

**МИНИСТЕРСТВО НА ОБРАЗОВАНИЕТО И НАУКАТА**  
ЦЕНТЪР ЗА КОНТРОЛ И ОЦЕНКА НА КАЧЕСТВОТО НА УЧИЛИЩНОТО ОБРАЗОВАНИЕ

**НАЦИОНАЛНО ВЪНШНО ОЦЕНЯВАНЕ ЗА ОСМИ КЛАС С ИНТЕНЗИВНО  
ИЗУЧАВАНЕ НА АНГЛИЙСКИ ЕЗИК В ПРОФЕСИОНАЛНИТЕ ГИМНАЗИИ**  
**20 ЮНИ 2016 г.**

*Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.*

**PART ONE: LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

**Task 1**

**Directions:** You will hear a text about **the difference between weather and climate** twice. Before you listen to it, you will have **1 minute** to read questions **1 – 5**. While listening for the first time, you can look at the statements, but you are not allowed to take notes. After you hear the whole text, you will have **3 minutes** to answer the questions, choosing the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.

**1. According to the speaker, everyone knows the difference between *weather* and *climate*.**

- A) True                    B) False                    C) No information in the text

**2. We check the weather forecast to help us decide what we are going to do.**

- A) True                    B) False                    C) No information in the text

**3. *Climate* is what you get every day.**

- A) True                    B) False                    C) No information in the text

**4. *Weather* is what you can see outside your window.**

- A) True                    B) False                    C) No information in the text

**5. The record summer temperature in the speaker's home town is 24°C.**

- A) True                    B) False                    C) No information in the text

**Task 2**

**Directions:** You will hear a text about **Matthew Youlden** twice. Before you listen to it, you will have **2 minutes** to read questions **6 – 10**. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions, but you are not allowed to take notes. After you hear the whole text, you will have **3 minutes** to answer the questions, choosing the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.

**6. The text is about Matthew Youlden, who ...**

- A) is good at languages.
- B) is bad at languages.
- C) isn't interested in languages.

**7. Which of the following statements is NOT true about Matthew?**

- A) He is a multilingual person.
- B) He is a language chameleon.
- C) He can't communicate with native speakers.

**8. What nationality is Matthew?**

- A) Brazilian.
- B) English.
- C) German.

**9. When Matthew speaks to Spaniards in their language, they think he is ...**

- A) British.
- B) Portuguese.
- C) Spanish.

**10. Matthew thinks that a person who speaks and understands many different foreign languages is ...**

- A) not bored.
- B) lonely.
- C) sad.

**Task 3**

*Directions: You will hear a text about the photographer Dana Lyn and her success story twice. Before you listen to it, you will have 2 minutes to read questions 11 – 15. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions, but you are not allowed to take notes. After you hear the whole text, you will have 3 minutes to answer the questions, choosing the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.*

**11. Mark and Helen Koehler got married ...**

- A) in spring.
- B) in autumn.
- C) in winter.

**12. On the wedding day the couple's greatest disappointment was that their photographer ...**

- A) didn't come at all.
- B) got lost on the way.
- C) was late for the ceremony.

**13. Photographer Dana Lyn found out about Mark and Helen's problem from ...**

- A) the local news.
- B) her cousin.
- C) Mark and Helen.

**14. How did Dana help the couple?**

- A) She sent another photographer to their wedding.
- B) She went to take photos on their wedding day.
- C) She recreated the wedding and took photos of it.

**15. Dana's greatest success was that ...**

- A) she received a prize for her photos.
- B) she found many new friends online.
- C) she got many clients and new orders.

## PART TWO: READING COMPREHENSION

### Task 1

*Directions: Read the text below. For questions 16 - 20, choose the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text.*

#### The Kingdom of the Ants

If you have ever run barefoot across a hot beach, you can imagine what it is like for ants in the dessert to rush across the sand in 60°C heat searching for food.

Silver ants can survive ground temperatures higher than any other animal. They will travel up to a third of a mile in search of food to take back to their nest.

Sometimes they run on four of their six legs, holding the other two up to cool. Silver ants also take cooling breaks by running to the top of a leaf of grass, away from the hot sand. After a few moments of cooling off, they go back down and are back in action.

You may have seen pictures or nature programs showing long lines of ants walking across the forest. Each ant carries a big piece of leaf, holding it over its back.

When these ants reach their nest, they don't eat the leaves immediately. Instead, they chew the leaves up, throw them out of their mouth, and store them in underground spaces.

