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**ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ
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N	6. A statistical comparison between the person's choice of career and their star sign is the most effective tool in predicting future events in their life.			+
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T	10. Technological advances have reduced the influence of nature on us.	+		

READING

30 MINUTES (15 POINTS)

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In 1902, a volcano in the Caribbean island of Martinique blew up. A French naval officer on the scene, Lt. George Hébert managed to coordinate the rescue of over 700 people, both indigenous and European. He noticed, as he did so, how people moved, some well, some badly, around the obstacles in their path, and how this affected their chances of survival. Hébert had travelled widely and was well aware of skills many indigenous people exhibited in being able to traverse the natural environment.

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Raymond Belle was a practitioner of parkour in Vietnam in the 1950s. He had great athletic ability, and the skills and agility he had learnt through parkour earned him a reputation as an agile and elite soldier. In later life, he returned to France and passed on his skills to his son, David, who combined

what he had learnt from his father with his own knowledge of martial arts and gymnastics, and in time, the sport of parkour was born.

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Belle formed a group of traceurs called the Yamikasi, meaning 'strong man, strong spirit', that included his friend, Sebastian Foucan. In time, the two of them started to follow different paths. Belle concentrated on the art of getting from place to place in the most efficient way possible, while Foucan developed his own style which involved more self-expression. This he termed free running. From the late 1990s, the art and sport of parkour spread worldwide. Both Belle and Foucan gave interviews and appeared on television. In 2003, filmmaker Mike Christie made the film *Jump London*, and urban free running, or freeflow, began to dominate the London scene. But it was the arrival of YouTube in 2005 that really brought free running to a global audience. People around the world began to post their videos online, making free running a mainstream sport, and in 2007, the first major free running and parkour competition was held in Vienna.

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8. According to practitioners, where is the best place to do parkour or free-running?

- A. in cities
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9. Which of the following is NOT true about freerunning?



- A. There are a large number of reported injuries.
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Task 2. Read the text about the film *A Plastic Ocean*.

Match the missing sentences with the correct place in the text (11–15).

A Plastic Ocean is a film to make you think. Think, and then act. We need to take action on our dependence on plastic. We've been producing plastic in huge quantities since the 1940s. Drink bottles, shopping bags, toiletries and even clothes are made with plastic. (11) C. What happens to all the rest? This is the question the film *A Plastic Ocean* answers. It is a documentary that looks at the impact that plastic waste has on the environment. Spoiler alert: the impact is devastating.

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It's very clear that a lot of research went into the film. There are beautiful shots of the seas and marine life. (13) A. We see how marine species are being killed by all the plastic we are dumping in the ocean. The message about our use of plastic is painfully obvious.

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We make a staggering amount of plastic. In terms of plastic bags alone, we use five hundred billion worldwide annually. Over 300 million tons of plastic are produced every year, and at least 8 million of those are dumped into the oceans. (15) D. Once you've seen *A Plastic Ocean*, you'll realise the time is now and we all have a role to play.

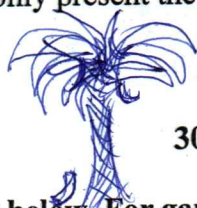


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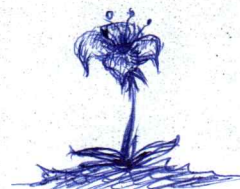
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- ~~C. We live in a world full of plastic, and only a small proportion is recycled.~~
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USE OF ENGLISH.

30 MINUTES (28 POINTS)



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One day he decided (3) to have a new house built in the most fashionable part of town with a fireplace in his large living room. When the mason had finished working on the fireplace, he asked Mr.

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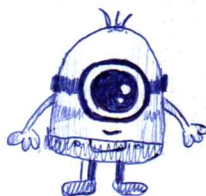
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And yet, there is a difference between Russian and French impressionistic (11) ... in terms of their subject matter, light and colour scheme.	DEPICTIONS
As far as French artists were concerned, they portrayed life differently in (12) ... to Russian painters.	COMPARE COMPARISON
However, Russian impressionists never attempted to break away from (13) ...	REALISM
Strictly speaking, Vasily Polenov can be regarded as a path (14) ... in this field.	BREAKER
He was one of the first Russian painters who visited Paris in the 1870s and became (15) ... fascinated by impressionism.	ENORMOUSLY
He didn't abandon his own distinct painting style, but he made every effort to (16) ... his students in Russia with his French findings and encouraged their own artistic explorations.	FAMILIARIZE
Thanks to his (17) ... support, his like-minded contemporary artist Konstantin Korovin felt confidence to work differently.	ENTHUSIASM ENTHUSIASTIC
The Moscow School of Painting, Sculpture and (18) ... had never had landscape painting classes as this genre was seen as the one for amateurs.	ARCHITECT ARCHITECTURE
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wanted (4 words)

