skills.

8. When Simon got to Australia he

- got a job in a zoo.
- had no money left.
- bought a pet.

9. Simon ended his gap year

- working as a waiter.
- travelling as a tourist.
- in the USA and Brazil.

10. How did his gap year affect Simon?

- He was encouraged to diet.
- He decided to follow a different career.
- He wanted to go to university when he was older.

5.

**READING**  
**Time: 20 minutes**  
**(15 points)**

*Read an extract from a novel and answer questions.*

**Australian Road Trip**

Dad had been driving our family through the beautiful countryside of Australia for some days, mainly along the coast. Then he suddenly decided we should explore what the scenery was like inland too, so we turned away from the sea and drove for miles through the countryside. Dad was very optimistic about what an adventure it would be, but it wasn't long before the rest of us suspected it was going to be pretty dull, not to mention uncomfortable as the roads were now full of hazardous holes.

The scenery was mostly dry plains, spotted with eucalyptus trees and a few flowering plants somehow managing to survive the climate. It seemed just about the loneliest place I'd ever visited. We drove through several towns – tiny groups of houses with a handful of stores – separated by miles and miles of empty road in between, sometimes punctuated by the odd house on the roadside here and there.

I was curious about the signs that pointed away up endless long driveways to single houses, and started to wonder about the lives of people living there. But immediately the thought of living in such a quiet, remote place made my heart sink, and I thought longingly of my own house thousands of miles away.

If we were hoping to see some wildlife, we weren't disappointed. Large adult kangaroos were a common sight as the sun started to go down, feeding off the rather thin grass on the roadside – probably because on the other side of the fences the cattle had eaten absolutely all the nicer stuff, so nothing else remained for the poor kangaroos. Luckily they stayed away from vehicles, so at least we weren't in danger of crashing into them.

Further along the way, we met some cattle drovers who'd been driving their cattle thousands of miles over a period of months, towards areas where they knew there'd been small amounts of rain. There were just five of them to look after more than a thousand animals, and we learnt that they just drove their cattle towards wherever it rained. They never knew what would happen from one day to the next, which seemed a strange, unattractive sort of life to me.

Then we finally approached a big town, where there was a huge zoo. By this time, we really wanted to get out of our car and do something, so we parked up and went in. The zoo had mainly Australian animals, some of which we'd already come across along the way, so we were quite keen to find out more about them. We saw a crocodile show, where they get crocodiles to jump out of the water by hanging some meat in the air. Far from being the quiet animals they look when they are fast asleep on a riverbank, they were transformed into fierce, snapping creatures that reminded me of ancient, terrifying dinosaurs.

While we were there, two new crocodiles arrived. The two adults had been



found injured in the wild, and transported to the zoo in a plane, inside special long wooden boxes designed to keep crocodiles cool and quiet during a journey. Once they were at the zoo, they were released into their pond, and they ran straight into the water to cool off, sinking down until just their eyes were visible.

Then we went off to see some kangaroos. This time, rather than just seeing them from afar, you could touch them if you wanted and feel their soft fur. One actually had a baby in its special pouch, like a little pocket, with just the baby's tail sticking out! The keeper happened to mention that adult kangaroos can kick at their enemies really fiercely, so I decided against getting too near the mother, even though she was with the keeper, and just settled for a photo instead.

### Task 1

*In boxes 1–7 on your answer sheet, circle: **TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; **FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information given in the text, or if the information on the statement is **NOT STATED** in the text.*

1. Sara had never been to Australia before.  
• TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED      +
2. The vegetation of the inland territory they were driving across was very diverse.  
• TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED      +
3. In the afternoon, the travelers saw a number of kangaroos along the road.  
 TRUE      • FALSE      • NOT STATED      +
4. The cattle drovers were trying to keep the animals safe from the rain.  
• TRUE       FALSE      • NOT STATED      +
5. The zoo didn't appeal to the travelers as it kept only animals endemic to Australia, which they had already seen along the way.  
• TRUE       FALSE      • NOT STATED      +
6. The new crocodiles were transported to the zoo by air in individual cases.  
 TRUE      • FALSE      • NOT STATED      +
7. Sarah decided to steer clear of the mother kangaroo for fear of being attacked.  
 TRUE       FALSE      • NOT STATED      +

7.