One ant nest may have 2,000 rooms with up to 300 of those chewed leaves and 3 million to 7 million workers.

These ants survive because they work together. They live in communities and cooperate to get things done. That's a lesson we humans would do well to learn.

**16. What type of a text is the passage above?**

- A) A letter.
- B) An article.
- C) An advertisement.

**17. ... can survive the highest ground temperatures.**

- A) Only silver ants
- B) Only forest ants
- C) All desert animals

**18. In order to survive hot sand temperatures ants ...**

- A) run very quickly.
- B) move on all their legs.
- C) have short rests.

**19. After the ants bring their food to the nest, they ...**

- A) share it with the others.
- B) keep it for the future.
- C) eat it straight away.

**20. Ants can teach people how to ...**

- A) walk on hot ground.
- B) collect food.
- C) work in groups.

**Task 2**

**Directions:** Read the text below. For questions 21 - 25, choose the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text.

Neha Ramu, the 12-year-old daughter of an Indian doctor couple, achieved 162 points on an IQ test - the highest score possible for her age.

This score puts her in the top one per cent of the brightest people in the UK. This means that she is more intelligent than the physicist Hawking, the Microsoft founder Bill Gates and the scientist Albert Einstein.

Neha's parents lived in India before moving to Britain when their daughter was seven, 'The Telegraph' reported.

Neha had always performed well at school, but it was only when she took an entrance exam for her school, achieving a perfect score of 280/280, that her parents realised her potential.

"At first I did not realise what she was capable of when she joined primary school in the UK in year three because we didn't really understand the system here," her mother Jayashree said. "I am so proud of her. I can't express my feelings," she said.

Neha plans to follow her parents' footsteps into a career in medicine. She has already set her sight on a place at Harvard University, in the USA.

A fan of Harry Potter and a keen swimmer, Neha admitted that the test was "quite hard". "I'm really, really happy and we might have a little party or something some time soon to celebrate. I haven't told my friends yet but I've told some of my family and they are all very happy for me," added Neha.

Einstein never took an IQ test as none of the modern intelligence tests existed when he was alive, but experts believe he had an IQ of around 160.

**21. Neha Ramu is very special because ...**

- A) she is extremely bright for her age.
- B) she took an IQ test at the age of seven.
- C) she had the highest score at a school test.

**22. Where was Neha Ramu born?**

- A) In the UK.
- B) In India.
- C) In the USA.

**23. Neha's parents discovered her intellectual skills ...**

- A) before she started primary school.
- B) soon after she started school in the UK.
- C) when she got a maximum score on an entrance test.

**24. Neha plans to have a professional career in ...**

- A) medicine.
- B) physics.
- C) swimming.

**25. Which of the following is NOT true about Neha?**

- A) She likes Harry Potter a lot.
- B) She has taken a difficult test.
- C) She isn't fond of swimming.

### **Task 3**

**Directions:** Read the text below. For questions 26 - 30, choose the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text.

#### **Potatoes**

A teacher struggled how to teach her kindergarten students to get along with each other. She decided to play a game and show them how important it is. They were instructed to bring a plastic bag with potatoes the next day.

Each potato will be given the name of a person that the child hates, so the number of the potatoes in each bag will depend on the number of the people the child hates. Some children had two potatoes, some three, while some others had up to five potatoes in their bags. Then the teacher told the students that they had to carry the bags wherever they went for one week.

At first, the children thought it was fun carrying around these potatoes. Days passed by and the children started to complain because of the unpleasant smell from the rotten potatoes. Besides, those having five potatoes also had to carry heavier bags. After one week, the children were pleased because the game had finally ended.

The teacher asked the children, "How did you feel while carrying the potatoes with you for one week?" The children shared their disappointment.

Then she explained the meaning behind the game. "This is exactly the same as when you carry your hatred inside your heart. The bad smell of hatred will poison your heart and you will carry it with you wherever you go. If you cannot stand this smell for just one week, can you imagine what it is like to have it in your heart for a lifetime?"

We must throw out any hatred and evil thoughts we have in our hearts against anyone so that we do not carry this discomfort. Carrying hatred causes unhappiness and anger and makes it hard for the person to live with it.

Forgiveness may be something we give to other people, but it is really a gift to ourselves. Holding onto anger destroys both our health and happiness.