Ann wanted us to go to the cinema on Sunday.
0 wanted us to go

20. Betty was the only one who didn't enjoy the performance.
apart

Everyone enjoyed the performance apart from Betty. (3 words) apart from Betty. +

21. The price of the meal includes dessert.
is

The dessert is included in the price of the meal. (3 words) is included in. +

22. My sister is too short to be a basketball player.
not

My sister is not tall enough to be a basketball player. (4 words) is not tall enough +

23. I have to clean up the studio before I can leave.
until

I cannot leave until I have cleaned up the studio. (4 words) leave until I have +

24. She regrets not having gone to university.
wishes

She wishes she had gone to university. (4 words) wishes she had gone +

25. She isn't repainting the kitchen until Monday.
being

The kitchen is not being cleaned until Monday. (4 words) is not being cleaned +

26. Everyone left except for Mike.
exception

With the exception of Mike, everyone left. (4 words) the exception of Mike +

27. The fridge is completely empty.
left

There is nothing left in the fridge. (4 words) is nothing left in +

28. They've only got half the boys they need to make up a team.
twice

They need twice as many boys as they've got to make up a team. (5 words) twice as many boys as +

29. I'm certain she wrote the article herself.
must

She must have written the article herself. (3 words) must have written. +

WRITING. 30 MINUTES (10 POINTS)

Comment on the following statement.

«Some people prefer to travel abroad; others say that there is much to be seen in our own country»
What is your opinion?

Write 150 - 200 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give reasons for it

- give arguments for the other point of view and explain why you don't agree with it
- draw a conclusion

This topic often sparks debate between people. On ^{the} one part is determined that international adventure is far more interesting, than staying in one's own country, but in my opinion, if you spend holiday in your country you will see and explore more for yourself.

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On ~~the~~ one hand, if you choose to travel to another country, you will learn a new culture, its traditions and another language. You could also walk through the city and explore the history of that place. Of course, different country means being out of your comfort zone, because you do not expect yourself to be in such conditions, but this way you will create a unique experience.

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On the other hand, ~~if you choose to travel to another~~ staying in your own country can show you the other side of your hometown, for example. As if you live somewhere for a long period of time you start not to notice all the beauty and diversity that your place has. So exploring different cities will emphasize the hidden features your country has that you never knew existed.

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In conclusion, having holidays in another country is a nice experience, but I personally recommend you to try exploring your own country, because it will probably show you more than you ever thought it could.

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Answer Sheet

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	Listening		Use of English
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5	F	5	A
6	NS	6	B
7	T	7	D
8	NS	8	A
9	F	9	DEVELOPMENT
10	T	10	UNHEARD
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WRITING.

30 MINUTES (10 POINTS)

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Write 150 - 200 words.

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Is it better to travel abroad or to explore your own country? People have different opinions on travelling and sometimes even argue about it.

In my opinion, it is more interesting to travel abroad and explore different cultures and see things that are new and exciting to me. While travelling abroad, I gain ⁵⁰ experience of communicating with lots of people and learn languages, which might help me build a successful career and become an interesting person.

However, some people think that it is more important to get to know your own culture deeper and deeper instead of exploring new ones. I disagree with ¹⁰⁰ that as I think even if some people love travelling abroad and meeting new cultures, that does ^{not} mean they do not like their own culture and will not have interest in it.

All in all, I believe that travelling abroad is a great opportunity to learn lots of new ¹⁵⁰ things and languages and become an interesting person as long as you ~~still have~~ ^{are still} ~~are still~~ ^{are still} interested in your own culture.

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Answer Sheet

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8	C	18	ARCHITECTURE
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11	C	21	is included in
12	B	22	not tall enough
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LISTENING

10 MINUTES (10 POINTS)

For items 1-10, listen to a radio talk for young people about astrology, and decide whether the statements 1-10 are TRUE according to the text you hear, or FALSE, or the information on the statement is NOT STATED in the text.

You will hear the text twice.

	T	F	NS
1. The movement of stars determines people's lives.		✓	
2. Most people have no faith in astrology.	✗	✓	
3. Should they decide on a serious issue, a small percentage of people are likely to turn to the stars.			✓
4. Simon agrees with psychologists on the influence of a person's time of birth on their personality.	✓		
5. The time of birth remains a defining factor throughout the whole life.	✓	✓	
6. A statistical comparison between the person's choice of career and their star sign is the most effective tool in predicting future events in their life.	✗		✓
7. More than 15 % of entertainers were born in the second half of summer.	✓		
8. Spring is a favourable period for travelling and finances.	✓		✓
9. People in financial professions are connected with one particular star sign.		✓	✗
10. Technological advances have reduced the influence of nature on us.	✓		

READING

30 MINUTES (15 POINTS)

Task 1. Read the text and choose the correct option to complete the sentences 1-10.

