

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

НАЦИОНАЛНО ВЪНШНО ОЦЕНЯВАНЕ ЗА VIII КЛАС
С ИНТЕНЗИВНО ИЗУЧАВАНЕ НА АНГЛИЙСКИ ЕЗИК
В ПРОФИЛИРАНИ ГИМНАЗИИ И ПРОФИЛИРАНИ ПАРАЛЕЛКИ В СОУ
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Write your answers *on the separate answer sheet*.

PART ONE: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Task 1

Directions: You will hear a text about **laughter yoga** twice. Before you listen to it, you will have **2 minutes** 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, C or D**) 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 research, ...

- A) laughter can cure all illnesses.
- B) laughter can improve people's health.
- C) people laugh less as they get older.
- D) people who don't laugh cannot build relationships.

2. Laughter yoga exercises ...

- A) make people feel happy and at ease.
- B) help people improve their sense of humour.
- C) decrease the level of oxygen in the body.
- D) involve participants in telling jokes.

3. The founder of Laughter Yoga, Dr Madan Kataria, ...

- A) was trained as a Yoga instructor at a university in Mumbai.
- B) used yoga exercises for strictly medical purposes.
- C) organised the first laughter yoga classes outdoors.
- D) formed the first laughter yoga group five years ago.

4. Today, laughter yoga ...

- A) is still popular only in India.
- B) has spread to different countries all over the world.
- C) is popular only among young people.
- D) has become a favourite pastime of many company directors.

5. According to the text, laughter yoga workshops ...

- A) are of no use to employers.
- B) make employers and employees close friends.
- C) lead to employees working short hours.
- D) make people more productive at work.

Task 2

*Directions: You will hear a text about **the Underage Festival** 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 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, C or D**) 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 Underage Festival ...

- A) is held in England once a year.
- B) cannot be attended by fourteen-year olds.
- C) usually continues for twelve hours.
- D) is the only music festival in Britain.

7. The Underage Festival ...

- A) has been held for more than 15 years now.
- B) attracts millions of young people.
- C) was started by a teenager less than 10 years ago.
- D) is the most popular music event in London.

8. Parents ...

- A) must accompany their children to the festival.
- B) can wait for their children in the restaurant tents.
- C) have a reason to worry about their children at the festival.
- D) are not allowed into the festival along with their kids.

9. Which of the following CAN'T you have at the Underage Festival?

- A) A non-English meal.
- B) Your own food.
- C) A sandwich.
- D) A soft drink.

10. It is sometimes difficult to choose which band to watch because ...

- A) the bands play only for a short time.
- B) there are too many stages.
- C) most bands play the same kind of music.
- D) there is no information about the programme.

Task 3

Directions: You will hear a text about **the monarch butterfly** twice. Before you listen to it, you will have **1 minute** to read questions **11 – 15**. 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.

11. Every year, monarch butterflies travel long distances to avoid cold winter weather.

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

12. Enemies attack the monarchs because of the bright colours of their wings.

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

13. Most monarch butterflies do not live for more than a couple of weeks.

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

14. Female monarchs live longer than male ones.

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

15. On their way to Mexico, all monarchs follow the same route.

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

PART TWO: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1

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

‘Got you!’ cried Jay, tagging Ellie’s back.

Ellie just laughed and started chasing him. They were playing *tag*¹ in the top field. It was better with more people, but their best friends had gone away for the holidays. Not that it really mattered. Being twins, Jay and Ellie always had each other.

Ellie cornered her brother near the Peak, tagging his bag.

‘Hey, that’s not fair,’ panted Jay.

Ellie stopped to catch her breath, then looked out over the field. The twins loved this field, because it was the highest point on their farm. You could see a long way in every direction. Especially if you climbed up the Peak – a lumpy hill that reached for the sky.

