

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ ПО
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Maximum points – 10

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- ~~F~~ 1. The movement of stars determines people's lives.
- ~~F~~ 2. Most people have no faith in astrology.
- ~~T~~ 3. Should they decide on a serious issue, a small percentage of people are likely to turn to the stars.
- ~~T~~ 4. Simon agrees with psychologists on the influence of a person's time of birth on their personality.
- ~~F~~ 5. The time of birth remains a defining factor throughout the whole life.
- ~~NS~~ 6. A statistical comparison between the person's choice of career and their star sign is the most effective tool in predicting future events in their life.
- ~~T~~ 7. More than 15 % of entertainers were born in the second half of summer.
- ~~T~~ 8. Spring is a favourable period for travelling and finances.
- ~~NS~~ 9. People in financial professions are connected with one particular star sign.
- ~~F~~ 10. Technological advances have reduced the influence of nature on us.

Part 2
Reading (30 minutes)
Maximum points – 15

Read an extract from a novel and answer questions 1–15.

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He bit hungrily into his bread and swallowed a couple of mouthfuls, then continued speaking, with a sort of pedant's passion. His thin dark face had become animated, his eyes had lost their mocking expression and grown almost dreamy.

'It's a beautiful thing, the destruction of words. Of course the great wastage is in the verbs and adjectives, but there are hundreds of nouns that can be got rid of as well. It isn't only the synonyms; there are also the antonyms. After all, what justification is there for a word which is simply the opposite of some other word? A word contains its opposite in itself. Take "good", for instance. If you have a word like "good", what need is there for a word like "bad"? "Ungood" will do just as well - better, because it's an exact opposite, which the other is not. Or again, if you want a stronger version of "good", what sense is there in having a whole string of vague useless words like "excellent" and "splendid" and all the rest of them? "Plusgood" covers the meaning, or "doubleplusgood" if you want something stronger still. Of course we use those forms already. But in the final version of Newspeak there'll be nothing else. In the end the whole notion of goodness and badness will be covered by only six words - in reality, only one word. Don't you see the beauty of that, Winston? It was B.B.'s idea originally, of course,' he added as an afterthought.

A sort of vapid eagerness flitted across Winston's face at the mention of Big Brother. Nevertheless Syme immediately detected a certain lack of enthusiasm.

'You haven't¹ a real appreciation of Newspeak, Winston,' he said almost sadly. 'Even when you write it you're still thinking in Oldspeak. I've read some of those pieces that you write in "The Times" occasionally. They're good enough, but they're translations. In your heart you'd prefer to stick to Oldspeak, with all its vagueness and its useless shades of meaning. You don't grasp the beauty of the destruction of words. Do you know that Newspeak is the only language in the world whose vocabulary gets smaller every year?'

Winston did know that, of course. He smiled, sympathetically he hoped, not trusting himself to speak. Syme bit off another fragment of the dark-coloured bread, chewed it briefly, and went on:

'Don't you see that the whole aim of Newspeak is to narrow the range of thought? In the end we shall make thought crime literally impossible because there will be no words in which to express it. Every concept that can ever be needed, will be expressed by exactly one word, with its meaning rigidly defined and all its subsidiary meanings rubbed out and forgotten. Already, in the Eleventh Edition, we're not far from that point. But the process will still be continuing long after you and I are dead. Every year fewer and fewer words, and the range of consciousness always a little smaller. Even now, of course, there's no reason or excuse for committing thought-crime. It's merely a question of self-discipline, reality-control. But in the end there won't be any need even for that. The Revolution will be complete when the language is perfect. Newspeak is Ingsoc and Ingsoc is Newspeak,' he added with a sort of mystical satisfaction. 'Has it ever occurred to you, Winston, that by the year 2050, at the very latest, not a single human being will be alive who could understand such a conversation as we are having now?'

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For statements 1–7, choose TRUE if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; FALSE if the statement contradicts the information given in the text, or NOT STATED if the information on the statement is not given in the text.

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- + 2. According to Syme, people will have to do with only six words in putting across F their ideas.
- + 3. It was Syme's elder brother who came up with the idea of Newspeak. F
- + 4. Winston's articles are written in Newspeak. T
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- + 6. Human consciousness will contract as there will be fewer words to think with. T
- + 7. Ingsoc is a new word in Newspeak denoting revolution. NS

Task 2.

For questions 8 – 15, choose option A, B, C or D which best fits according to the text.

- + 8. Winston and Syme are A. in a cafeteria.
B. at a party.
C. at school.
D. in an office.
- + 9. Syme likes A. the food.
 B. hearing Winston's opinions.
 C. talking about his work.
D. to shout.
- + 10. Syme's work with the dictionary involves A. inventing new words.
 B. eliminating words.
C. explaining a theory.
D. teaching people to think.
- + 11. What kind of words are being the most greatly reduced?
 A. adjectives
 B. verbs and adjectives
C. nouns
D. everything except antonyms
- + 12. What does the author show in the lines in bold?
 A. Winston tries to seem appreciative but is not really.
 B. Winston has great enthusiasm for Newspeak.
 C. Syme doubts Winston but this is unjustified.
D. Winston does not believe a word that Syme has said.
- + 13. What can be gathered about Winston's attitude towards Newspeak? A. He finds it exciting.
 B. He studies it eagerly.
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He accepts it unhappily.