**26. The teacher wanted to teach the children to be good to each other.**

- A) True                    B) False                    C) No information in the text

**27. The teacher suggested an old popular game for the children to play.**

- A) True                    B) False                    C) No information in the text

**28. The children liked the game and played it for more than a week.**

- A) True                    B) False                    C) No information in the text

**29. The children felt uncomfortable and nervous at the beginning of the game.**

- A) True                    B) False                    C) No information in the text

**30. The game showed the children how bad feelings can have a negative effect on people's life.**

- A) True                    B) False                    C) No information in the text

### PART THREE: USE OF ENGLISH

*Directions: For questions 31 - 50, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) fits each gap best.*

**31. Martin \_\_\_\_\_ play volleyball very well and he is one the best on the team.**

- A) may                    B) can                    C) might                    D) could

**32. I think Grigor Dimitrov is the \_\_\_\_\_ successful Bulgarian tennis player of all time.**

- A) most                    B) more                    C) best                    D) better

**33. As I walked up to them they \_\_\_\_\_ a conversation, but they stopped as soon as I arrived.**

- A) are having                    B) was having                    C) had                    D) were having

**34. Excuse me, sir, may I have \_\_\_\_\_ potatoes with my chicken, please?**

- A) much                    B) some                    C) any                    D) little

**35. I was texting my mother, when I \_\_\_\_\_ a noise and dropped my phone.**

- A) was hearing                    B) hear                    C) heard                    D) have heard

**36. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ the Pyramids twice since he moved to Egypt.**

- A) was visiting                    B) visited                    C) has visited                    D) had visited

**37. Should you stop \_\_\_\_\_ to a girl if she says she has a boyfriend?**

- A) talking                    B) talk                    C) talked                    D) talks

**38. Lilly and Patricia will put on weight if they \_\_\_\_\_ eating like that.**

- A) would keep                    B) keep                    C) will keep                    D) did keep

**39. The light is red. \_\_\_\_\_ across the street!**

- A) Walk not                    B) Not walk                    C) Don't walk                    D) Do walk not

**40. The new hospital \_\_\_\_\_ at least a couple of months ago.**

- A) is built                    B) was built                    C) has been built                    D) will be built

**41. Peter was late for work because he had \_\_\_\_\_ the bus.**

- A) skipped                    B) escaped                    C) dropped                    D) missed

**42. He apologized and said he felt \_\_\_\_\_ about cancelling the concert.**

- A) terrible      B) lucky      C) terrific      D) pleasant

**43. I was \_\_\_\_\_ busy looking at them that I forgot to look where I was going and walked into a lamppost.**

- A) such      B) enough      C) so      D) very

**44. Ashley's blue dress really \_\_\_\_\_ her skin tone and hair, but those boots really make the outfit terrible.**

- A) does      B) goes      C) fits      D) suits

**45. If you talk to me \_\_\_\_\_ that, I will tell the teacher to ask you to leave the room.**

- A) as      B) similar      C) like      D) same

**46. I feel sick whenever the airplane takes \_\_\_\_\_. My stomach hurts.**

- A) off      B) on      C) in      D) out

**47. At first the weather was pleasant, but \_\_\_\_\_ it started snowing heavily.**

- A) after      B) than      C) sooner      D) then

**48. You should look the word \_\_\_\_\_ in a dictionary if you're not sure what it means.**

- A) for      B) up      C) through      D) over

**49. Chess is a game for two players who play it on a square \_\_\_\_\_ , made of 64 smaller squares, with eight squares on each side.**

- A) board      B) place      C) table      D) court

**50. In restaurants, the modern \_\_\_\_\_, with dishes in a set order of courses, was invented by the great French chef Escoffier.**

- A) leaflet      B) brochure      C) menu      D) sign

#### **PART FOUR: WRITING**

*Directions: Write a text of about 120 - 140 words on ONE of the topics below.*

**1. Describe your last day at school a year ago. What happened? Who were you with? How did you feel?**

**2. You are going on a summer camp. Write a letter to a friend telling him/her about the camp. Tell him/her where and when it is going to be, how you have prepared for it and what activities you are going to have. How do you feel about it?**

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**ТОЗИ ТЕКСТ Е САМО ЗА УЧИТЕЛЯ-КОНСУЛТАНТ!**

**При проблем със слушането на записа, учителят-консултант изчита на глас и инструкцията, и съответния текст, според указанията в инструкцията.**

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

**Task 1**

*Directions: You will hear a text about the difference between weather and climate twice. Before you listen to it, you will have 1 minute to read questions 1 – 5. While listening for the first time, you can look at the statements, but you are not allowed to take notes. After you hear the whole text, you will have 3 minutes to answer the questions, choosing the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.*

**What is the difference between weather and climate?**

We hear about weather and climate all of the time. Most of us check the local weather forecast to plan our days. And climate change is certainly a “hot” topic in the news. There is, however, still a lot of confusion over the difference between these two terms.