¹ tag - a game in which one player chases and tries to touch the others; then the player who is touched takes over the chase

The grass up here was really long now. Their father used to keep sheep in the top field, but he hadn't done that for ages. He said the weather was too unpredictable now and it was better if sheep were kept in fields closer to home.

'Race you to the Peak,' shouted Jay.

Ellie looked at the top wrapped in dark, low cloud.

'I'm not going up there. It's going to rain.' said Ellie, heading for the track through the trees. Back at the house, Mum would have the fire going in the kitchen. It would be warm and cosy.

'Hey!' shouted Jay. 'Look at that!'

Ellie stopped walking. When she turned, Jay was staring up at the sky. But she was not going to be fooled this time. She marched back to where Jay was standing and tickled him under the chin.

'Quit it,' he grumbled. 'Look!' he pointed at the sky.

Ellie couldn't help it – she looked. Then she gasped. Flashing through the clouds was a thing that looked like a huge bird. It was as pale as sheep's wool and had long arms and legs.

The twins watched as the strange creature raced towards the Peak and vanished into the thick cloud. They were dumbfounded.

16. Only Jay and Ellie were playing tag because ...

- A) their friends didn't like the game.
- B) their friends didn't like to play in the top field.
- C) their friends were away at the time.
- D) the twins preferred to play the game alone.

17. The twins loved the top field mainly because ...

- A) they could have a good view from there.
- B) they felt as if they could reach the sky from there.
- C) they enjoyed running up and down the hill.
- D) it was part of their father's sheep farm.

18. Jay and Ellie's father stopped keeping sheep in the top field because ...

- A) there was not enough grass there.
- B) the weather had been changeable for a very long time.
- C) he wanted to keep a close eye on them.
- D) they could easily be attacked by enemies there.

19. Ellie refused to go to the Peak because ...

- A) through the clouds she couldn't see where she was going.
- B) she was tired after playing in the field for hours.
- C) she had promised to help her mother in the kitchen.
- D) she preferred the warmth of her home to the upcoming rain.

20. When Jay called Ellie, she ...

- A) was sure that he wanted to trick her into looking up at the sky.
- B) immediately realised that something strange had just happened.
- C) got very angry at him for cheating in the game.
- D) looked up and saw a monster falling from the sky.

Task 2

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

The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia

This is a story of how medicine, air travel and radio combined to bring health care to people who live, work and travel in the more remote areas of Australia. Established in 1928, the Flying Doctor Service provides emergency medical aid to the people of rural Australia and also a basic health care and community service.

The story of the Flying Doctor Service will always be linked with its founder, the Reverend John Flynn. In 1911, he took up his first job at Beltana Mission, in South Australia. Flynn began his work at a time when only two doctors served an area of 1,800,000 square kilometres. A serious illness or an accident there often led to death.

In 1917, Flynn heard news of a stockman named Jimmy Darcy who was seriously injured when he fell from his horse on his country property in Western Australia. It was 500 kilometres to the nearest doctor and 50 kilometres from a town. Darcy's friends discovered him and rushed to get assistance. A doctor in Perth was contacted by Morse code. The doctor had to reply in Morse code with instructions for an operation. Although they had no medical experience, Darcy's friends performed the operation to save his life. Thirteen days later after travelling by boat, car, buggy, horse and on foot, the doctor from Perth arrived. Unfortunately, Darcy had died three days before.

Touched by the story of Jimmy Darcy, the Reverend John Flynn took it upon himself to find a way to bring medical help to people living in the remote regions of the outback. By that time the airplane had already begun to prove itself as a reliable means of transport and radio had displayed its ability to link people thousands of miles apart. Flynn combined these developments with his fund-raising abilities and established the Flying Doctor Service, which continues to save lives even today.

21. The aim of the Flying Doctor Service is ...

- A) to help poor people in Australia get proper health care.
- B) to provide health care to Australians in distant regions.
- C) to replace hospitals in the rural areas of Australia.
- D) to use airplanes for rescue operations only.

