

Вы услышите интервью. В заданиях 3–9 запишите в поле ответа цифру 1, 2 или 3, соответствующую выбранному Вами варианту ответа. Вы услышите запись дважды.

3 What do we learn about Alan White at the beginning of the interview?

- 1) He is internationally famous.
- 2) He never writes theatre pieces.
- 3) He's worked in several spheres.

Ответ:

4 Judging by Alan's words, he can't stand ...

- 1) his office.
- 2) quarrels.
- 3) teenagers.

Ответ:

5 Alan compares screen writing with coming to a party, because for both things one has to be ...

- 1) talkative.
- 2) positive.
- 3) selfish.

Ответ:

6 Alan describes himself as ...

- 1) anxious.
- 2) confident.
- 3) enthusiastic.

Ответ:

7 Alan White likes doing courtroom dramas because they ...

- 1) are rarely criticized by people.
- 2) have an understandable plot.
- 3) contain very short speeches.

Ответ:

8 Which of the following is TRUE about Alan's family?

- 1) It used to live in poverty.
- 2) It lived in a prestigious area.
- 3) It didn't have any problems.

Ответ:

9 Alan loves it when film directors help to ...

- 1) improve his initial story.
- 2) see the story in his head.
- 3) cast the best actors for the film.

Ответ:

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Раздел 2. Чтение

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Установите соответствие между текстами А–Г и заголовками 1–8. Занесите свои ответы в таблицу. Используйте каждую цифру только один раз. В задании один заголовок лишний.

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A safe period | 5. Original thinking |
| 2. Necessary for health | 6. Not just nice |
| 3. A happy life | 7. Don't worry, be happy |
| 4. A trigger for medical discovery | 8. Possible but not easy |

- A. Sometimes called the world's happiest animal, the quokka has a face that often appears to be smiling. With its plump cheeks and photogenic grin, the quokka has found fans all over the world. But there is more to this small Australian mammal than its adorable appearance. The quokka is a fascinating animal with unusual characteristics. Unlike many other animals, quokkas can climb small trees in search of food, which they primarily do at night. They inhabit only a few locations in Western Australia, where they are well-protected and totally safe in the wild.
- B. Once mistaken for large rats, quokkas are a type of marsupial the size of a small cat. Like kangaroos, quokkas carry their young (called joeys) in a pouch. Life inside the pouch offers joeys a warm environment where they can develop after birth and grow stronger. The pouch protects them from predators and harsh weather. During this stage, the mother quokka carefully regulates her movements to keep the joey comfortable. When the joey is ready to start observing the world, it starts by poking its head out of the pouch, and eventually it begins hopping around.
- C. Because of their small size, quokkas have developed specific survival instincts to avoid larger predators. One of their strategies is to look for habitats recently burnt by a wildfire. This might seem like strange behaviour, but there is actually a clever reason behind it. During a wildfire, most animals run away for safety, leaving the area with few predators. Additionally, the new plants that begin to develop after a fire are high in nutrients. As a result, such places give quokkas fresh food and safe spots to hide. This smart behaviour is helpful in areas where fires often happen.
- D. Quokkas have adapted to survive in environments where food is difficult to find. They have developed the ability to go for long periods without eating or drinking, feeding themselves with fat stored in their tails. Some quokkas can go without food for a month or more when they can't find the specific grass they like. It helps them survive during dry seasons or in areas where vegetation is limited. However, they still prefer to feed regularly on soft, green plants. When their favourite food isn't available, they become unhappy and suffer from stress and disease.

