

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

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1. The Eiffel Tower was built ...

- A) in the late 18th century.
- B) in the late 19th century.
- C) at the beginning of the 20th century.

2. The Eiffel Tower is open for visitors ...

- A) every single day.
- B) free of charge.
- C) up to its very top only.

3. There are restaurants at _____ of the Eiffel Tower.

- A) all the three levels
- B) only the second level
- C) the first and the second levels

4. A famous journalist spent a lot of time mostly at its _____ level.

- A) third
- B) zero
- C) first or second

5. It turned out that the journalist ...

- A) was impressed with the Eiffel Tower.
- B) couldn't stand the sight of the Tower.
- C) liked the Eiffel Tower's restaurants.

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6. The man in the story loved _____ more than anything else.

- A) work
- B) his wife
- C) money

7. The man wanted his wife to _____ after he died.

- A) be faithful to him
- B) love him with all her heart
- C) place his savings in the grave with him

8. At the funeral the wife was ...

- A) accompanied by a dear friend.
- B) dressed in her usual clothes.
- C) crying all the time.

9. The wife asked the undertakers to wait a little so that she could ...

- A) fix properly her husband's shoes.
- B) put a box beside her dead husband.
- C) put an extra pair of shoes in the casket.

10. We can conclude that the clever wife had put _____ in the shoe box.

- A) money in cash
- B) a check
- C) a bank statement

Task 3

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11. Only teenagers love to listen to K-Pop music.

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

12. Teenagers willingly dance the funny “Gangnam Style” dance.

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

13. Middle-aged people don’t allow the kids to jump around in this funny way.

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

14. According to the speaker there must be something special about the tune of the latest K-Pop hit.

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

15. The song is one of the three top hits in the MTV Asia charts.

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

PART TWO: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1

***Directions:** Read the text below. For questions 16 - 22, choose the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text.*

The Globe Theatre

The Globe Theatre was a theatre in London associated with William Shakespeare. It was built in 1599 by Shakespeare's playing company, the Lord Chamberlain's Men, and was destroyed by fire on 29 June 1613. That day the Globe Theatre went out in flames during a performance of one of Shakespeare's plays – “Henry the Eighth.” According to one of the few surviving documents of the event, no one was hurt except a man who tried to put out his burning trousers with a bottle of beer.

A second Globe Theatre was built in the following year. Like all the other theatres in London, the Globe was closed down by the Puritans in 1642. The Puritans destroyed all the theatres because they did not believe in entertainment.

Some people think that Shakespeare was the owner of the first Globe Theatre. Actually, six men owned different shares in the Theatre. More than 50% of it belonged to brothers Richard and Cuthbert Burbage. In fact, Shakespeare possessed only 7% of the Theatre. His comedies and tragedies were played there. Shakespeare was also an actor, not only a playwright and a poet. With his brilliant plays William Shakespeare made the Globe the most famous theatre in the country. The new Globe Theatre was opened in 1997 and 16th century building methods were used to construct it. The modern reconstruction of the Globe Theatre, named "Shakespeare's Globe", is about 230 m away from the location of the original theatre.

Designers tried to remain as close to the old plans as possible. There are still some modern differences to be seen. For example, there is electricity everywhere in the new Globe. There is also a lobby and visitor center for guests as well as a big backstage area for the actors and technical staff.

In Shakespeare's time the Globe Theatre could house 3000 people. The New Globe is as big as the old Globe Theatre but it can house only 1300 people. The number is much smaller because today there are Health and Safety Regulations. Such regulations did not exist back in the late 16th and early 17th century.

Back then London theatre goers loved the old Globe Theatre. It was their opportunity to see the great plays and to see each other. Today theatre goers from all over the world love the new Globe. It is their opportunity to see what the theatre looked like in Shakespeare's time. Though the new Globe Theatre is not open for productions during the winter, tours of the new Globe are available year-round.

16. The first Globe Theatre burned down ...

- A) because of a drunk man.
- B) during a performance.
- C) on purpose.

17. The second Globe Theatre was torn down ...

- A) because of Puritan religious beliefs.
- B) unlike other London theatres.
- C) less than a decade after it had been built.