22. When John Flynn took up his first job in South Australia, ...

- A) there weren't any medical services in the area.
- B) people there were dying from one and the same infectious disease.
- C) he tried to attract more doctors to this part of the country.
- D) many people suffered from lack of timely medical aid.

23. When Darcy's friends found him after the accident, they ...

- A) rushed him to the nearest hospital.
- B) waited for the doctor to arrive from Perth.
- C) started operating on him immediately.
- D) looked for some help straight away.

24. The doctor arrived ...

- A) almost two weeks after the accident.
- B) a week after Darcy's death.
- C) just in time to save Darcy's life.
- D) after changing three different means of transport.

25. The Reverend John Flynn managed to create the Flying Doctor Service by ...

- A) bringing medical doctors to work in the Australian outback.
- B) inventing a new fast and reliable means of transport.
- C) using technological advances and his money-raising talents.
- D) making use of the Morse code as a means of communication.

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.

Global Warming

The effects of global warming are indeed global, which is why no nation can afford to ignore them. Europe is currently consuming the world's resources, and producing pollution at twice the global average, although still well below US levels. Research suggests that its mountains and southern lands will be the hardest hit by climate change. 10% of Alpine glaciers disappeared during the summer of 2003 alone, and at current rates 75% of Switzerland's glaciers will have melted by 2050. Snow lines are getting higher, and less snow is being stored through the year. This will seriously affect hydroelectric power stations, and more obviously the skiing industry.

Some Mediterranean cities are already intolerably hot and polluted in the summer, but this will only get worse, and there will be an increase in forest fires and water shortages. Farmers in the north would benefit, at least for a time, from being able to grow crops normally grown in the south, but they will probably suffer much less predictable weather and a greater risk of flooding. With increased summer heat, limited water supplies and dry lands, the Mediterranean region may be increasingly abandoned as millions of people move north.

Most scientists and environmentalists agree that we must act straightaway to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases. Everyone has a responsibility to reduce their own 'carbon footprint'. They can do this by using less energy. They can also use more efficient and, ideally, renewable energy such as solar, wind and tidal, and lead less polluting lifestyles. This means not only driving cars less, or not at all, but also cutting back on air travel.

26. Europe is currently producing more pollution than the United States of America.

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

27. By the middle of the 21st century, there will be only 25% of glaciers left in Switzerland.

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

28. No more ski resorts or hydroelectric power stations will be built in Europe in the coming years.

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

29. In the countries across the Mediterranean region, the weather conditions for farming will improve.

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

30. Many people are already giving up their cars in order to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases.

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

PART THREE: USE OF ENGLISH

Directions: For questions 31 - 60, read the text and the sentences below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) fits each gap best.

The Early Years of Steve Jobs

Many people would agree that Steve Jobs, **31.** _____ chief executive officer of *Apple Computers*, was one of the most influential people in the world, certainly in the **32.** _____ of technology. **33.** _____ Job's direction, *Apple Inc.* **34.** _____ some of the world's most innovative and exciting technological inventions.

Jobs was born on February 24, 1955, to Joanne Schieble and Abdulfattah Jandali. At the time, the two were busy young students at the University of Wisconsin, and they **35.** _____ it was best for them to give up the child for adoption.

A short time later, the boy was adopted by Clara and Paul Jobs of Mountain View, California, and named Steven Paul Jobs. The family home was within California's Silicon Valley, an area **36.** _____ for its many computer and electronics companies.

Steve's father, Paul, was a machinist, and when Steve was a young boy, the two would spend hours in the family's garage taking **37.** _____ and rebuilding electronics – helpful practice for Steve's future career.

In elementary school, Steve didn't stand **38.** _____ - at least not in a good way. He preferred **39.** _____ jokes on his classmates and teachers to completing his school work. In the fourth grade, a teacher named Imogene Hill saw that young Steve had potential. Mrs. Hill was finally able to convince Steve to **40.** _____ his studies more seriously. How did she do it? She **41.** _____ him with candy and five-dollar bills from her own money. Later, Steve spoke about Mrs. Hill fondly, **42.** _____ her 'one of the saints of my life'.