The World of Parkour

In 1902, a volcano in the Caribbean island of Martinique blew up. A French naval officer on the scene, Lt. George Hébert managed to coordinate the rescue of over 700 people, both indigenous and European. He noticed, as he did so, how people moved, some well, some badly, around the obstacles in their path, and how this affected their chances of survival. Hébert had travelled widely and was well aware of skills many indigenous people exhibited in being able to traverse the natural environment.

From these experiences, Hébert developed a training discipline which he called 'the natural method' in which climbing, jumping and running techniques were used to negotiate obstacles. His method was adopted by the French military and became the basis for all their training. In time, it became known as parcoures du combatant – the path of the warrior.

Raymond Belle was a practitioner of parcoures in Vietnam in the 1950s. He had great athletic ability, and the skills and agility he had learnt through parcoures earned him a reputation as an agile and elite soldier. In later life, he returned to France and passed on his skills to his son, David, who combined

what he had learnt from his father with his own knowledge of martial arts and gymnastics, and in time, the sport of parkour was born.

Parkour involves a range of 'moves', although none are official. They involve vaulting, jumping and landing accurately on small and narrow features, catching ledges, traversing high wall and landing with a rolling impact to absorb impacts.

Belle formed a group of traceurs called the Yamikasi, meaning 'strong man, strong spirit', that included his friend, Sebastian Foucan. In time, the two of them started to follow different paths. Belle concentrated on the art of getting from place to place in the most efficient way possible, while Foucan developed his own style which involved more self-expression. This he termed free running. From the late 1990s, the art and sport of parkour spread worldwide. Both Belle and Foucan gave interviews and appeared on television. In 2003, filmmaker Mike Christie made the film *Jump London*, and urban free running, or freeflow, began to dominate the London scene. But it was the arrival of YouTube in 2005 that really brought free running to a global audience. People around the world began to post their videos online, making free running a mainstream sport, and in 2007, the first major free running and parkour competition was held in Vienna.

Since parkour values freedom, there are few facilities dedicated to the practice. Traceurs use both rural and urban areas, typically parks, offices and abandoned buildings. Traceurs generally respect the environment they practice in, and since part of their philosophy is 'leave no trace', there have been few concerns over damage to property. However, law enforcement and fire and rescue teams argue that free runners are risking their lives needlessly, especially when they practice at height. However, practitioners argue that injuries are rare, because they rely on their own hands and feet rather than things out of their immediate control, such as ice and wheels, as is the case with skiing and race-driving.

1. George Hebert developed *parcours du combattant* because....

- A. he saw native people doing it in Martinique.
- ☒ B. he saw how it could save lives.
- C. he saw how the French were poor at negotiating obstacles.

2. The natural method...

- A. was replaced by Hebert's new discipline.
- B. was taught to Hebert by indigenous people.
- ☒ C. was widely practiced by the French military.

3. Raymond Belle...

- A. was trained by George Hebert.
- B. gave the discipline its new name.
- ☒ C. was a notable practitioner of the natural method.

4. David Belle...

- ☒ A. brought in moves from other disciplines.
- B. also learnt parkour while in the French military.
- C. learnt parkour from his father in Vietnam.

5. A traceur is...

- A. a parkour move.
- ☒ B. someone who practices parkour.
- C. an obstacle in a parkour course.

6. Freerunning differs from parkour in that...

- A. it is faster.
- ☒ B. it is more creative.
- C. it is more efficient.

7. What brought parkour and freerunning to an international audience?

- A. TV appearances and interviews
- B. a British documentary
- ☒ C. a video sharing website

8. According to practitioners, where is the best place to do parkour or free-running?

- A. in cities
- B. in safe facilities
- ☒ C. wherever you like

9. Which of the following is NOT true about freerunning?

- A. There are a large number of reported injuries.
 - B. There are now international competitions.
 - C. Practitioners often cause damage to public property.
- 10. Parkour and freerunning practitioners...**
- A. require a lot of equipment.
 - B. rely on their own bodies.
 - C. avoid taking risks.

Task 2. Read the text about the film *A Plastic Ocean*.

Match the missing sentences with the correct place in the text (11–15).

A Plastic Ocean is a film to make you think. Think, and then act. We need to take action on our dependence on plastic. We've been producing plastic in huge quantities since the 1940s. Drink bottles, shopping bags, toiletries and even clothes are made with plastic. (11) C. What happens to all the rest? This is the question the film *A Plastic Ocean* answers. It is a documentary that looks at the impact that plastic waste has on the environment. Spoiler alert: the impact is devastating.