## Task 2

*Choose option which best fits according to the text. Circle the correct letter in boxes 1–8 on your answer sheet.*

1. Sarah says that when her dad drove off the coast road to explore the countryside
  - he quickly decided he had made a mistake.
  - the family were relieved to be on better roads.
  - he was thrilled with the views they discovered
  - the family soon realised the drive wouldn't be very exciting. +
2. How does Sarah describe the towns they passed through?
  - There was no sign of life between each one.
  - They were located very far apart. +
  - There were a lot of gardens in each one.
  - They had quite a few shops.
3. How was Sarah affected by the remote homes she saw along the way?
  - She began to feel quite homesick. +
  - She was keen to know more about the owners' lifestyles.
  - She found the thought of living there scary.
  - She wondered why people wanted to live so far from other people.
4. When Sarah first spotted some wild kangaroos, she
  - hoped they wouldn't be the only wildlife they saw.
  - was afraid they might be dangerous.
  - felt concerned about their lack of food. +
  - was surprised at their size.
5. What did Sarah feel about the cattle drovers' way of life?
  - She envied them their lifestyle.
  - It was very unpredictable. +
  - It was physically exhausting.
  - She decided she'd like to work with animals too.
6. When Sarah saw the crocodile show at the zoo, she was
  - frightened by their behaviour +
  - disappointed that they were asleep.
  - keen to have a better look at them.
  - attracted by their unusual appearance.



7. Sarah says that the new crocodiles at the zoo
- appeared stressed by the journey they'd had.
  - had been transported there in an inappropriate way.
  - seemed pleased to be in their new home.
  - had been brought in because they were babies.

8. At the zoo, Sarah managed to
- photograph some kangaroos.
  - see how kangaroos defend themselves.
  - ask the kangaroos' keeper some questions.
  - stroke the kangaroos.

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**USE OF ENGLISH**

**Time: 60 minutes**

**(40 points)**

**Task 1**

*For items 1–10, 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. There is an example at the beginning (0).*

**Example:**

0 EDITOR

**WANT TO BE A TEENAGE MODEL?**

Ceri Palmer used to be the (0) <u>editor</u> of a magazine for teenagers and	<b>EDIT</b>	
has made several (1) <u>appear</u> on TV.	<b>APPEAR</b>	/
She recently added 'designer' to her growing list of (2) <u>achieve</u> .	<b>ACHIEVE</b>	/
Ceri's experience in the magazine industry means she has lots of advice on starting a career in (3) <u>profession</u> :	<b>MODEL</b>	/
"A lot of the most (4) <u>high</u> girls and boys become models because	<b>SUCCESS</b>	/
they are spotted on the street by the owner of an (5) <u>agent</u> .	<b>AGENT</b>	/
But this is (6) <u>success</u> to happen to many people, so you should send your photos to an agent instead.	<b>LIKE</b>	/
Don't pay to have photos taken (7) <u>model</u> - if an agent likes you, they'll organize this.	<b>PROFESSION</b>	/
You may find it (8) <u>surprise</u> to hear that models don't need to be really good-looking.	<b>SURPRISE</b>	/
Your (9) <u>like</u> and your look matter more.	<b>HIGH</b>	/
Finally, schools for models are (10) <u>expense</u> and a waste of money, in my opinion."	<b>EXPENSE</b>	/

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**Task 8**

*For items 1–10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).*

**Example:**

	A	B	C	D
0	Conservatively	Traditionally	Customarily	Practically

0	B
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**A YOUNG CONTENDER**

(0) C, bowls is described (1) A being a game which is played by senior citizens, so the announcement that a ten-year-old will be taking part in the National Bowls Championship has come as a shock to many players.

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Ответ:

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**Time: 10 minutes**  
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**USE OF ENGLISH**

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4	liked	stood	set	took√
5	mustn't	can't √	oughtn't	shouldn't
6	benefit	advantage √	profit	gain
7	sudden	straight	direct	instant √
8	for	from	about √	with
9	peak	top √	summit	crest
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*In boxes 1–7 on your answer sheet, circle: **TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; **FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information given in the text, or if the information on the statement is **NOT STATED** in the text.*

1. Sara had never been to Australia before.  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED      +
2. The vegetation of the inland territory they were driving across was very diverse.  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED      +
3. In the afternoon, the travelers saw a number of kangaroos along the road.      +  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED
4. The cattle drovers were trying to keep the animals safe from the rain.      +  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED
5. The zoo didn't appeal to the travelers as it kept only animals endemic to Australia, which they had already seen along the way.      /  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED
6. The new crocodiles were transported to the zoo by air in individual cases.      +  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED
7. Sarah decided to steer clear of the mother kangaroo for fear of being attacked.      +  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED

6.