18. The owners of the first Globe Theatre ...

- A) had equal shares.
- B) were also actors.
- C) were six people.

19. The modern reconstruction of the Globe Theatre was opened ...

- A) seventeen years ago in London.
- B) near its original location.
- C) thanks to modern technologies.

20. Which of the following modern facilities in the new Globe is mentioned in the text?

- A) Running water.
- B) A backstage section.
- C) Telephone booths.

21. The old Globe Theatre housed more spectators because ...

- A) its size was bigger.
- B) its popularity was greater.
- C) there weren't safety rules requirements.

22. Today theatre goers from around the world can enjoy _____ performances at the new Globe.

- A) spring, summer and autumn
- B) only winter
- C) all year-round

Task 2

Directions: Read the text below. For questions 23 - 30, choose the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text.

Mountain Climber Stacy Allison: The First Woman to Go to Mount Everest

As a kid, Stacy Allison visited Mount Hood in Oregon every weekend. She told herself that one day she would climb it. In fact, she did more than that. Allison has since become the first woman to climb Mount Everest, which is just one of her many achievements.

The keen climber has become a motivational speaker too. She often talks about reaching her goals and the failures and successes she has faced along the way. This is what she likes to share.

Allison didn't start climbing until her first year at college. One of her classmates posted a notice on a bulletin board that he was going to Zion National Park in southwest Utah to climb mountains. He was looking for someone to join him. After her day at the park, Allison said she knew what she was going to do: climb.

Allison's experience in conquering mountains has made a huge impact on other areas of her life. For every goal she sets, she always does her best. At present, she is a successful author, wife, and mother of two sons.

'Climbing mountains is a lot of work and takes a lot of dedication', she said. 'And believe it or not, climbing is more mental than physical because your body wears down a lot faster than your mind. You have to mentally push your body far beyond what you think it is capable of doing,' she wrote in her latest book. 'It can be very boring ... yet at the same time you have to stay focused so you don't make any mistakes.'

Reaching the summit of Mount Everest was one of her first major goals. However, she didn't make it the first time. After suffering the disappointment of having to turn back in 1987 she knew she had to try again. On the 29th day of her second expedition to Mount Everest, she reached the top. She was 29 years old and the day was September 29, 1988.

After her success, she started talking – professionally. She uses her experience from climbing Mount Everest as a metaphor for achieving success in life. As a motivational speaker, she talks about different things, but teamwork is a large part of her message.

'I tell stories from my Mount Everest climb and then I relate those stories back to the audience and what they're going through,' she says. 'It's important for people to figure out what it is they want to achieve in their life, and work through the fears and the failures that go along with that.'

Ordinary people who have overcome hardship and have turned successful like Allison, can serve as an example to many young people. There is a lot to learn from her – about courage, persistence and success.

23. During her childhood Stacey rarely travelled to Oregon.

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

24. As used in the text, a 'motivational speaker' is a person who gives public speeches to inspire others.

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

25. Stacy Allison started her climbing career at primary school.

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

26. After their mountain climb in the Zion National Park, Stacy's classmate fell in love with her.

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

27. To be a successful climber you only need to be physically strong.

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

28. Stacey achieved her Mount Everest goals from the very start.

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

29. She had already got married when she conquered Mount Everest.

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

30. According to Stacey, people can learn a lot from her life story.

- 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. They said they hadn't read the book, _____.