- E. Despite their strong nature, quokkas still suffer from illness. During the mid-twentieth century, researchers in Australia noticed that some quokkas in captivity showed symptoms of muscle paralysis. No one could explain why the quokkas were having such symptoms. Eventually, a connection was made between the animals' condition and a lack of a specific vitamin. When given more vitamin-rich foods like the ones they eat in the wild, the quokkas in captivity started to recover. It shows how important it is to provide a diet and how sensitive quokkas can be.
- F. Because of this discovery, scientists began to explore the idea that some muscle conditions in humans might also be caused by a lack of certain vitamins. This new line of thinking opened up a promising area of research. As studies continued, researchers proved the connection between vitamin deficiencies and muscle-related illnesses. This breakthrough deepened their understanding of how nutrition affects the body and led to the development of effective treatments. In this way, studying quokkas encouraged scientific progress far beyond the animal world.
- G. Quokkas have contributed to human health in other ways, too. One study found that people can actually lower their anxiety by watching quokkas and other cute-looking animals. The volunteers who participated in the study had to spend thirty minutes looking at photos and videos of these animals. As a result, their stress level reduced by an average of 35 per cent. This calming effect is believed to come from the way our brains respond to gentle, non-threatening faces. So, the next time you're feeling stressed, a quokka's "smile" might be just what the doctor ordered.

Ответ:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G

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Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски A–F частями предложений, обозначенными цифрами 1–7. Одна из частей в списке 1–7 лишняя. Занесите цифры, обозначающие соответствующие части предложений, в таблицу.

An unusual custom

Have you ever heard about the “prosperity toss,” a beloved Lunar New Year culinary tradition? Anyone not familiar with this unusual custom, A _____ walked in on the world’s strangest food competition. It is, admittedly, an unusual scene!

Generally speaking, a prosperity toss is not only a tradition but also a type of salad. This festive dish involves B _____ a plate of fresh vegetables, raw fish, tasty sauces and spices. Using chopsticks, C _____ the air while saying lucky words or phrases. This tradition symbolizes the hope for prosperity and good luck in the new year.

The origins of the prosperity toss remain a subject of friendly debate between Singapore and Malaysia. Singapore’s version D _____ who modernized Cantonese cuisine in the 1960s. They introduced a colourful combination of vegetables, plum sauce, and raw fish. Meanwhile, Malaysians claim the tradition dates back to the 1940s, when chefs created an early version inspired by traditional fish noodles.

The prosperity toss is more than just a meal – it is a social event E _____ together. The act of tossing the ingredients higher and higher is believed to enhance one’s luck, with each component carrying symbolic meaning.

Despite the inevitable mess that comes with tossing food high into the air, the prosperity toss remains an unmissable highlight of Lunar New Year celebrations. It is a ritual F _____ heritage, reminding participants that traditions are really important.

- 1. is often credited to a group of famous chefs
- 2. is celebrated by people all over the world
- 3. a fun ritual where people gather around
- 4. that blends culinary artistry with cultural
- 5. everyone tosses the ingredients high into
- 6. that brings families, friends, and colleagues
- 7. could be forgiven for thinking they’ve just

Ответ:

A	B	C	D	E	F

Прочитайте текст и выполните задания 12–18. В каждом задании запишите в поле ответа цифру 1, 2, 3 или 4, соответствующую выбранному Вами варианту ответа.

Work culture in Russia

Working in a foreign country always means adapting to new ways of doing things. When it comes to Russian-speaking countries, the work environment can change a lot depending on where you are, what kind of company you work for, and who your colleagues are. But there are some common cultural traits that are helpful to understand if you want to work successfully in such conditions.

For many people in Russian-speaking countries, personal connections are just as important as professional skills. It is a feature shaped by Russia’s history, where personal relationships often served as a safety net in times of uncertainty. Today, this way of thinking still affects how business is done. In Western cultures, business deals often focus mainly on facts, numbers, and results. In Russian business culture, even the best deal might fail if the people involved don’t feel a personal connection. The same is true in the workplace – coworkers often value strong personal relationships more than their Western counterparts do. Taking time to build trust with colleagues is not just nice to have; it is often necessary for success.

Around the world, Russian professionals are known for their grit and ability to solve difficult problems. When they start a project, they usually see it through to the end, no matter how challenging it becomes. This persistence is something many Russian workers take pride in. Even with smaller tasks, you will often find that Russian-speaking colleagues work hard to complete something that others might think is too difficult or even impossible.