## Task 2

Choose option which best fits according to the text. Circle the correct letter in boxes 1–8 on your answer sheet.

1. Sarah says that when her dad drove off the coast road to explore the countryside
  - he quickly decided he had made a mistake.
  - the family were relieved to be on better roads.
  - he was thrilled with the views they discovered
  - the family soon realised the drive wouldn't be very exciting. +
2. How does Sarah describe the towns they passed through?
  - There was no sign of life between each one.
  - They were located very far apart.
  - There were a lot of gardens in each one. +
  - They had quite a few shops.
3. How was Sarah affected by the remote homes she saw along the way?
  - She began to feel quite homesick.
  - She was keen to know more about the owners' lifestyles. +
  - She found the thought of living there scary.
  - She wondered why people wanted to live so far from other people.
4. When Sarah first spotted some wild kangaroos, she
  - hoped they wouldn't be the only wildlife they saw.
  - was afraid they might be dangerous.
  - felt concerned about their lack of food. +
  - was surprised at their size.
5. What did Sarah feel about the cattle drovers' way of life?
  - She envied them their lifestyle.
  - It was very unpredictable. +
  - It was physically exhausting.
  - She decided she'd like to work with animals too.
6. When Sarah saw the crocodile show at the zoo, she was
  - frightened by their behaviour
  - disappointed that they were asleep. +
  - keen to have a better look at them.
  - attracted by their unusual appearance.

7. Sarah says that the new crocodiles at the zoo
- appeared stressed by the journey they'd had.
  - had been transported there in an inappropriate way.
  - seemed pleased to be in their new home.
  - had been brought in because they were babies. +
8. At the zoo, Sarah managed to
- photograph some kangaroos.
  - see how kangaroos defend themselves. +
  - ask the kangaroos' keeper some questions.
  - stroke the kangaroos.

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**USE OF ENGLISH**

**Time: 60 minutes**

**(40 points)**

**Task 1**

*For items 1–10, 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. There is an example at the beginning (0).*

**Example:**

0 EDITOR

**WANT TO BE A TEENAGE MODEL?**

Ceri Palmer used to be the (0) <u>editor</u> of a magazine for teenagers and	EDIT	
has made several (1) <u>appearances</u> on TV.	APPEAR	+
She recently added 'designer' to her growing list of (2) <u>achievements</u> .	ACHIEVE	+
Ceri's experience in the magazine industry means she has lots of advice on starting a career in (3) <u>modeling</u> :	MODEL	+
"A lot of the most (4) <u>successful</u> girls and boys become models because	SUCCESS	+
they are spotted on the street by the owner of an (5) <u>agency</u> .	AGENT	+
But this is (6) <u>unlikely</u> to happen to many people, so you should send your photos to an agent instead.	LIKE	
Don't pay to have photos taken (7) <u>professionally</u> - if an agent likes you, they'll organize this.	PROFESSION	+
You may find it (8) <u>surprising</u> to hear that models don't need to be really good-looking.	SURPRISE	+
Your (9) <u>height</u> and your look matter more.	HIGH	+
Finally, schools for models are (10) <u>expensive</u> and a waste of money, in my opinion."	EXPENSE	+

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### Task 8

*For items 1–10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).*

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0	B
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+

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- photograph some kangaroos.
  - see how kangaroos defend themselves.
  - ask the kangaroos' keeper some questions.
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+

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**USE OF ENGLISH**

**Time: 60 minutes**

**(40 points)**

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0 EDITOR

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Ceri Palmer used to be the (0) <u>editor</u> of a magazine for teenagers and	EDIT	
has made several (1) <u>appearances</u> on TV.	APPEAR	+
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"A lot of the most (4) <u>successful</u> girls and boys become models because	SUCCESS	+
they are spotted on the street by the owner of an (5) <u>agency</u> .	AGENT	+
But this is (6) <u>unlikely</u> to happen to many people, so you should send your photos to an agent instead.	LIKE	+
Don't pay to have photos taken (7) <u>professionally</u> - if an agent likes you, they'll organize this.	PROFESSION	+
You may find it (8) <u>surprising</u> to hear that models don't need to be really good-looking.	SURPRISE	+
Your (9) <u>height</u> and your look matter more.	HIGH	+
Finally, schools for models are (10) <u>expensive</u> and a waste of money, in my opinion."	EXPENSE	+

10.