14. Which of the following best describes Newspeak? A.
It is a historical language being reconstructed.
 B. It is a highly simplified language designed to prevent thought.
C. It was invented to help citizens escape an oppressive government.
D. It is a new language that is incredibly difficult to learn.

15. What kind of future does Syme imagine? A.
Everyone will be better educated.
 B. People will be safe because there will be no violent crime.
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Part 3
Use of English (50 minutes)
Maximum points – 40

Task 1.

For items 1–10, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals in brackets to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 | USUALLY

The name of a tribe (0) usually (USUAL) means 'people' in that tribe's native language, although people outside the tribe sometimes do not refer to them by that name.

A famous case of this is the Inuits, a Native American tribe living in the (1) _____ (NORTH) parts of the American continent.

The word Inuit in the Inuit language (2) simply (SIMPLE) means 'people.' For years, though, many people, (3) specialise (SPECIAL) in the USA, referred to them as Eskimos, a term that refers to tribes living in Alaska, which the Inuits find (4) _____ (OFFEND). The name Eskimo is from a language spoken by the Cree, a Native American tribe with a large (5) population (POPULATE) who live in areas of southern Canada. The term in their language (6) impossible (POSSIBLE) means something like 'eaters of raw meat', although language experts are still working on the exact (7) translation (TRANSLATE) of the word. It may also refer to how members of other tribes tie their shoes or the fact that (8) _____ (NEIGHBOUR) tribes speak other languages.

If anything, it gives a (9) _____ (FASCINATE) view into how one tribe views another.

As for the Inuit, the name Eskimo was never (10) really (REAL) meant to refer to them and, in 1982, Canada's constitution was changed so that, from then on, the tribe would be referred to as Inuit.

Task 2.

For items 1–10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

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0	decided	considered	referred	noticed

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The city of Machu Picchu, in Peru, South America, is (0) ~~...~~ to be one of the most breathtaking sights in the world. It was built by the Incas in about 1450, when the Inca Empire was at its most powerful. What makes this city so unusual is that it is (1) ~~...~~ 2,430 metres above sea level, on the top of a mountain ridge in the Andes Mountains.

Machu Picchu is so remote that the Incas had to take a long, treacherous path through the Andes to get to it. To this day, historians still (2) ~~...~~ how the Inca people were able to build this stone city so high up (3) ~~...~~ the use of modern technology. The Incas were expert builders, carving the rocks perfectly and (4) ~~...~~ them together so well that you cannot slide a knife (5) ~~...~~ the stones.

Astonishingly, the (6) ~~...~~ of the world only learned of the city's existence after an American historian, Hiram Bingham, discovered it on 24 July 1911. Previously, only a few local people were (7) ~~...~~ of the city. It has now become a popular tourist (8) ~~...~~. People walk for up to four days on the Inca Trail through the Andes Mountains to (9) ~~...~~ this amazing city and admire the spectacular (10) ~~...~~ from the top.

	A	B	C	D
1	set	placed	situated	settled
2	think	imagine	doubt	wonder
3	without	except	apart	unless
4	fitting	suiting	fixing	mixing
5	among	through	between	against
6	rest	other	remainder	part
7	aware	sensitive	alert	familiar
8	direction	destination	position	location
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10	scene	image	view	look

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0	✓
00	a

The house painters Last		
week some painters came <u>round</u> to	+	0
paint my house. I usually do this kind of a job	-	00
myself, but I've been <u>here</u> very busy for the last	+	1
month. So I called a <u>more</u> local decorating firm,	+	2
and they agreed to do it for a reasonable price.	+	3 ✓
Three men arrived on Monday <u>the</u> morning to	+	4
paint the outside walls. Of course, they <u>were</u> used	+	5
the wrong colour and spilt paint <u>all</u> over the	-	6
front door. Some <u>one</u> of the windows	+	7
upstairs were open, and some of paint went	-	8
inside the house and ruined <u>both</u> the carpet in	+	9
the living-room. They also broke a window.	+	10 ✓
I phoned their company, and the manager	+	11 ✓
assured me that they would repaint <u>than</u> the	+	12
walls. Then I went away on <u>a</u> business.	+	13
I've just come back, and the walls are a different colour,	+	14 ✓
but it is still <u>such</u> the wrong colour. If I had done the job	+	15
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2	A cat in gloves	C C	better than no bread.
3	Half a loaf is	A D	gets the worm.
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5	The leopard	B F	the best policy.
		G	louder than words.
		H	than never.
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Part 1 Listening (10 minutes)

Maximum points – 5

Listen to the dialogue between Mark and Jennifer. Then complete the sentences with a word or an expression from the text. Mind your spelling. You will hear the text twice.

