

Всероссийская олимпиада школьников по английскому языку для учащихся 9-11 классов  
Школьный этап. 2021/2022 учебный год  
Продолжительность олимпиады - 105 минут (макс. 55 баллов)

## Listening

Time: 15 minutes

**Task 1. You will hear a man called Jeremy Baker talking about different ways of travelling in northern Finland. For questions 1 - 10, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.**

### Travelling in northern Finland

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1. On his dog sled, the command Jeremy used most often with the dogs was ..... stop ..... +
2. Jeremy's dogs could understand commands in Finnish and ..... German ..... as well as English. +
3. When travelling by sled, Jeremy tried to focus on the ..... white ears ..... of the lead dog. +
4. The lead dog is always intelligent and generally ..... female ..... +
5. Each dog can put a weight of ..... 30 kilos ..... + +
6. Jeremy had to avoid getting hit by ..... branches ..... when riding among trees. +
7. At lunchtime, Jeremy's job was to get ..... some water ..... for cooking. +
8. To Jeremy, travelling on a skidoo is like being on a ..... speed boat ..... +
9. Jeremy liked the skidoo except for the fact that it was ..... very noisy ..... +
10. The good thing about riding a skidoo is that your ..... ears hands ..... don't get cold. +

**Transfer your answers to the ANSWER SHEET!**

## Reading

Time: 30 minutes

Task 1. You are going to read a magazine article about ice hockey in Northern Ireland. Choose from the list A–I the sentence which best summarizes each part (11 – 17) of the article. There is one summary sentence that you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- A New possibilities
- B Clever salesmanship *shogabers*
- C The kids love it
- D A battle of the giants
- E Future heroes
- F Not like football
- G Traditional heroes
- H A surprise success
- I A great game to watch

### Giant strides

~~0~~ A Eamon and Dean are among a group of children of all religions and none, on a visit organized by the local police as part of a community relations project. Before the arrival of the Giants, a cross community trip to a sporting event would have been near impossible. Traditional sport in Northern Ireland has been split by tribal divisions. But the arrival of ice-hockey has changed this.

- H -11. The Belfast Giants were formed last year to play in the UK's ice hockey Superleague. The team started slowly but rallied in December when the arena opened and the Giants started playing at home. Support for the team surged. At present, attendance has exceeded all expectations – the average 6,500 crowd makes the Giants the best-supported team in the league. +
- B - 12. At the merchandizing kiosk queues *overhegs* have built as fans snap up goods ranging from rubber pucks to Giants' shirts, hats and jackets. Kiosk supervisor Marion Livingstone

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says 'Belfast has been crying out for something like this. Soccer teams have always had either Catholic or Protestant supporters. But this is a sport for all.'

F-13. The universal popularity is not an accident but the result of a carefully orchestrated marketing campaign. The team's communications director has worked hard at selling ice hockey as a game for everyone. A telling slogan 'In the land of the Giants everyone is equal' appears on the cover of the programme sold at each game as well as on the team's website. —

G-14. The team's name is also a clever piece of marketing. It refers to the legendary Finn McCool, whose footsteps, so the story goes, created the extraordinary geological formation which is known as the Giant's Causeway – one of Northern Ireland's top tourist attractions. As a Scottish-Irish hero, McCool is an icon embraced by both communities. +

I-15. The family-friendly environment created at the Odyssey, the home arena, along with the game's fast and furious qualities, have also been factors in the sport's soaring popularity. 'The puck can travel at 95–100 miles an hour, the players can skate at 35 miles per hour' says Collins. The speed, aggression and showmanship can draw you into the game. +

C-16. Since the Giants began playing at home, children have been flocking to Northern Ireland's only public ice-rink at Dundonald, on the edge of Belfast. The Giants run weekly coaching sessions for young people. 'It's amazing' says Steve Roberts, who plays left wing for the Giants. 'We started out with about 25 and now there are 127 children that come regularly.' +

E-17. It will probably be many years before the Belfast team is fielding any home-grown players. At present they are all North American. Jerry Keefe, a Bostonian of Irish extraction who plays centre for the Giants, says 'All of the team started when we were three or four but eventually, I think we will see some good players coming out of Northern Ireland.' +

**Task 2. You are going to read an extract from an article about an asteroid or comet hitting the earth. For questions 18 – 25 choose the answer A, B, C or D, which you think fits best according to the text.**

открытие выражений **Killer comet**  
In a discovery with frightening implications for human's dominance of the Earth, scientists have discovered that a massive comet or asteroid, similar to the one that

killed off the dinosaurs, wiped out the giant reptile's predecessors about 200 million years earlier. The finding suggests that regular collisions between our planet and large objects act as an evolutionary dice-shaker. They send dominant species back to the starting square and advance other species to a dominant position. We could be next.

*предшествен.*

Students of the fossil record have long wondered about the greatest catastrophe ever to strike life on Earth, which they call 'The Great Dying'. This happened 251 million years ago, when suddenly 90% of all marine animals and 70% of land vertebrates perished. The impact of a comet or asteroid similar to that which brought doom to the dinosaurs 65 million years ago was suspected. However, the latest edition of the journal Science reports on the first evidence that such a collision actually happened. Scientists at the Universities of Washington and Rochester in the US have found that molecules of helium and argon gas, which have been locked in since 'The Great Dying' are present in such proportions that they must have come from space. As in the later impact, the strike came from a body between 6 and 12 kilometres wide.