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	A	B	C	D
0	Conservatively	Traditionally	Customarily	Practically

0	B
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#### A YOUNG CONTENDER

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1	from	with	as	for
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3	owned	belonged	possessed	effected
4	liked	stood	set	took
5	mustn't	can't	oughtn't	shouldn't
6	benefit	advantage	profit	gain
7	sudden	straight	direct	instant
8	for	from	about	with
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10.



**Task 9**

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0	The BBC has just announced that it will be showing	V	
00	a new series called <i>Neighbours from Hell</i> from by the	by	
1	beginning of next month. Since it is being thought that	being	+
2	many citizens have to stand up for their neighbours' rude	up	+
3	behaviour either because they do not have enough of	of	+
4	evidence for the police to act or they are too much	much	+
5	frightened	V	+
6	of their neighbours, the show is likely to be popular.		
7	Although the first episode shows the case of two elderly		
8	men who have had an argument about a water supply		
9	last year. As a result of this, one of the men threatened		
10	the other. Despite of the fact that threats had been		
11	made, the police could not do nothing until they		
12	had proof that the law had been broken. The man		
13	who had been threatened decided that he should to get		
14	the evidence required so he went to home, got out his		
15	video camera and waited for his neighbour to carry out		
	his threat. When his neighbour reached to his garden and		
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	the police needed.		

5.

### Task

For items 1-5, match the two columns to make English sayings. In the right column, there are three extra phrases you don't need. There is an example at the beginning.

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1	Between the devil and
2	To have a card up
3	An iron fist in
4	To keep the wolf from
5	To have several irons in

A	the fire.
B	a velvet glove.
C	the horse.
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E	one stone.
F	the deep blue sea.
G	the other side.
H	a brick wall
I	your sleeve.

Ответ:

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3	behaviour either because they do not have enough of	of	+
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HR

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7	men who <del>have</del> had an argument about a water supply	have	+
8	last year. As a result of this, one of the men threatened	✓	+
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found injured in the wild, and transported to the zoo in a plane, inside special long wooden boxes designed to keep crocodiles cool and quiet during a journey. Once they were at the zoo, they were released into their pond, and they ran straight into the water to cool off, sinking down until just their eyes were visible.

Then we went off to see some kangaroos. This time, rather than just seeing them from afar, you could touch them if you wanted and feel their soft fur. One actually had a baby in its special pouch, like a little pocket, with just the baby's tail sticking out! The keeper happened to mention that adult kangaroos can kick at their enemies really fiercely, so I decided against getting too near the mother, even though she was with the keeper, and just settled for a photo instead.

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*In boxes 1–7 on your answer sheet, circle: **TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; **FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information given in the text, or if the information on the statement is **NOT STATED** in the text.*

1. Sara had never been to Australia before.  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED      +
2. The vegetation of the inland territory they were driving across was very diverse.  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED      +
3. In the afternoon, the travelers saw a number of kangaroos along the road.  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED      +
4. The cattle drovers were trying to keep the animals safe from the rain.  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED      +
5. The zoo didn't appeal to the travelers as it kept only animals endemic to Australia, which they had already seen along the way.  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED      +
6. The new crocodiles were transported to the zoo by air in individual cases.  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED      +
7. Sarah decided to steer clear of the mother kangaroo for fear of being attacked.  
 TRUE       FALSE       NOT STATED      +

7.



**READING**  
**Time: 20 minutes**  
**(15 points)**

*Read an extract from a novel and answer questions.*

**Australian Road Trip**

Dad had been driving our family through the beautiful countryside of Australia for some days, mainly along the coast. Then he suddenly decided we should explore what the scenery was like inland too, so we turned away from the sea and drove for miles through the countryside. Dad was very optimistic about what an adventure it would be, but it wasn't long before the rest of us suspected it was going to be pretty dull, not to mention uncomfortable as the roads were now full of hazardous holes.

The scenery was mostly dry plains, spotted with eucalyptus trees and a few flowering plants somehow managing to survive the climate. It seemed just about the loneliest place I'd ever visited. We drove through several towns – tiny groups of houses with a handful of stores – separated by miles and miles of empty road in between, sometimes punctuated by the odd house on the roadside here and there.

