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Уважаемый участник олимпиады!

Вам предстоит выполнить письменные задания. Время выполнения заданий письменного тура - **80 минут**. Выполнение заданий целесообразно организовать следующим образом:

- не спеша, внимательно прочитайте формулировку задания,
- после выполнения всех предложенных заданий еще раз удостоверьтесь в правильности своих ответов,
- **не забудьте перенести все ответы в Бланк ответов,**
- если потребуется корректировка выбранного Вами варианта ответа, то неправильный вариант ответа аккуратно зачеркните крестиком и рядом напишите новый ответ.

Обращаем Ваше внимание, при оценке тестовых заданий, где необходимо определить **один** правильный ответ, **0 баллов** выставляется как за неверный ответ, так и за выбранные несколько ответов (в том числе правильный) или за выбранные все ответы.

Максимальная оценка по итогам выполненных заданий - **65 баллов**.

LISTENING

(15 minutes)

Task 1. Look at the map and match the cities below with the letters on the map.
You will hear a travel agent talking to a man about river cruises in Europe. Write the correct letter A-H next to the cities 1-5. There are several extra letters that you do NOT need to use.



1. Dresden _____
2. Nuremberg _____
3. Passau _____
4. Regensburg _____
5. Bratislava _____

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Task 2. You will hear the next part of the conversation. Answer the questions 6 to 10.

Complete the table below.

Write **one word and/or a number** for each answer.

	Number of days on tour	Number of days on board ship	Price	Includes
Cruise 1	(6) ____ days	(7) ____ days	£ 1,600	• full board • (9) ____ meals • excursions in Berlin, Vienna, Budapest, Dresden.
Cruise 2	11 days	10 days	(8) £ ____	• full board • 32 meals • excursions in (10) _____ and Bucharest

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

READING

(20 minutes)

Task 1. Read six texts about amazing places in Russia (1-6). Then match the places (1-6) to the headings (A -G). There is one heading that does NOT match any text.

A. THE BEST FOR SPORT AND RELAXATION

E. ANCIENT BEAUTY BY THE RIVER

B. NATURE’S MAGIC MIRROR

F. WHERE ADEVENTURE MEETS TRADITION

C. WHERE EARTH COMES ALIVE

G. A CITY OF TWO CULTURES

D. GOLDEN DOMES OF A MODERN METROPOLIS

1. The Altai Mountains

The Altai Mountains are a paradise for nature lovers! With snow-covered peaks, deep forests, and crystal-clear lakes, this region is perfect for hiking, horse riding, and even white-water rafting.

Unique Wildlife Spotting:

-Learn about the conservation of the rare snow leopard, which is almost impossible to see in the wild.

-Spot golden eagles - sacred to local nomads

Cultural Experiences:

-Sleep in an authentic Kazakh yurt under starry skies

-Taste mountain honey - so pure it never spoils

-Join a traditional throat-singing performance

Pro Tip: Take a multi-day horseback tour to reach remote mountain lakes that few tourists ever see!

2. Kaliningrad

Kaliningrad is a unique mix of European and Russian history! It offers a fascinating blend of old German architecture and modern Russian life. It's perfect for curious travellers who like history and unusual places.

Unique Historical Sights:

- Visit the Curonian Spit, the longest sand dune in the world, separating the Baltic Sea from the lagoon. It's a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Must-Do Activities:

- Visit Kaliningrad Cathedral, where the famous philosopher Immanuel Kant is buried.

- Spend a day at the Baltic Sea coast and see its sandy beaches.

- Try traditional Königsberger Klopse, a delicious German meatball dish that is now a local speciality.

3. Sochi

Sochi is Russia’s top seaside resort, where you can enjoy sunny beaches and the sparkling Black Sea. You can always find something exciting!

4. Yaroslavl

As one of Russia’s oldest cities, Yaroslavl is full of history. Step back in time in this 1,000-year-old city. Stroll along the Volga River, admire golden-domed churches, and explore fascinating museums.