Another difference is in education and expertise. In countries like the United States, professionals often specialise very narrowly in one area. But in Russian-speaking countries, it is more common for people to have a deep understanding of both their main field and related areas. This broad education helps them see connections between different topics and solve complex problems that require knowledge from multiple fields. As a result, Russian professionals may adapt easily to roles focusing on more than one specialty.

One area where Russian work culture differs from Western practices is in the idea of continuous improvement. In Western companies, it is common to finish a project, then look for ways to make it better later. But in Russian companies, once a project is done, it is usually considered complete, and a celebration is in order. The focus moves to the next project rather than going back to improve what is already finished.

The way people think about promotions is also different. In many Western workplaces, it is normal for employees to ask for promotions or raises when they feel they have earned them. But in Russian work culture, talking about your own achievements is impolite. Instead of asking for recognition, employees often wait

for their manager to notice their good work. They really appreciate top-down recognition, especially if it is something tangible, like a certificate or a diploma.

Time is understood differently, too. Western cultures usually see time as linear – meetings have clear start and end times, and schedules are followed strictly. But in Russian culture, time is often seen as more flexible. Meetings might last as long as the conversation is productive, without a strict ending time. Since building personal connections is so important, a business meeting may continue much longer than planned if the discussion is going well. So, do not plan anything else afterwards: it is better to leave your schedule open, as building rapport can take time – sometimes longer than anticipated.

12 Why are personal relationships important for Russians?

- 1) They helped people survive in the past.
- 2) They make workplace skills unnecessary.
- 3) They help business deals move faster.
- 4) They help focus on the process, not the result.

Ответ: 2

13 The word *counterparts* in paragraph 2 most probably means ...

- 1) businessmen from another country.
- 2) persons in the same position in another company.
- 3) colleagues that work in the same office as you.
- 4) family members that help with business.

Ответ:

14 Which word describes the Russian approach to challenging tasks?

- 1) Avoidance.
- 2) Determination.
- 3) Acceptance.
- 4) Procrastination.

Ответ:

15 Which statement about how Russian workers are recognised for good work is TRUE, according to the text?

- 1) They prefer verbal praise over material rewards.
- 2) They explain why their work matters to be paid more.
- 3) They wait for the boss to spot what they have done.
- 4) They are offered a higher position after years of work.

Ответ:

16 Which trait of Russian workers is NOT mentioned in the text?

- 1) Loss of interest in a task already done.
- 2) Knowledge in a variety of areas.
- 3) Flexible approach to time.
- 4) Preference for informal meetings.

Ответ:

17 Business meetings with Russians may last longer than planned because ...

- 1) they are not prepared in advance.
- 2) for them, relationships are a priority.
- 3) punctuality is not their strong side.
- 4) Russian people like discussions.

Ответ:

18 The author of the text aims to ...

- 1) encourage Russians to change their work culture.
- 2) argue that Russian and Western work cultures are similar.
- 3) outline specific features of Russian work culture.
- 4) criticise the approach to work practised by Russians.

Ответ:

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Прочитайте текст с пропусками, обозначенными номерами 30–36. Эти номера соответствуют заданиям 30–36, в которых представлены возможные варианты ответов. Запишите в поле ответа цифру 1, 2, 3 или 4, соответствующую выбранному Вами варианту ответа.

New Year traditions

On December 31, the clock strikes midnight and the old year fades into memory. When this happens, a kaleidoscope of vibrant customs and traditions come **30** _____ across the globe. The new year is ushered in with a symphony of hope and joy.

New Year represents a unique moment in time for introspection as the old gives way to the new. There are many traditions **31** _____ with New Year's Eve. Each tradition carries a unique significance **32** _____ beliefs and aspirations of different societies.

One of the most common traditions is the tradition of making New Year's resolutions. This tradition dates back over 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. Nowadays people in countries all over the world take **33** _____ on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day to think the past year over, set intentions, and resolve to improve some aspect of their lives in the new year ahead. Most resolutions relate to relationships, personal fulfillment, and **34** _____ bad habits or taking up good ones. Friends and family may share their resolutions and **35** _____ to support each other. Other symbolic rituals **36** _____ writing resolutions down and keeping them in a special place or putting them on social media. Another beloved tradition on New Year's Eve is giving gifts as a meaningful token of affection, gratitude, and good luck.