I was curious about the signs that pointed away up endless long driveways to single houses, and started to wonder about the lives of people living there. But immediately the thought of living in such a quiet, remote place made my heart sink, and I thought longingly of my own house thousands of miles away.

If we were hoping to see some wildlife, we weren't disappointed. Large adult kangaroos were a common sight as the sun started to go down, feeding off the rather thin grass on the roadside – probably because on the other side of the fences the cattle had eaten absolutely all the nicer stuff, so nothing else remained for the poor kangaroos. Luckily they stayed away from vehicles, so at least we weren't in danger of crashing into them.

Further along the way, we met some cattle drovers who'd been driving their cattle thousands of miles over a period of months, towards areas where they knew there'd been small amounts of rain. There were just five of them to look after more than a thousand animals, and we learnt that they just drove their cattle towards wherever it rained. They never knew what would happen from one day to the next, which seemed a strange, unattractive sort of life to me.

Then we finally approached a big town, where there was a huge zoo. By this time, we really wanted to get out of our car and do something, so we parked up and went in. The zoo had mainly Australian animals, some of which we'd already come across along the way, so we were quite keen to find out more about them. We saw a crocodile show, where they get crocodiles to jump out of the water by hanging some meat in the air. Far from being the quiet animals they look when they are fast asleep on a riverbank, they were transformed into fierce, snapping creatures that reminded me of ancient, terrifying dinosaurs.

While we were there, two new crocodiles arrived. The two adults had been

7. What proved to be useful when Simon got to Vietnam?

- having met a lot of other gap year students.
- brushing up his French. +
- fruit picking skills.

8. When Simon got to Australia he

- got a job in a zoo.
- had no money left. +
- bought a pet.

9. Simon ended his gap year

- working as a waiter.
- travelling as a tourist.
- in the USA and Brazil. +

10. How did his gap year affect Simon?

- He was encouraged to diet.
- He decided to follow a different career. +
- He wanted to go to university when he was older.

10.

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**LISTENING**  
**Time: 10 minutes**  
**(10 points)**

*For items 1–10, listen to a young man called Simon talking about the 'gap year' he took after finishing secondary school and choose the best answer. You will hear the text twice.*

1. Simon's parents
  - supported the idea of a gap year.
  - preferred him to continue his education. +
  - wanted him to work until he retired.
  
2. What was the main reason Simon wanted a gap year?
  - to become independent. +
  - to get away from his family.
  - to forget about his schooldays.
  
3. Life at university is
  - pretty much the same as at school. +
  - unbearable for some students.
  - full of entertainments.
  
4. What did Simon do in his last year of school?
  - prepare for a change of lifestyle. +
  - daydream instead of studying.
  - plan his gap year trip.
  
5. Simon planned to visit some particular countries because
  - they were not very far from his home country.
  - the language would be no problem there. +
  - he would be able to earn his living there.
  
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  - he quickly decided he had made a mistake.
  - the family were relieved to be on better roads.
  - he was thrilled with the views they discovered
  - the family soon realised the drive wouldn't be very exciting. †
2. How does Sarah describe the towns they passed through?
  - There was no sign of life between each one.
  - They were located very far apart. †
  - There were a lot of gardens in each one.
  - They had quite a few shops.
3. How was Sarah affected by the remote homes she saw along the way?
  - She began to feel quite homesick.
  - She was keen to know more about the owners' lifestyles.
  - She found the thought of living there scary.
  - She wondered why people wanted to live so far from other people. †
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  - was afraid they might be dangerous.
  - felt concerned about their lack of food. †
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  - had been transported there in an inappropriate way.
  - seemed pleased to be in their new home.
  - had been brought in because they were babies.

†

8. At the zoo, Sarah managed to
- photograph some kangaroos.
  - see how kangaroos defend themselves.
  - ask the kangaroos' keeper some questions.
  - stroke the kangaroos.