*погибли*

*подозревают.*

Researcher Robert Poreda said yesterday the effect would have been to release energy one million times greater than the biggest earthquake of the past century. The crash coincided with volcanic activity on an unimaginable scale in what is now Siberia. Over a million years – a relatively short time in geological terms – 1.6 million cubic kilometres of lava poured out of the ground, covering the entire planet in a layer ten metres thick. Said Robert Poreda, 'We're not sure of all the environmental consequences but with the impact and the volcanic activity, we do know that Earth was not a happy place. It may be that the combined effects of impact and volcanism are necessary to cause such a tremendous extinction.'

*совпало*

*катастрофа*

*катастрофа*

The end of the dinosaurs also coincided with an eruption of lava from below the Earth's crust, in what is now India. In both cases, the impact of the comet or asteroid may have caused the eruption. The dinosaur-killing impact has been tied to a crater on the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico, but it is not known where the earlier collision happened. At the time all the Earth's land made up a single continent, Pangea.

The age immediately prior to the dinosaurs was called the Permian. Although there were reptiles living in land and water (earlier versions of the dinosaurs), the dominant life form was the trilobite. This creature is visually somewhere between the woodlouse and the armadillo. At their peak, there were 15,000 kinds of trilobite. Around the time of the impact they disappeared. Something similar happened to the dinosaurs 65 million years ago. In the same way that the earlier impact seems to have



cleared the way for them, the later crash made room for our ancestors, the mammals. 'The two extinctions are like bookends for the age of the dinosaurs', said Dr Peroda. 'The first boundary helped the dinosaurs to establish themselves and the second extinguished it.'

Although it is likely to be millions of years before the next big asteroid or comet impact, there is a growing call for a defence system to be put in place.

18. Scientists have discovered that a huge comet or asteroid wiped out

- A the dinosaurs.
- B giant reptiles.
- C creatures before the dinosaurs. +
- D creatures similar to the dinosaurs.

19. The 'Great Dying' happened

- A 200 million years ago.
- B 251 million years ago. +
- C 65 million years ago.
- D 265 million years ago.

20. The 'Great Dying' killed

- A a few land vertebrates. позвоночное
- B all the dinosaurs.
- C most marine animals. +
- D some mammals. млекопитаем.

21. Which statement is not true of the asteroid or comet?

- A It was under 12 kilometres in diameter.
- B It contained helium and argon. ✓ +
- C It contained lava.

D It was over six kilometres in diameter.

22. Where did the first massive comet or asteroid hit the earth?

A it is not known

B in Siberia

C in India

D in Mexico

23. Which statement is not true of the lava that covered the planet?

A It was caused by the impact of the asteroid.

B It was 1.6 cubic kilometres in volume.

C It was ten metres thick.

D It happened over one million years.

24. Which creatures lived at the same time as the trilobites?

A reptiles

B armadillos

C mammals

D dinosaurs

25. According to the article, which of the following statements is true?

A There will be another giant asteroid.

B There is unlikely to be another ever.

C Humans will dominate the earth.

D It is time to expect another asteroid.

**Transfer your answers to the ANSWER SHEET!**

## Use of English

Time: 20 minutes

**Task 1.** For items 26-35 complete the idioms filling each of the gaps with one word from the box. Some words can be used more than once. There are some extra words, which you do not have to use. Write the word you choose on your answer sheet.

*Темная*

Beige black blue bronze brown crimson golden gray green navy olive orange pink  
purple red silver white yellow

26. I kept trying to convince him that it was a good idea until I was *blue* in the face, but he's so stubborn, he just kept disagreeing with me! *+*
27. This garden used to look so beautiful when my mum lived here. She definitely had a (an) *green* thumb. *+*
28. *Brown* goods include electronic items such as televisions, DVD players, stereos, and home entertainment systems. *+*
29. I'm just trying to point out the *black* lining in your cloudy life. *—*
30. Winter brings many dangers for the motorists, with one of the most threatening being slippery and hard to spot ..... ice. *—*
31. Now imagine for a moment your spouse comes home to announce he or she has been given the ..... slip. How will you react to this news about his or her dismissal? *—*
32. Their company has been in the *red* ever since the new owner took over, and changed it all around. They are making huge profits! *—*

33. The company Chairman received a huge ..... handshake when he retired.
34. Learning to overcome jealousy means becoming more comfortable with feeling vulnerable, and recognising that the ..... -eyed monster feeds on fear.
35. Unfortunately, that witness was just a (an) ..... herring. She had no justification to her story, and it was a waste of valuable time.

**Task 2. In the text below some lines (36-45) are correct but some have a word that should not be there. Indicate the correct lines with a tick (✓). For the incorrect lines, write the words that should not be there.**

Decisions, decisions

36. *with* My parents can't stop with worrying about my future. They say if I 30  
f
37. ✓..... keep putting off making decisions I'll end up in missing out on
38. *for*..... opportunities in life. I tell them it's OK, I'm not desperate for to decide f
39. ✓..... on a career just yet. To keep them happy though, I made up an
40. ✓..... appointment with a career's advisor. I told her that while I had no f
41. ✓..... objection to hard work, I preferred to do the kind of job where I could f
42. *the*..... have the fun. She recommended a couple of entertainment companies f
43. ✓..... and suggested paying them a visit. I didn't want to rush into anything f
44. *on*..... so I haven't contacted them yet. In fact, I think I might continue on f
45. ✓..... with my studies. I can't help it feeling that work might be a bit boring. —

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## Writing

Time: 40 min

In your English class you have been talking about education. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay for homework.

Write your essay using all the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

*Some parents teach their children at home rather than sending them to school.  
Is this a good or a bad thing for the children?*

Write about:

1. having a parent as a teacher
2. making friends
3. .... (your own idea)

You should write about **200 - 250** words.

*Some people may think that home education is better than school, but I don't think so.*

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