

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 ПРОФЕСИОНАЛНИТЕ ГИМНАЗИИ
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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 **Atlanta** 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 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. The capital city of Georgia – Atlanta is ...

- A) named after a US hunter.
- B) named after a Greek Goddess.
- C) a famous hunting center.

2. Atlanta was established in 1837 at ...

- A) the intersection of two railroad lines.
- B) the end of the Civil War.
- C) the crossing point of two highways.

3. The residents of Atlanta are known as “too busy to hate” because ...

- A) they hate all the rest.
- B) all hate them.
- C) of their advanced views.

4. During the celebrations of the film “Gone with the Wind” the actors visited ...

- A) the Civil War museum.
- B) a famous cinema.
- C) the trade center.

5. They say that the actor Clark Gable ...

- A) fought and died in the Civil war.
- B) played a leading role in the Civil war.
- C) was used as a model for a sculpture of a soldier.

Task 2

Directions: You will hear a joke called “**Meals on Wheels**” 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 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 cat wants to have ...

- A) a farm to live on.
- B) a family to look after him.
- C) something nice to sleep on.

7. The mice are welcomed at the gate of Heaven by ...

- A) God himself.
- B) cats and dogs.
- C) women with brooms.

8. God asks the mice what they ...

- A) want.
- B) did.
- C) chased.

9. After a week God visits the cat and finds him ...

- A) about to fall asleep.
- B) wide awake.
- C) in a deep sleep.

10. “Meals on Wheels” are ...

- A) the mice wearing roller skates.
- B) specially cooked dishes on tables with wheels.
- C) trolleys with wheels and meals on them.

Task 3

Directions: You will hear a text about **Christmas Crackers** 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. Christmas crackers are popular in the UK and in some other countries.

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

12. There is never a present in the Christmas cracker.

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

13. People pull Christmas crackers always after everyone has finished dinner.

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

14. Children in the UK can make their own Christmas crackers.

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

15. Russian crackers are exactly the same as the British ones.

- 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 or C) which you think fits best according to the text.

Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night

To many English children, Bonfire Night, with its fireworks and a bonfire, is one of the most exciting nights of the year. Why do people take part in such strange rituals?

In 1567 Mary, Queen of Scots, ran away to England, and her thirteen-month-old son James was crowned king of Scotland. Although his mother was a Catholic, James was brought up as a Protestant.

Years later, Elizabeth I, Queen of England, died without children, so Mary's son became king of both England and Scotland. The Catholics in England were upset that they had a Protestant king. They became especially angry when the new king made them pay heavy taxes if they did not go to Protestant church services.

As a result in 1605, a group of Catholic conspirators planned to kill the king by blowing up the House of Parliament. They put gunpowder under the rooms in the Parliament where the king and his men would meet - enough powder to destroy the building and kill everyone present. One of the conspirators, Guy Fawkes, had to blow up this huge bomb. However, he failed and was executed.

For centuries afterwards, Londoners have organized a bonfire on November 5th to mark the anniversary of this event. They even sing a special song on this occasion: "Remember, remember the fifth of November ...," they sing.

Anyway, it seemed that only half of the people hated Guy Fawkes... while the other half celebrated his rebellious spirit. They believed it's not only our right, but our duty to fight back when a group of people try to tell the rest of us how to live our lives.

16. James became king of both England and Scotland ...

- A) right after his mother ran away to England.
- B) after the death of Queen Elizabeth I.
- C) when he was thirteen months old.

17. King James was ...

- A) a Protestant.
- B) a Catholic.
- C) none of the above.

18. The conspirators planned to kill the king ...

- A) in the House of Parliament.
- B) during a church service.
- C) by destroying his own home.

19. Guy Fawkes was ...

- A) one of the king's men.
- B) a Protestant.
- C) a Catholic.

20. Guy Fawkes was ...

- A) hated by everybody over the years.
- B) given a life-long prison sentence.
- C) a rebel and a conspirator.

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.

A Weekend in Las Vegas

On a weekend in Las Vegas, a woman won a jackpot at a slot machine. As she was going to have dinner with her husband, she decided to leave the money in their room.

She carried her bag full of coins to the elevator. As she was about to walk into the elevator she noticed two men already there.

Both were black. One of them was big ... very big ... and scary. Her first thought was: "These two are going to rob me." Her next thought was: "Don't be a fool, they look like perfectly nice gentlemen." But racial stereotypes are powerful, and fear paralyzed her. She stood and stared

at the two men. Finally she couldn't just stand there, so with a great effort she picked up one foot and stepped forward and followed with the other foot and was on the elevator. Trying not to look at them, she turned around and faced the closing doors.