- 30** 1) awake 2) apart 3) alive 4) aboard

Ответ:

- 31** 1) connected 2) related 3) united 4) attached

Ответ:

- 32** 1) repeating 2) reflecting 3) reminding 4) remaining

Ответ:

- 33** 1) moment 2) hour 3) minute 4) time

Ответ:

- 34** 1) ruining 2) cracking 3) breaking 4) spoiling

Ответ:

- 35** 1) practise 2) promise 3) prepare 4) present

Ответ:

- 36** 1) include 2) consist 3) connect 4) collect

Ответ:

По окончании выполнения заданий 19–36 не забудьте перенести свои ответы в БЛАНК ОТВЕТОВ № 1! Запишите ответ справа от номера соответствующего задания, начиная с первой клеточки. При переносе ответов на задания 19–29 буквы записываются без пробелов, запятых и других дополнительных символов. Каждую букву или цифру пишите в отдельной клеточке в соответствии с приведёнными в бланке образцами.



Проверьте, чтобы каждый ответ был записан рядом с номером соответствующего задания.

Раздел 3. Грамматика и лексика

Прочитайте приведённый ниже текст / приведённые ниже тексты. Преобразуйте, если необходимо, слова, напечатанные заглавными буквами в конце строк, обозначенных номерами 19–24, так, чтобы они грамматически соответствовали содержанию текстов. Заполните пропуски полученными словами. Каждый пропуск соответствует отдельному заданию из группы 19–24.

Madame Tussauds

Madame Tussaud's name is famous all over the world. Her real name was Mary, and she was born in France in 1761. She **19** lost her parents early and thus had to live with her uncle, who was a doctor and a wax modeller.

LOSE

She helped him open his wax exhibition in Paris when she was only nine years old. At the age of seventeen, Mary **20** _____ to model some of the greatest figures of the time, including Voltaire and Benjamin Franklin.

ALLOW

Both **21** _____ figures are still on display at Madame Tussaud's.

THIS

In 1794 she got married, but unfortunately, her marriage **22** _____ a success.

NOT BE

In 1802 she took her collection of wax models to England and spent the next thirty-three years **23** _____ all over the British Isles with it. Her growing collection of figures was popular with curious spectators. People didn't have television, cinema or radio at that time, so Madame Tussaud's figures were a sensation.

TRAVEL

Mary continued her working until she was 81. Her final work is a remarkable figure of Mary **24** _____, and it can still be seen today.

ONESELF

Прочитайте приведённый ниже текст. Образуйте от слов, напечатанных заглавными буквами в конце строк, обозначенных номерами 25–29, однокоренные слова, так, чтобы они грамматически и лексически соответствовали содержанию текста. Заполните пропуски полученными словами. Каждый пропуск соответствует отдельному заданию из группы 25–29.

The Hermitage cats

While walking in the grand halls of the State Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg, you may hear a cat meowing now and then. In fact, there are nearly fifty cats living in the former winter **25** _____ of Russian tsars.

RESIDE

They are fed and cared for by the museum staff daily. Sometimes visitors of the Hermitage are lucky enough to see the cats, but several cats **26** _____ big crowds of people and hide in the basement.

LIKE

The Hermitage is **27** _____ not only the cats' home, but also their workplace.

ACTUAL

The Hermitage cats have to work hard to earn their living. They have to protect the **28** _____ masterpieces kept in the museum from mice and rats.

PRICE

People are not able to find and kill all the rats and mice in this huge building, but cats are natural **29** _____ and can do it much better than the museum staff.