In 1969, at the age of 14, Steve met an 18-year-old university freshman named Steve Wozniak, his future *Apple* co-founder. Although they were different ages, the two had a lot in **43.** _____. They **44.** _____ a love of electronics and computer design, and they were both leaders rather than followers. In his book Steve Wozniak said of their meeting, ‘Typically, it was really hard for me to explain to people the kind of design stuff I worked on, but Steve got it right **45.** _____, even though he was still in high school. We had a good relationship, we talked electronics, we talked about music, we liked and traded stories.’

31. A) earlier B) older C) former D) gone
32. A) field B) territory C) district D) ground
33. A) By B) Under C) In D) At
34. A) carried B) found C) did D) developed
35. A) chose B) decided C) solved D) regarded
36. A) famous B) eminent C) notorious D) prominent
37. A) off B) away C) apart D) in
38. A) over B) out C) up D) by
39. A) playing B) doing C) giving D) saying
40. A) have B) make C) put D) take
41. A) gave B) awarded C) rewarded D) prized
42. A) remembering B) calling C) seeing D) viewing
43. A) common B) general C) joint D) similar
44. A) owned B) split C) shared D) divided
45. A) in B) on C) down D) away

46. The Johnsons love their new neighbourhood. There are a _____ nice parks there and not much traffic.

- A) little B) couple C) few D) several

47. My father used to read _____ *Observer* but nowadays he gets all his news online, not from newspapers.

- A) a B) - C) an D) the

48. There seems to be a lot of news about corrupt politicians _____ days.

- A) this B) these C) those D) that

49. Can you tell me what time _____ , please?

- A) the pool opens B) does the pool open C) opens the pool D) is opening the pool

50. Adele was _____ busy studying for her test to go to the party.

- A) so B) that C) very D) too

51. You are not allowed in the deep end of the pool unless you _____ swim.

- A) can B) can't C) don't D) may

52. This is the first time I _____ the British Museum, and I should say I quite like it.

- A) am visiting B) visit C) have visited D) will visit

53. In most sports, a timeout is signalled with a T made by both hands, _____?

- A) aren't they B) isn't it C) doesn't it D) does it

54. These books are _____. Have you forgotten? You left them here last week.

- A) your B) yours C) of you D) to you

55. The flooding in Brazil was _____ that in Australia.

- A) not as bad as B) not as worse as C) not bad than D) not the worst

56. I wish I _____ for the singing competition. Why didn't you stop me?

- A) didn't enrol B) haven't enrolled C) am not enrolled D) hadn't enrolled

57. _____ your medicine yet? You are supposed to take it every three hours.

- A) Don't you take B) Were you taking C) Have you taken D) Aren't you taking

58. The crops in the field died last week, because they _____ by the toxins in the water coming from that polluted river.

- A) had been poisoned B) had poisoned C) have been poisoned D) have been poisoning

59. Anna and Tina don't like their roommate. They would ask her to leave if they _____ need her to pay the rent.

- A) don't B) not C) didn't D) wouldn't

60. I avoid _____ in heavy rain or snow.

- A) to drive B) driving C) to be driving D) be driven

PART FOUR: WRITING

Directions: Write a text of about 170 – 190 words on ONE of the topics below.

- 1.** What is the best decision you have ever made? Write about the situation and why you made that decision. What happened afterwards? Why did it turn out so well?
- 2.** It is the year 2050. Describe one typical day at school. What does your classroom look like? How many students are there in the room? What subjects are taught?

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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.

PART ONE: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Task 1

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Laughter Yoga

You've probably heard the expression 'Laughter is the best medicine'. Well, scientists and medical doctors now agree that laughter can help people deal with stress and anger. Research has also shown that people who feel happy and relaxed are healthier and have better relationships.