- A) neither B) too C) either D) also

32. While the waitress _____ our order my father entered the restaurant.

- A) is taking B) took C) takes D) was taking

33. The new hotel opposite the bank _____ at least a couple of months ago.

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

34. Nowadays _____ people think that break dancing is awesome.

- A) less B) much C) lot of D) fewer

35. After her father-in-law had stopped _____, his heart condition improved.

- A) smoking B) to smoke C) to have a smoke D) smoke

36. After the earthquake many people _____ to live with relatives for some time.

- A) must B) should C) had D) may

37. It is the first time I _____ to this song.

- A) listen B) have listened C) am listening D) listened

38. A person who doesn't like spending _____ money is often called "Uncle Scrooge".
A) no B) any C) some D) a
39. If the customers _____ the sneakers, they will most likely buy them.
A) like B) liked C) had liked D) has liked
40. The exam was _____ than I had expected.
A) as easy B) much easier C) quite easy D) the easiest
41. In Maths classes, I always fear the teacher will say 'Take _____ a sheet of paper!'
A) up B) out C) down D) on
42. The exam test was very hard indeed and not many students succeeded in _____ it.
A) taking B) sitting C) passing D) failing
43. My mother makes me _____ the guitar for an hour every day.
A) practise B) practising C) to practise D) practised
44. _____ exercise every day is a popular lifestyle today.
A) Making B) Having C) Doing D) Playing
45. Many people prefer to _____ a shower in the morning but I like to do this before going to bed.
A) give B) take C) make D) do
46. A lot of fans think that Elvis Presley is still _____.
A) life B) alive C) live D) lives
47. Sometimes it is quite difficult to _____ a decision on the spot.
A) make B) choose C) draw D) think
48. Today you don't have to leave the comfort of your home to _____ a living – all you need is a reliable internet connection.
A) earn B) pay C) gain D) win
49. Mary doesn't like the idea of _____ money for "a rainy day."
A) getting B) saving C) taking D) giving
50. A balanced diet and daily physical exercise are the keys to a _____ lifestyle.
A) health B) healthiness C) healthy D) healthful

PART FOUR: WRITING

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

1. Describe your dream job. Write about

- what you have to do;
- the skills and qualities you need for it;
- why you like it.

2. Write an email to a friend sharing with him/her your recent news.

Write about

- the things you have done lately;
- your plans for the holidays.

Ask about your friend's holiday plans.

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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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The Eiffel Tower

The Eiffel Tower was built in 1889 as the entrance to the World's Fair in Paris. It was named after the French engineer Gustav Eiffel who designed it. The Tower is the tallest structure in Paris. It is also the most-visited paid monument in the world. Many people climb it every day. The Tower has had millions of visitors so far.

The Tower stands 320 metres high and has three levels for visitors. They can buy tickets to climb the Tower by lift only to the first and second level. Of course, visitors can reach all the three levels by stairs. One has to buy tickets for the stairs, too. There are restaurants only at the first and second level. The Eiffel Tower has become the most famous symbol of both Paris and France.

However, not all people like the Tower. A well-known journalist visited Paris and spent a lot of time eating and writing in one of its restaurants. One day a friend said that he must be very impressed with the Eiffel Tower because he spent so much time there. "Impressed!?" the journalist replied. "I remain here because it's the only place in Paris where I can avoid seeing this ugly thing!"

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Money for the Afterlife

There was a man who worked all his life and saved all his money. He loved money more than anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die, I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife."

So he made his wife promise him with all her heart that when he died, she would put all his money in the casket with him.

Well, one day he died. He was lying in the casket and his wife was sitting there in black next to her closest friend. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said "Wait just a minute!"

She had a shoe box with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket and rolled it down in the earth. Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in the casket."

"Yes, I did," the wife said, "I promised. I'm a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I was going to put that money in the casket with him."

"You mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket with him?"

"I sure did. I put all his money into my bank account and I wrote him a check."

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K-Pop Songs

Do you like listening to K-Pop songs? K-Pop songs have become more and more popular now.

A lot of people, especially teenagers around the world, love to listen to K-Pop nowadays.

K-Pop means Korean popular music. Why are these songs so fashionable today, what makes them so special that millions of teenagers all over the world are crazy about them? Well, no one seems to know the answer. However, people do know that they just love K-Pop songs.

"K-Pop songs are awesome", teenagers say, ready to show you the funny "Gangnam Style" dance. If you are well over twenty, in your mid-thirties or more, you will most probably smile and walk away. You may even say that it is better for the kids to jump around in this funny way than to do drugs, for example. After all, the latest K-Pop hit has a really catchy tune and has become the number one hit in the United Kingdom's charts for 2012. It is also one of the five top hits in the US' charts today.

Come on, do not take life so seriously. Not everything should be educational, right? Do yourself a favour, jump, have fun and go "Gangnam" dance.

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