Summer Paradise: - Sunbathe on pebble beaches along the Black Sea - Try water sports like jet-skiing and parasailing - Visit the futuristic Olympic Park (home of the 2014 Winter Games) Winter Wonderland: - Ski at Krasnaya Polyana (just 1 hour from the beach!) - Ride Europe's longest cable car system (5,318 m) with sea-to-mountain views Did you know? Sochi is the only place in Russia with palm trees!	Must-see sights: - The 17th-century Church of Elijah the Prophet with its famous frescoes - The Volga River embankment - perfect for sunset walks - Russia's first public theatre (built in 1750) Russian national cuisine: - Try blini with caviar or sweet jam - Taste kvass (a fermented bread drink) - Visit the colorful Maslenitsa celebration Fun fact: Yaroslavl's historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site!
5. Lake Baikal This isn't just any lake - it's the world's deepest (1,642m!) and oldest (25 million years!). In winter: Skate on ice so clear you can see your reflection in it! The frozen surface creates magical natural artworks. In summer: Swim in water so pure you can drink it, or hike forest trails along the shore to spot the world's only freshwater seals in the lake! Fun fact: Baikal holds 20% of Earth's unfrozen freshwater - that's more than all US Great Lakes combined!	6. Kamchatka Picture a land where the ground itself breathes fire! Kamchatka's 300 volcanoes (29 still active!) create an unbelievable landscape. Feel the earth rumble beneath your feet as you: - Enjoy steaming hot springs - Watch giant brown bears catching salmon - Walk through valleys of bubbling geysers - Take a helicopter ride over erupting volcanoes Pro tip: Visit in autumn to see bears fishing and volcanoes dusted with snow!

Task 2. Read five travellers' profiles (1-5) below. Choose the best Russian destination for each person. There is one destination that does NOT match any profile. Write the name of the destination (Kamchatka, Lake Baikal, Sochi, Yaroslavl, Kaliningrad, or the Altai Mountains) on the answer sheet.

Travellers' Profiles

1. Alex

"I am a photographer. I look for places with amazing light and incredible views. I want to fly over dramatic scenery to take pictures of landscapes that look like they are from another planet. I don't mind remote locations. Wildlife encounters would be a bonus!"

2. *Ethan*

"Ancient traditions and historic architecture fascinate me. I want to walk through living history, try authentic Russian foods, and see well-preserved examples of traditional art. Seasonal festivals would make my trip extra special."

3. *Lena*

I get bored easily, so I need a holiday that mixes relaxing and active moments. My dream is a place where I can completely change the scenery and activity within a short time. I'd also like to walk in the park that offers a lot of different forms of entertainment. Good infrastructure is a must for me!

4. *Ruslan*

"Remote, untouched nature calls to me. I want to ride through unspoiled landscapes, spend the night under the stars, and maybe see endangered species. Cultural experiences with native people would make my adventure meaningful."

5. *Mia*

"I'm fascinated by unique natural wonders and outdoor adventures. I want to visit a place where I can experience something truly special all year round and walk along peaceful forest paths. The idea of visiting a record-breaking natural landmark is very exciting. Seeing rare wildlife in its natural habitat would also be amazing!"

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

USE OF ENGLISH

(15 minutes)

Task 1. Fill the gaps with a word from the list below by choosing the correct option (A, B, C or D). Write the letter of the correct answer on the answer sheet.

How to succeed in sport!

If you enjoy (1) _____ sport, why not try (2) _____ in a competition? Of course, you will have to (3) _____ hard. You also need to be in good (4) _____ and have a lot of (5) _____. If you are good enough, you might even win a (6) _____! Don't worry if you (7) _____, because you may (8) _____ next time. Who knows, one day you might (9) _____ the world record or become the world (10) _____!

№	A	B	C	D
1.	making	to play	doing	to do
2.	entering	joining	going	taking part
3.	rehearse	train	coach	audition
4.	fit	strength	stamina	shape
5.	stamina	health	fitness	exercise
6.	reward	prize	respect	price
7.	defeat	beat	lose	miss
8.	gain	pass	beat	win
9.	pass	master	break	exceed
10.	master	champion	leader	amateur

Task 2. In each pair of sentences below, the missing word is the same but its meaning is different. Make out what the missing words are. Write the missing WORD on the answer sheet.