Some time passed but the elevator didn't move. She panicked. "My God", she thought, "I'm trapped and about to be robbed!" Then one of the men said, "Hit the floor." Instinct told her: Do what they tell you. She threw out her arms and went down on her knees. Her bag of coins flew upwards and the coins rained down on her.

"Take my money but don't hurt me", she prayed. More seconds passed.

Then she heard one of the men say politely, "Madam, when I told my friend here to hit the floor I meant that he should press the elevator button for our floor in the hotel. I didn't mean for you to hit the floor." They reached down to help her up. Confused, she struggled to her feet. She was too ashamed to speak and she didn't know what to say.

The three of them collected the coins and put them back in her bag. When the elevator reached her floor, they walked her to her room and wished her a good evening. As she entered her room she could hear them laughing while they walked back to the elevator.

The next morning there were flowers in her room and the card said: "Thanks for the best laugh we've had in years." It was signed, Eddie Murphy & Michael Jordan.

21. The woman was ...

- A) single.
- B) divorced.
- C) married.

22. The two men entered the elevator ...

- A) before the woman.
- B) at the same time with the woman.
- C) after the woman.

23. The woman went down on her knees because ...

- A) her leg was paralyzed.
- B) she misunderstood what the man meant.
- C) she had dropped her bag.

24. The woman didn't say anything in the end as she was ...

- A) very tired.
- B) embarrassed.
- C) too busy.

25. The next day the woman ...

- A) learned who the two men were.
- B) laughed at what happened.
- C) thanked the two men.

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.

"Good morning!" said Bilbo, and he meant it. The sun was shining, and the grass was very green. But Gandalf looked at him from under his long bushy eyebrows:

"What do you mean?" he said. "Do you wish me a good morning, or you mean that it is a good morning; or that you feel good this morning; or that it is a morning to be good on?"

"All of them at once," said Bilbo.

Then he took out his morning letters, and began to read, pretending to take no more notice of the old man. He wanted him to go away. But the old man did not move. He stood leaning on his stick and gazing at the hobbit without saying anything, till Bilbo got quite uncomfortable and even a little cross.

"Good morning!" he said at last. "We don't want any adventures here, thank you! You might try over The Hill or across The Water." By this he meant that the conversation was at an end.

"What a lot of things you do use Good morning for!" said Gandalf. "Now you mean that you want to get rid of me, and that it won't be good till I move off."

"Not at all, not at all, my dear sir! Let me see, I don't think I know your name?"

"Yes, yes, my dear sir - and I do know your name, Mr. Bilbo Baggins. And you do know my name, though you don't remember that I belong to it. I am Gandalf, and Gandalf means me! I will give you what you asked for."

"I beg your pardon, I haven't asked for anything!"

"Yes, you have! I'll give it to you. In fact I will go so far as to send you on this adventure."

"Sorry! I don't want any adventures, thank you. Not today. Good morning!"

26. Gandalf thinks that Bilbo says "Good morning!" with different meanings.

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

27. Bilbo was impatient to leave.

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

28. Gandalf knows Bilbo's grandparents well.

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

29. Bilbo looks forward to the forthcoming adventure.

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

30. The last "Good morning" is used instead of "Goodbye" by Bilbo.

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) best fits each gap.

31. _____ he nor Mr. Whitty have ever asked Mr. White for his version of the events.

- A) Neither B) Nor C) No D) Not

32. While she _____ supper the phone rang.

- A) has B) was having C) had D) is having

33. The rocket, containing the second live space monkey, _____ into space and brought back to Earth safely.

- A) were sent B) was sent C) has sent D) sent

34. London is _____ popular tourist destination city for overseas travelers in 2013.

- A) most B) much C) the most D) more

35. She refused _____ without him.

- A) go B) going C) went D) to go

36. Chickens _____ eat meat.

- A) aren't B) don't C) doesn't D) isn't

37. The main shopping areas and most of the tourist attractions _____ reached by subway, taxi or bicycle.

- A) are easy B) are easily C) is easily D) is easy

38. There's _____ to worry about.

- A) any B) no C) nothing D) anything

39. Dorothy opened her basket and got out _____ bread.

- A) some B) any C) a D) an

40. If you _____ her now, she will possibly come to your birthday party tomorrow.

- A) will ask B) had asked C) are asking D) ask

41. She asks how I am, and whether I'm looking _____ myself.

- A) for B) down C) up D) after

42. I don't know why he _____ the same silly mistake every time.

- A) does B) doing C) makes D) making

43. You don't have to be afraid _____ this dog, it doesn't bite.

- A) of B) at C) about D) from

44. Some _____ white powder caused the people to call the police.

- A) suspect B) suspicion C) suspicious D) suspiciousness

45. Tell me something about yourself, and the country you come _____.

- A) down B) on C) in D) from.