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**USE OF ENGLISH**

**Time: 60 minutes**

**(40 points)**

**Task 1**

*For items 1–10, 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. There is an example at the beginning (0).*

**Example:**

**0 EDITOR**

**WANT TO BE A TEENAGE MODEL?**

Ceri Palmer used to be the (0) <u>Editor editor</u> of a magazine for teenagers and	<b>EDIT</b>	
has made several (1) <u>appearances</u> on TV.	<b>APPEAR</b>	+
She recently added 'designer' to her growing list of (2) <u>achievements</u> .	<b>ACHIEVE</b>	+
Ceri's experience in the magazine industry means she has lots of advice on starting a career in (3) <u>modeling</u> :	<b>MODEL</b>	+
"A lot of the most (4) <u>successful</u> girls and boys become models because	<b>SUCCESS</b>	+
they are spotted on the street by the owner of an (5) <u>agent's</u> agency	<b>AGENT</b>	+
But this is (6) <u>likely</u> to happen to many people, so you should send your photos to an agent instead.	<b>LIKE</b>	+
Don't pay to have photos taken (7) <u>by professionals</u> - if an agent likes you, they'll organize this.	<b>PROFESSION</b>	+
You may find it (8) <u>surprising</u> to hear that models don't need to be really good-looking.	<b>SURPRISE</b>	+
Your (9) <u>height</u> and your look matter more.	<b>HIGH</b>	+
Finally, schools for models are (10) <u>expensive</u> and a waste of money, in my opinion."	<b>EXPENSE</b>	+

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**Task 8**

*For items 1–10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).*

**Example:**

	A	B	C	D
0	Conservatively	Traditionally	Customarily	Practically

0 B

**A YOUNG CONTENDER**

(0)\_\_\_ ,bowls is described (1) B being a game which is played by senior citizens, so the announcement that a ten-year-old will be taking part in the National Bowls Championship has come as a shock to many players.

At the age of five, Ean Morton (2) C his football boots for a set of bowls which once (3) B to his great-grand-mother. He (4) A to bowls at once but it (5) C have been easy for Ean because he had to play against people who could take (6) AB of his inexperience. In spite of the fact that Ean did not achieve (7) D success at bowls, he refused to allow it to spoil his enjoyment of it.

Now, five years later, Ean is more than a match for most of his opponents. He is very excited (8) A playing in the tournament but admits that he doesn't really know what to expect. His father, who will also be playing in the Championship, is more optimistic. He believes that Ean will reach the (9) A and is prepared to (10) C by him every step of the way.

	A	B	C	D
1	from	with	<del>as</del>	for
2	swapped	converted	switched	bartered
3	owned	belonged	possessed	effected
4	<del>liked</del>	stood	set	took
5	mustn't	can't	oughtn't	shouldn't
6	benefit	advantage	profit	gain
7	sudden	straight	direct	instant
8	<del>for</del>	from	about	with
9	peak	top	summit	crest
10	support	set	stand	back

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**Task 9**

For questions 1–15, read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct put a tick. Use the letter "V" as a tick. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in a given space. There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).

**NEIGHBOURS FROM HELL**

0	The BBC has just announced that it will be showing	V	
00	a new series called <i>Neighbours from Hell</i> from by the	by	
1	beginning of next month. Since it is being thought that	<del>since</del>	/
2	many citizens have to stand up for their neighbours' rude	V	/
3	behaviour either because they do not have enough of	<del>either of</del>	+
4	evidence for the police to act or they are too much	much	+
5	frightened	V	+
6	of their neighbours, the show is likely to be popular.	V	+
7	Although the first episode shows the case of two elderly	although	+
8	men who have had an argument about a water supply	have had	+
9	last year. As a result of this, one of the men threatened	V	+
10	the other. Despite of the fact that threats had been	V	/
11	made, the police could not do nothing until they	<del>nothing not</del>	/
12	had proof that the law had been broken. The man	V	/
13	who had been threatened decided that he should to get	to	+
14	the evidence required so he went to home, got out his	to	+
15	video camera and waited for his neighbour to carry out	video	/
	his threat. When his neighbour reached to his garden and	the	/
	started to destroy his vegetables, he secured the evidence		
	the police needed.		

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### Task

For items 1-5, match the two columns to make English sayings. In the right column, there are three extra phrases you don't need. There is an example at the beginning.

0 E

0	To kill two birds with
1	Between the devil and
2	To have a card up
3	An iron fist in
4	To keep the wolf from
5	To have several irons in

A	the fire.
B	a velvet glove.
C	the horse.
D	the door.
E	one stone.
F	the deep blue sea.
G	the other side.
H	a brick wall
I	your sleeve.

ОТВЕТ:

1	2	3	4	5
G	I	B	A	H

1 + f - -

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