

**Задания школьного этапа Всероссийской олимпиады школьников
по английскому языку
2023/2024 учебный год
7-8 класс**

Время выполнения работы – 90 минут.

LISTENING

Listen to a phone message and fill in the missing information.

New employee (1) training day.

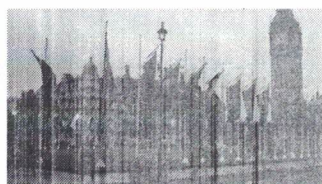
Things to do:

- Check (2) employee packs and set out in conference room
- Move (3) third floor projector into hall
- Call and confirm numbers of attendance (list of phone numbers on the (4) conference room desk)
- Finish preparations by (5) 8:30 in the morning

READING

Read the text The Friendly Games. Are these sentences T(true) or F(false)?

1. The British monarch is head of the Commonwealth. T
2. The Commonwealth Games take place every year. F
3. The first games were in 1950. F
4. The Games are always held in Canada, Britain, Australia or New Zealand. ... F
5. England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland compete as four separate countries in the Games. T
6. 48,000 people came to the Games in Manchester. F
7. Commonwealth Day is in May. T
8. Lots of different runners carry the Queen's message to the Games' host country. T



The Commonwealth is a voluntary organization of 54 independent countries who all share a common history as part of Britain's imperial past. The countries are as diverse as Canada, New Zealand, Pakistan, Barbados, Sri Lanka and Zambia, and Queen Elizabeth is head of the organisation. Today the Commonwealth works to advance democracy, human rights and social and economic development, and organises special programmes to help promote trade, science, health, young people and many other specific issues in its member countries.

The Olympic-style Commonwealth Games are held every four years in a different member country. Known as the Empire Games until 1950, the first event was held in Hamilton,

Canada in 1930. There were only eleven participating countries, and the sports included athletics, boxing, bowls, rowing, swimming and wrestling.

England has only hosted the Games twice: in London in 1934 and in Manchester in 2002. They have only been held twice outside of Canada, Britain or Australia – in Jamaica in 1966 and in Malaysia in 1998. The number of countries participating in the Games has slowly grown to over 70, and thousands of athletes now participate. Without competition from the USA and the major European countries, Australia, Canada and the British countries (which compete separately) usually win the most medals.

As happens for the Olympics, host countries usually build special new facilities for the Games. Manchester spent 20 years preparing for the 2002 Games and built a new 48,000-seat stadium which cost over £100 million. Luckily, the Games attracted around 1 million visitors to the city and were a financial success.

The Commonwealth Games have their own version of the Olympic torch ceremony. On Commonwealth Day (May 11th) in a Games year, the Queen hands a baton containing a message to an athlete. This is then passed in relay style to other athletes. They run through different Commonwealth countries until they reach the host nation. The baton is opened and the Queen's message is read out at the opening ceremony of the Games.

USE of ENGLISH

Task 1. Use the word given at the end of the sentences to form a word that fits in the gap.

SPICES	
In 1600 the East India Company (1)..... <i>was formed</i> under Elizabeth I to compete with Dutch (2)..... <i>traders</i> in the oriental spice trade.	FORM TRADE
The company (3)..... <i>was given</i> a monopoly on all goods imported to England from Asia. From the 1750s became more (4)..... <i>ambitious</i> , starting to invade and conquer parts of India. It was now (5)..... <i>the biggest</i> company in the world, and also an (6)..... <i>unofficial</i> arm of the British government. When Queen Victoria (7)..... <i>came</i> to the throne in 1837, the whole of India was under British rule, and she was made (8)..... <i>empress</i> of India. When she died in 1901, the British Empire (9)..... <i>expanded</i> so much that it included one fifth of the total (10)..... <i>population</i> of the world.	GIVE AMBITION BIG OFFICE COME EMPIRE EXPAND POPULATE

Task 2. Choose the correct answer.

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11. Who is the author of *Treasure Island*?

A. Baird (B) Stevenson C. Carroll

12. What is the name of a brave scientist who discovered penicillin?

- A. Newton B. Kipling **C. Fleming**
13. Who is the author of *The Canterbury Tales*?
- A. Watt **B. Chaucer** C. Defoe
14. What's the name of a very famous politician, the Prime Minister of the UK?
- A. Paul McCartney **B. Winston Churchill** C. Alfred Hitchcock
15. Who painted *The Portrait of a Lady in Blue*?
- A. Gainsborough** B. Constable C. Turner

Task 3. Fill in the gaps with the correct word.

weather silent storm time rain

16. As welcome as a **storm**.
17. April **weather**.
18. **time** is the great healer.
19. Small **rain** lays great dust.
20. There is a time to speak and a time to be **silent**.

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WRITING

You see this announcement in your school English-language magazine.

Articles wanted!

How can you cheer up a friend?

Write an article describing some ways you can make a friend who is feeling down feel more cheerful. How can these ideas help? What do you do to make yourself more cheerful when you feel sad?

The best articles answering these questions will be published next month.

Write your answer in about **80-100** words on the answer sheet. Use the following plan:

- entitle you article
- make an introduction
- express your opinion on the topic: give 2-3 ideas and explain, how they can help
- describe your personal experience on the topic
- make a conclusion

I know how to cheer up your friend!

Everyone can have a bad mood. My article is about how to support your friend in this situation.

Try to make some jokes. It's not the best choice. If you (somehow) make your friend laugh, congratulations, you have your happy friend back.

Try to distract his/her attention. I'll tell you how it works in my experience. Once my best friend came to school (to school) upset. I asked her about it, she told me that she was arguing with her mum. I asked her to play a game and it really worked.

I want to say, appreciate your friends and always help them when they are in trouble.

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