Think about it this way: Climate is what you expect, weather is what you get.

Weather is what you see outside your window on any certain day. So, for example, it may be 24°C and sunny or it could be minus 7°C with heavy snow. That’s the weather.

Climate is the typical weather. For example, you can expect snow in January or sunny and hot days in July. This is climate. The climate also includes very high temperatures or a lot of rainfall for a certain season. If you have ever heard your local weather person say “today we hit a record high in temperature for this day”, she is talking about climate records.

In most places, weather can change from minute-to-minute, hour-to-hour, day-to-day, and season-to-season. Climate, however, is the typical weather over years.

## Task 2

**Directions:** You will hear a text about **Matthew Youlden** twice. Before you listen to it, you will have **2 minutes** to read questions **6 – 10**. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions, but you are not allowed to take notes. After you hear the whole text, you will have **3 minutes** to answer the questions, choosing the answer (**A, B or C**) which you think fits best according to the text. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.

Matthew Youlden speaks nine languages and understands more than a dozen more. He is a polyglot. A polyglot is a multilingual person or a speaker of several foreign languages. But Matthew is more than a polyglot as he can fluently and comfortably talk to native speakers in their own languages.

Matthew, who is originally from Manchester, England, is a language chameleon: Germans think he's German, Spaniards think he's Spanish, Brazilians think he's Portuguese. According to Matthew, the more languages you speak, the more points of view on the world you have:

"I think every language has a certain way of seeing the world. Each language is a different world and a different understanding of the world. I couldn't choose only one language because it would mean not accepting the possibility to see the world in many different ways. So a person, with only one language, is the saddest and the loneliest person. Unfortunately, this means that he or she sees the world in the most boring way, too. There are so many advantages of learning a language; I really can't think of any reason not to."

### Task 3

**Directions:** You will hear a text about **the photographer Dana Lyn and her success story** twice. Before you listen to it, you will have **2 minutes** to read questions **11 – 15**. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions, but you are not allowed to take notes. After you hear the whole text, you will have **3 minutes** to answer the questions, choosing the answer (**A, B or C**) which you think fits best according to the text. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.

#### Dana Lyn's Success Story

Mark and Helen Koehler got married on September 12th. Shortly after the ceremony started, the couple found out that the photographer who was responsible to document their special day was not there for some reason. So the couple had the wedding without the official photos they had planned and paid for.

“I never thought she might not come to do her job,” says Helen. “Photos are one of the most important things of the day.”

Photographer Dana Lyn heard about the story from her cousin who was a guest at the wedding. She immediately decided she would do a free photo session for the couple to help them record some of their wedding day memories.

Dana decided to arrange a special photo session for them, but she secretly had bigger plans: she wanted to recreate the couple’s wedding.

The session took place on October 25th, and when the bride arrived in her car and saw her family and friends all there, she burst into tears.

Such acts of kindness are always noticed and sometimes rewarded generously. That is what Dana has learned these days.

Two months later Dana’s story became popular and she was in the news around the world. Now she has many orders to photograph different events. Dana received many messages admiring her kind act and her photos. Over 800 people sent her emails. About half of the emails were asking Dana for wedding photography — one was even for a wedding in April 2018.

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**ВЪПРОСИ С ИЗБОРЕН ОТГОВОР**

Въпрос №	Верен отговор	Брой точки	Въпрос №	Верен отговор	Брой точки
1.	B	1	26.	A	1
2.	A	1	27.	C	1
3.	B	1	28.	B	1
4.	A	1	29.	B	1
5.	C	1	30.	A	1
6.	A	1	31.	B	1
7.	C	1	32.	A	1
8.	B	1	33.	D	1
9.	C	1	34.	B	1
10.	A	1	35.	C	1
11.	B	1	36.	C	1
12.	A	1	37.	A	1
13.	B	1	38.	B	1
14.	C	1	39.	C	1
15.	C	1	40.	B	1
16.	B	1	41.	D	1
17.	A	1	42.	A	1
18.	C	1	43.	C	1
19.	B	1	44.	D	1
20.	C	1	45.	C	1
21.	A	1	46.	A	1
22.	B	1	47.	D	1
23.	C	1	48.	B	1
24.	A	1	49.	A	1
25.	C	1	50.	C	1