Example: 0. Wave

0. As the president got out of his car, he gave the crowd a big wave.

A big wave carried the surfer all the way back to the beach.

1. I looked for my glasses for twenty minutes before I found them on my _____.
She's got a really important job. She's the _____ of a big bank.

2. In English, a sentence should always begin with a _____ letter.
Is Wellington or Auckland the _____ of New Zealand?

3. We travelled from London to Glasgow by _____.
This is Mr Davies, the new athletics _____.

4. He had blue eyes and _____ hair.
As a child I used to love going to the _____. I really enjoyed going on all the rides.

5. She shouldn't wear bright pink. It doesn't _____ her.
He wrote a dark grey _____ to the wedding.

CULTURE & COUNTRY STUDIES

(20 minutes)

Task 1. Answer the questions (1–7) by choosing the correct option (A, B, C, or D).

1. What is the national flower of Ireland?

- A. Rose B. Daffodil C. Thistle D. Shamrock

2. What is the capital city of New Zealand?

- A. Wellington B. Auckland C. Christchurch D. Hamilton

3. What is the national animal of Scotland?

- A. Lion B. Unicorn C. Eagle D. Deer

4. What is the nickname of New York City?

- A. The Big Apple B. The Windy City C. The Golden Gate D. The City of Angels

5. What is the official residence of the British Prime Minister?

- A. Buckingham Palace B. Windsor Castle C. 10 Downing Street D. Westminster Abbey

Task 2. Match the beginnings of the proverbs (1–7) with their correct endings (A–G). Write the letter of the correct ending next to each number.

Example: 0. H (*Easier said than done*)

	Beginning of the proverb		Ending of the proverb
0.	Easier said	A.	than sorry
1.	What goes around	B.	than the sword
2.	Beggars can't be	C.	change its spots
3.	Better safe	D.	when you come to it
4.	A leopard can't	E.	and eat it.
5.	The pen is mightier	F.	comes around
6.	You can't have your cake	G.	choosers
7.	Cross that bridge	H.	than done

Task 3. Now read the short dialogues (A-E) and fill in the gaps with the correct proverbs (1-7) from Task 2. Write the proverb on the answer sheet.

Example:

0. A: "I'm going to wake up at 5 AM every day to exercise."

B: "Yeah, easier said than done. I give this promise to myself all the time, but always fail."

1. A: "I'm so worried about the exam next month!"

B: "Don't stress now. _____. Focus on today."

2. A: "I want to save money, but I also want to buy new clothes every week!"

B: "That's impossible. _____."

3. A: "This free meal isn't my favourite, but I'm hungry."

B: "Well, _____. Be grateful for what you get."

4. A: "Do you think he'll stop lying?"

B: "No, _____. People rarely change completely."

5. A: "Should I take an umbrella? It might rain."

B: "Yes, _____. It's better to be prepared."

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

WRITING

(10 minutes)

Task 1. Read a reply to Sam written by a student called Nour. Some phrases have been removed from the email. Choose the best words or phrases (A-L) to complete the email. There are SIX words or phrases you do NOT need to use.

Hi Sam,

(1) _____ I'm sorry you're feeling miserable. I must say, if my parents said something like that to me, I'd have mixed feelings. I mean, it would obviously be tough to leave my friends, and I love my school too. But I'm sure I'd also be quite excited. I'd love the chance to see a new country and make new friends.

(2) _____ you ought to try and be a bit more positive about things. After all, it's only for a year, and the time will probably fly by! Maybe you won't even want to go back home! You'll be able to (3) _____ everyone on social media, and don't you think it might be really cool to go to school in another country? (4) _____ improve your English too!

(5) _____ emailing the school you'll be going to in Australia and asking if you can chat to some of the people in the class you'll be in?

(6) _____, I hope that when you have a bit of time to think things over, you'll start to feel a little better.

Write back soon and let me know!

Love,

Nour

- A. I think
- B. Finally
- C. And you'll probably
- D. Anyway
- E. Also, how about
- F. I am writing in response to your email, and
- G. keep in touch with
- H. Moreover, it will give you the opportunity to
- I. It's really good to hear from you, but
- J. By the time
- K. maintain contact
- L. In addition, you could consider

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!
