Школьная олимпиада для 7-8 классов

Task 1. Read the text, choose the correct word for each space. (10 points).

The tiger can live in almost 1----- natural environment from hot, steamy jungles to snowfields with zero temperatures. A female tiger has her first cubs when she is less 2---- four years old/.About half usually die before they 3---- a year old. They kill their first small animals when they are about one and leave their mother a year 4 ---- .

Tigers are good swimmers, can climb trees 5---- , eat 23 kilos of meat in a night. They can jump nearly nine meters, 6 ---- is about the length of a double-decker bus. A tiger depends 7 ---- its sharp eyes and keen ears. It waits in cover and rushes at the animals it hunts, jumping on 8 ---- . If it fails it often 9 ---- up because it gets tired very easily. It can go for more than a week 10 ----catching anything.

1. Any, some, other, another
2. More, than, then, over
3. Become, reach, get, find
4. Earlier, next, later, soon
5. And, but, if, in case
6. What, where, when, which
7. Over, in, on, under
8. Them, their, us, it
9. Gets, takes, gives, sends
10. With, without, by, in

Task 2. Use of English. (29 points).

Open the brackets and put the verbs into the proper tense form.

The Greens lived at an ancient house. They 1---- (buy) it as it 2---- (be) a good example of the early nineteenth century architecture. But one day they 3---- (notice) that strange things 4 ---- (begin) 5 ---- (happen) in the house. The first 6 ---- (do) when they 7 ---- (move) in. They 8 ---- (have ) dinner and they 9 ---- (have) to (eat) by candlelight as the electricity 11 ---- (not turn) on yet. Gwen 12 ---- (light) the candle. « If they 13 ---- (not turn) it tomorrow morning, I 14 ----(go) to the village centre in the afternoon and 15 ---- (make) them 16 ---- (do) it,» said Mr Green. Ten minutes later the candles suddenly 17 ---- (go) out, first one then the other. « John, who 18 ---- (do) that?» asked Mrs Green. «I 19 ---- (think) the wind 20 ---- (blow) out the candles». But his wife 21 ---- (be) sure that it 22 ---- (not be ) the wind. First, there 23 ---- (be) no wind and then she 24 ---- (lock) the door and 25 ---- (shut) all the windows before supper herself. They 26 ---- (finish) supper quickly but Gwen 27 ---- ( not can) 28 ---- ( forget) what 29 ---- (happen).

Task 3. Cross out the odd word in each line, paying attention to the vowels. (10 points)

1. Bald, bold, coast, post, most
2. Heard, hurt, dirt, herd, heart
3. Glow, soul, soldier, shoulder, should
4. Food, mood, brood, blood, rude
5. Few, feud, fruit, busy, pool
6. Iron, violent, fright, vital, minus, lyric
7. Low, rose, move, noble, toll
8. Simple, permit, perfect, turtle, curl
9. Stare, hair, warn, fair, mare
10. Medal, lesson, record, lady, ever

Task 4. Express the meaning of each phrase in one word. ( 15 points)

1. Full of fear – a----d
2. To take the first step - b---n
3. A town where a seat of government is – c-----l
4. The end of life – d---h
5. To come or go into – e---r
6. Very well known – f----s
7. A male goose – g----r
8. To take place – h----n
9. To spring over – j—p
10. The male ruler of the country – k--g
11. A speech to a group of people – l-----e
12. To walk like a soldier – m---h
13. The dark part of each day – n---t
14. Not shut – o—n
15. To put in the ground to grow – p---t

Task 5.Correct the mistakes. (10 points)

1. Who invented America ?
2. Did she found the letter?
3. There are 10 fingers on my foot.
4. Please remember me to take it.
5. Are you fond of football play?
6. It’s a well thing, buy it.
7. Give me the others sweets.
8. Don’t loose the money.
9. We ate dinner with no desire.
10. Are there much pupils absent?

Task 6. Read the text and answer the questions. (5 points)

 A well- known journalist went to interview Jack Parrish in an expensive New-york restaurant. The journalist was late, but fortunately when he arrived, he found the great man was not there yet. Some time later, a waiter approached him and said that there was a young man at the door who claimed that he was supposed to be having lunch with the journalist. The waiter thought that the young man was just trying to be funny, because he said that his name was Jack Parrish.

And it was. The twenty-four-year-old is becoming famous for the fact that he does not look like the owner of one of the world’s most successful computer companies. His manner is polite, his voice is quiet and his clothes are fashionable and expensive. Two years ago, when he started his own company nobody heard of him. Friends say that he has not changed at all. He has not even moved out of his parents’ house. So what does he do with his money? It is all in his company. But some people in the computer world are getting nervous – and they are right. It won’t be long before someone in another company picks up the phone to hear that quiet voice saying that he is the new boss.

1. Someone could find out from this text

A) how Jack Parrish runs his business

B) what Jack Parrish said in an interview

 C) how to get a job in Jack Parrish’s company

 D) what the writer thinks Jack Parrish will do next.

 2. What is the writer trying to do in the text

 A) To explain how to make a lot of money.

 B) To give some information about a businessman.

 C) To give some information about a journalist.

 D) To explain how to interview successful people.

 3.The writer thought the young man at the door

A) was a journalist

B) was behaving rudely

C) was not as old as he said he was

D) was pretending to be someone else

4. What is the writer’s attitude to Jack Parrish?

A) He is more important than he appears.

B) He is a good example for young people.

C) he should be more careful how he runs his business.

D) He would be an interesting person to work for.

5. Which of these headlines does the writer expect to see soon?

A) Too much success too fast – was that the end of Parrish’s luck?

B) Jack Parrish doesn’t worry about the money – he gives it away to old friends.

C) And the new owner of our top computer company is Jack Parrish.

D) Spend, spend, spend – how Jack furnishes his new million – dollar home.

Keys

Task 1. 1) any 2) than 3) become 4) later 5) and 6) which 7) on 8) them 9) gives 10) without

Task 2. 1) had bought 2) was 3) noticed 4)began 5)to happen 6)did 7) moved 8) were having 9) had 10) to eat 11) had not been turned 12) lit 13) do not turn 14)will go 15) make 16) do 17) went 18) has done 19) think 20) has blown 21) was 22) was not 23) was 24) had locked 25) (had ) shut 26) finished 27) could not 28) forget 29) had happened

Task 3. 1) bald 2) heart 3) should 4) blood 5) busy 6) move 7) lyric 8) simple 9) warn 10) lady

Task 4. 1)afraid 2) begin 3) capital 4) death 5) enter 6) famous 7) gander 8) happen 9) jump 10) king 11) lecture 12) march 13)night 14) open 15) plant

Task 5. 1) discovered 2) did… find 3) on my feet 4) remind 5) game 6) good 7) the other 8) no appetite 9) lose 10) many

Task 6. 1) d 2) b 3) d 4) b 5) c