HUNT

Раздел 4. Письменная речь

Для ответов на задания 37 и 38 используйте БЛАНК ОТВЕТОВ № 2. Черновые пометки можно делать прямо на листе с заданиями или использовать отдельный черновик. При выполнении заданий 37 и 38 особое внимание обратите на то, что Ваши ответы будут оцениваться только по записям, сделанным в БЛАНКЕ ОТВЕТОВ № 2. Обратите внимание также на необходимость соблюдения указанного объема текста. Тексты недостаточного объема, а также часть текста, превышающая требуемый объем, не оцениваются. Соблюдайте нормы письменной речи, записывайте ответы аккуратно и разборчиво. Укажите номер задания 37 в БЛАНКЕ ОТВЕТОВ № 2 и напишите текст своего ответного электронного письма зарубежному другу по переписке.

37 You have received an email message from your English-speaking pen-friend Alex:

From: Alex@school.com
To: Russian friend@ege.ru
Subject: Books

*...I like reading, and I like all kinds of books, fiction and non-fiction. Do you prefer reading about real or fictional events? Which character from a Russian book do you find most similar to you? Do you think characters in books can influence our real-life behaviour, why or why not?
 ... Yesterday, I attended a concert of my favourite band...*

Write an email to Alex.

In your message:

- answer his questions;
- ask **3 questions** about the concert.

Write 100–140 words.

Remember the rules of email writing.

Выберите только **ОДНО** из двух предложенных заданий (38.1 или 38.2), укажите его номер в БЛАНКЕ ОТВЕТОВ № 2 и выполните согласно данному плану. В ответе на задание 38 числительные пишете цифрами.

38.1 Imagine that you are doing a project on **Zetland students' life**. You have found some data on the subject the results of a survey conducted among Zetland university students (see the table below). **Comment on the survey data and give your opinion on the subject of the project.**

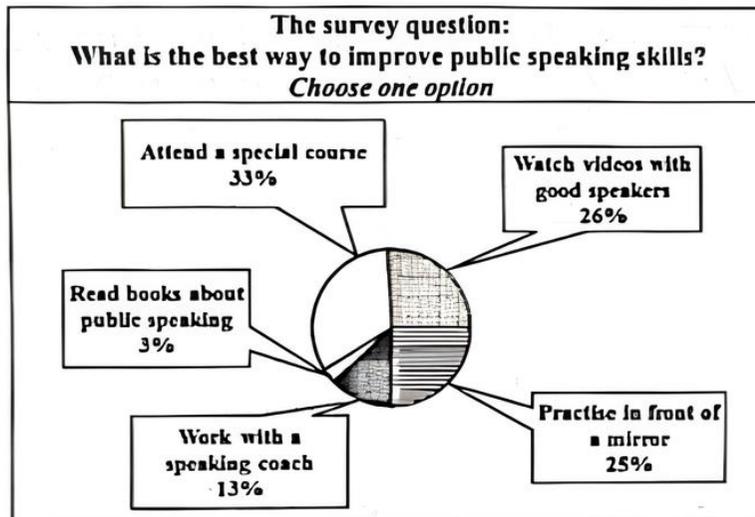
The survey question: What type of accommodation suits you the most? Choose one option	
Options	Number of respondents (%)
University residence hall	29
Sharing a flat with friends	27
Staying at home with parents	22
Renting a room	12
Renting a flat alone	10

Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an opening statement on the subject of the project;
- select and report 2–3 facts;
- make 1–2 comparisons where relevant and give your comments;
- outline a problem related to a university student's accommodation and suggest a way of solving it;
- conclude by giving and explaining your opinion on the most suitable accommodation for a university student.

- 38.2** Imagine that you are doing a project on **improving public speaking skills**. You have found some data on the subject – the results of a survey conducted among young Zetlanders (see the pie chart below). **Comment on the survey data and give your opinion on the subject of the project.**



Write 200–250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an opening statement on the subject of the project;
- select and report 2–3 facts;
- make 1–2 comparisons where relevant and give your comments;
- outline a problem that can arise with preparing a speech and suggest a way of solving it;
- conclude by giving and explaining your opinion on the importance of public speaking skills for a future career.



Проверьте, чтобы каждый ответ был записан рядом с номером соответствующего задания.