Laughter yoga is a series of exercises which teaches you to laugh for no reason. You don't need to have a sense of humour, or understand funny jokes. You just have to laugh.

When you do laughter yoga in a group, you laugh and do yoga breathing, so that you increase the amount of oxygen in your body. Soon the laughter exercises turn into real laughter. After a laughter yoga class, you feel calm and relaxed, but also happy and full of energy.

Laughter yoga was developed by a medical doctor from India, Dr Madan Kataria. He started the first laughter yoga classes in a park in Mumbai in 1995 with just five people, and now there are over six thousand laughter clubs in sixty different countries.

Companies who have run laughter yoga workshops find that they have advantages for both employers and employees. People who are happy at work are more hardworking and make more money for the company. Also, people who can laugh together, communicate more successfully.

In general, people do better at work when they feel happy and relaxed.

Task 2

Directions: You will hear a text about *the Underage Festival* 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 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, C or D**) 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.

The Underage Festival

Are you a music lover between the ages of fourteen and eighteen? Would you like to go to a festival with friends of the same age as you? Then this music festival is for you!

For most music festivals in Britain you have to be eighteen before you can go without an adult, but the underage festival is different. You must be between fourteen and eighteen.

The Underage Festival is a day of music and fun for teenagers. It takes place in Victoria Park, London, in August. It's a one-day festival – it starts at 12 o'clock at noon and the music goes on until 8 p.m.

Sam Kilkoynе is the main organiser of the festival. He started the Underage Festival in 2007 when he was only fifteen. It's a small festival with about ten thousand people but the best thing about it is that there are no adults! Parents can wait for their children outside the gate, but they can't come into the festival.

But parents don't need to worry! The organisation is great and it's a safe and peaceful festival! You can't bring food or drinks into the festival, but there are a lot of restaurant tents with a variety of foods and drinks – from pizzas to burgers, Chinese to Mexican, fizzy drinks to different juices and tea.

There's a big variety of music as well, everything from indie to hip hop, from electronic to heavy metal. There's even a silent disco where everyone wears headphones. There are six stages. The main stage is outside and the other five are in huge tents. Sometimes it's difficult to choose which band to watch because they play only for thirty minutes. But as a whole, the music is fantastic and the teenagers are happy.

Task 3

*Directions: You will hear a text about **the monarch butterfly** twice. Before you listen to it, you will have **1 minute** to read questions **11 – 15**. 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.*

The Monarch Butterfly

The Monarch butterfly is one of the most beautiful insects on our planet. It lives in North and South America and in autumn, about 100 million monarchs travel to their winter habitat in Mexico. The monarch has orange, black and white wings and they are about ninety to a hundred millimetres wide. The bright colours tell its enemies that the monarch tastes horrible and is poisonous.

Each year, four to five generations of monarchs are born. Most of them live two to five weeks, but the last generation of the summer lives for six to seven months. These long-living butterflies make their long journey from North America to Mexico. They travel three thousand five hundred kilometres or more.

Scientists believe that monarch butterflies are the only species of butterfly that travel between a summer habitat and a winter habitat. They usually travel about eighty kilometres a day. However, some butterflies fly nearly 130 kilometres in a day. Monarchs fly alone but on the same path. They only fly during the day, following the sun and at night they stop in forests with other monarchs. During this period, one tree may have thousands of butterflies on it.

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8.	D	1	38.	B	1
9.	B	1	39.	A	1
10.	A	1	40.	D	1
11.	A	1	41.	C	1
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13.	A	1	43.	A	1
14.	C	1	44.	C	1
15.	A	1	45.	D	1
16.	C	1	46.	C	1
17.	A	1	47.	D	1
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19.	D	1	49.	A	1
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23.	D	1	53.	B	1
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25.	C	1	55.	A	1
26.	B	1	56.	D	1
27.	A	1	57.	C	1
28.	C	1	58.	A	1
29.	B	1	59.	C	1
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