46. The dentist asked the old lady to _____ her mouth wide.

- A) close B) slam C) shut D) open

47. Yesterday my niece _____ in front of a lot of people at work.

- A) spoke B) mentioned C) said D) told

48. It is very hot in here. Please, turn _____ the heating.

- A) of B) off C) on D) up

49. John is a very _____ worker.

- A) skilful B) skills C) skill D) hardly

50. All the dishes are dirty. Would you do the _____.

- A) cleaning B) ironing C) washing D) washing-up

PART FOUR: WRITING

Directions: Write a text of between 120 and 140 words on ONE of the topics below.

1. Describe your most memorable experience. What happened? When and where did it happen? Who were you with? How did you feel?
2. Which is your favourite time of the year? Describe it and explain why you like it so much. What do you like doing most then?

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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

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Atlanta is the capital of the US state of Georgia. A lot of people live there and it is the cultural and economic center of the Atlanta metropolitan area. The city is named after a Greek Goddess who was a great hunter.

Atlanta was established in 1837 at the crossing point of two railroad lines. After the end of the Civil War, the city became a national center of trade and economy. Later, in the years following the Civil Rights Movement, Atlanta reached international fame. The city earned a reputation as being "too busy to hate" because of the progressive views of its citizens and leaders.

One of the most popular buildings in Atlanta is the Civil War museum. Inside the museum visitors can first watch a short historical film about the Civil War before they see the central painting. This painting is very important because it tells the story of the main events of the Civil War.

There is a popular story about that museum and the actor Clark Gable. During the celebrations connected with the opening night of the film "Gone with the Wind", the actors from the film visited the museum. They say that Clark Gable, who played the leading role in it, said jokingly that the only way the painting could be made even better was if he were in it. Clark Gable's features were later added to one of the sculptures of a dying soldier in the museum.

Task 2

Directions: You will hear a joke called “Meals on Wheels” 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 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.

Meals on Wheels

A cat dies and goes to Heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, "You have been a good cat all these years. Anything you want is yours, all you have to do is ask."

The cat says, "Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors."

God says, "Say no more." And instantly, a soft pillow appears.

A few days later, six mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to Heaven. God meets them at the gate and tells them the same. The mice say, "All our lives we've had to run. Cats, dogs and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore."

God says, "Say no more." And instantly, each mouse has a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates.

About a week later, God decides to check on the cat. The cat is sound asleep on his new pillow. God gently wakes him and asks, "How are you doing? Are you happy here?"

The cat opens his eyes, stretches and says, "Oh, I have never been happier in my life. And those Meals on Wheels you have been sending over are the best!"

Task 3

Directions: You will hear a text about Christmas Crackers 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.

Christmas Crackers

Christmas crackers are part of Christmas celebrations in the United Kingdom and countries such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. A cracker consists of a tube wrapped in paper, making it look like a very big candy. The cracker is pulled by two people, so it divides into two parts and one of the parts is always bigger than the other. There is a present in the bigger part. The pulling is accompanied by a small bang which makes almost everybody smile.

Crackers are pulled at the Christmas dinner table. They contain a coloured paper hat or crown, a small plastic toy and a small piece of paper with a motto, a joke or a riddle written on it.

Ready crackers are usually sold in boxes but you can make your own crackers which is common for children of all ages in the UK.

Crackers are part of New Year celebrations in Russia. Those crackers are, however, more like small fireworks, normally used outdoors and produce a stronger bang accompanied by fire and smoke.

Unfortunately, Christmas crackers are not popular in Bulgaria. However, one day we hope we will be able to buy them in Bulgaria as well because Christmas crackers are great fun indeed.

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1.	B	1		26.	A	1
2.	A	1		27.	B	1
3.	C	1		28.	C	1
4.	A	1		29.	B	1
5.	C	1		30.	A	1
6.	C	1		31.	A	1
7.	A	1		32.	B	1
8.	A	1		33.	B	1
9.	C	1		34.	C	1
10.	A	1		35.	D	1
11.	A	1		36.	B	1
12.	B	1		37.	B	1
13.	C	1		38.	C	1
14.	A	1		39.	A	1
15.	B	1		40.	D	1
16.	B	1		41.	D	1
17.	A	1		42.	C	1
18.	A	1		43.	A	1
19.	C	1		44.	C	1
20.	C	1		45.	D	1
21.	C	1		46.	D	1
22.	A	1		47.	A	1
23.	B	1		48.	B	1
24.	B	1		49.	A	1
25.	A	1		50.	D	1