The film begins as a journey to film the largest animal on the planet, the blue whale. But during the journey the filmmakers (journalist Craig Leeson and environmental activist Tanya Streeter) make the shocking discovery of a huge, thick layer of plastic floating in the middle of the Indian Ocean. (12) B. In total, they visited 20 locations around the world during the four years it took them to make the film. The documentary premiered in 2016, and is now on streaming services such as Netflix.

It's very clear that a lot of research went into the film. There are beautiful shots of the seas and marine life. (13) A. We see how marine species are being killed by all the plastic we are dumping in the ocean. The message about our use of plastic is painfully obvious.

(14) E. In the second half, the filmmakers look at what we can do to reverse the tide of plastic flowing around the world. They present short-term and long-term solutions. These include avoiding plastic containers and 'single-use' plastic products as much as possible. Reuse your plastic bags and recycle as much as you can. The filmmakers also stress the need for governments to work more on recycling programmes, and look at how technology is developing that can convert plastic into fuel.

We make a staggering amount of plastic. In terms of plastic bags alone, we use five hundred billion worldwide annually. Over 300 million tons of plastic are produced every year, and at least 8 million of those are dumped into the oceans. (15) D. Once you've seen *A Plastic Ocean*, you'll realise the time is now and we all have a role to play.

Match the missing sentences with the correct place in the text (11 – 15).

- A. These are contrasted with scenes of polluted cities and dumps full of plastic rubbish.
- B. This prompts them to travel around the world to look at other areas that have been affected.
- C. We live in a world full of plastic, and only a small proportion is recycled.
- D. The results are disastrous, but it isn't too late to change.
- E. But the film doesn't only present the negative side.

USE OF ENGLISH.

30 MINUTES (28 POINTS)

Task 1. Read the story below. For gaps 1-8 choose the correct answer A-D

Work Unpaid

Stetson was the richest man (1) ____ town. He had made his money in the oil business and (2) ____ he was living on his own, he never gave money to charity. This is probably why everybody hated him.

One day he decided (3) ____ a new house built in the most fashionable part of town with a fireplace in his large living room. When the mason had finished working on the fireplace, he asked Mr.

Stetson (4) ___ the money he was owed. 'I'm afraid I can't pay you today. You see, I don't have the exact money,' Mr. Stetson said. 'No problem, but please don't use the fireplace (5) ___ you've paid me,' went the answer. The client agreed unwillingly.

Four hours later the wealthy man phoned the workman, shouting, 'My house is (6) ___ smoke!' 'I told you not to use the fireplace yet,' the mason replied. A little later he arrived (7) ___ Mr. Stetson's house and received his money. He immediately took a ladder, went up to the roof and took out his heaviest hammer. He simply (8) ___ it drop into the chimney breaking the pane of glass he had build into it.

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Task 2. For items 9–19, 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 (9)

Impressionism is a very natural stage of art's (9) <i>development</i>	DEVELOP
Russian painters had started their (10) ... of experiments with light and modified colour schemes before they visited France and got acquainted with French impressionism.	HEARD
And yet, there is a difference between Russian and French impressionistic (11) ... in terms of their subject matter, light and colour scheme.	DEPICT <i>depictance</i>
As far as French artists were concerned, they portrayed life differently in (12) ... to Russian painters.	COMPARE <i>comparison</i>
However, Russian impressionists never attempted to break away from (13) ...	REAL <i>Reality</i>
Strictly speaking, Vasily Polenov can be regarded as a path (14) ... in this field.	BREAK <i>breaker</i>
He was one of the first Russian painters who visited Paris in the 1870s and became (15) ... fascinated by impressionism.	ENORMOUS <i>enormously</i>
He didn't abandon his own distinct painting style, but he made every effort to (16) ... his students in Russia with his French findings and encouraged their own artistic explorations.	FAMILIAR <i>te</i> <i>Familiate</i>
Thanks to his (17) ... support, his like-minded contemporary artist Konstantin Korovin felt confidence to work differently.	ENTHUSIASM <i>enthusiastic</i>
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There is an argument between those who prefer travelling abroad and those who believe there is no need in exploring the world as there is much to be seen in your own country. Personally, I am keen on visiting different countries and I think everyone should do it sometimes. There are some reasons you should agree with my opinion. st ✓

Firstly, travelling abroad is a great way to spend your time because you can learn a lot about other countries' culture and meet interesting people with the mentality that is different from yours. Secondly, travelling broadens your mind which is really important.

On the other hand, staying in your own country can also be exciting as well if you do it right. You can visit some landmarks and get to know your country's history and traditions better. Another advantage is that it is surely less expensive than travelling abroad. Although, it is still essential to travel to other countries to clear your mind and face something absolutely new. st

In conclusion, even though learning about your country is also important, you'd better take your opportunities to travel abroad. g2 st

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