Now you have 15 seconds to read the sentences.

Внимательно прочитайте задание.

- 1. It costs within walking distance to buy a house in Beverly Hills.
- 2. I knew that I would never become a pilot but I still looked at the flying school entrance requirements out of an aim and a leg.
- 3. Philip was happy that he could out of curiosity to buy this expensive car.
- + 4. To see additional information on our website, scroll down.
- 5. My school is across from my home.

Part 2

Reading (25 minutes)

Maximum points – 10

Read the text below and do the tasks after it.

Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans

(1) Hurricane Katrina has been called one of the worst natural disasters in the history of the United States. (2) When the storm struck in 2005, no place was harder hit than

New Orleans, Louisiana. (3) The wind tore off roofs and wooden **siding** like it was peeling an orange. (4) Then, the worst disaster of all happened.

(5) New Orleans is about five feet below sea level. (6) A series of **levees** protect the city from flood waters that might come in from lakes and the ocean. (7) But on August 29 and 30 the levees broke, and water flowed into the city. (8) Soon 80 percent of the city was covered in **filthy** water. (9) The water tossed cars around like toys, and homes floated from one place to another.

(10) After the storm, there was no drinking water or electricity. (11) There was little food and no way to get around except by boat. (12) The storm **snuffed** out the life of the city like it was blowing out a candle.

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Part 1 Listening (10 minutes)

Maximum points – 6

Listen to the dialogue between Mrs. Brown and the receptionist at a hotel in Moscow. Then, answer the questions. You have 20 seconds to read the questions.

Now we are ready to start.

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- a) Sunday
- b) Monday
- c) Tuesday
- d) Wednesday
- e) Thursday
- f) Friday
- g) Saturday

2. If the Brown family decides to visit one sight a day, how will they do it? Match the sights and the days. Remember that they will be staying in Moscow only 3 days.

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	e) Thursday
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- a) Yes
- b) No

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- a) Pyotr Tchaikovsky
- b) Sergey Prokofiev

Part 2 Reading (20 minutes)
Maximum points – 15

Read the text below. Then do the tasks that follow.

On the Move

A. Dan and Sammy cannot believe that they have to move away from Florida. Florida is so awesome! They can play outside all day long – every day. It is almost always warm and sunny, and all of their friends live there. What will they do without Brendan, Bailey, John, Alexis, and Brian? They will never have such great friends again. Never!

B. However, Dan and Sammy are very excited for their dad. He has a great new job. The only problem is that the job is in New Hampshire. Sammy was not even sure where this state was located. After learning that it is way up north near Canada, both boys did get a little excited about playing in the snow. Sammy has always wanted to learn to ski, and Dan thinks playing ice hockey sounds like fun.

C. Dan and Sammy also like the location of New Hampshire. It is between Maine and Vermont and not far from Boston, Massachusetts. Quebec, Canada, borders this state on the north. Neither of the boys has ever visited this part of the country, so they are now looking forward to exploring a new area. If only their friends could come with them! Their parents have promised that they can visit their old friends over spring break and even go to Disney World. The boys think that moving to New Hampshire will not be so bad after all.

Task 1

In which paragraph can we find some information about the following?

1. Sports that Dan and Sammy are interested in
2. Where the boys will spend their spring school holidays
3. The weather in Florida

4. The state where the boys live now
5. The reason why the boys will have to move to a different state
6. The climate in New Hampshire

Task 2

Answer the following questions:

7. Which country besides the United States of America is mentioned in the text? *Canada +*
8. Which American city is mentioned in the text? *New Hampshire -*
9. Of all the places mentioned in the text, which has the hottest climate?
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 a) Florida *+*
 b) New Hampshire
 c) Quebec

Task 3

There are five American states that are mentioned in the text. Find them and put them in alphabetical order:

	State
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12	<i>Boston</i> <i>C</i> <i>+</i>
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Part 3
Use of English (30 minutes)
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Example:

0 **A** was moving **B** move **C** will move

Moving Day

Gina, Julius, and Eddy sat on Uncle Tim's living room floor. Uncle Tim (0) _____ across town, and the kids (1) _____ to decide how to work together to pack (2) _____ uncle's books.

"Julius, (3) _____ can start putting the books into boxes," Gina directed.

"No," Julius argued. "I think Eddy (4) _____ do that. I'm the (5) _____ so it's best if I carry the boxes to the car (6) _____ Eddy has packed them."

"I (7) _____ to pack them," grumbled Eddy. "I want to watch TV."

"Too (8) _____, Eddy," said Gina. "(9) _____ job is to put the books into the boxes. Then I (10) _____ the boxes shut, and Julius will carry them out." "I have a (11) _____ idea," Eddy declared.

"Eddy!" Gina and Julius (12) _____ said as they stood up, annoyed with their brother.

"We (13) _____ you want to watch TV," Gina said, "but Uncle Tim (14) _____ your help today."

"I *know!*" Eddy responded. "I want to help. How about (15) _____ you put the books into the boxes and I (16) _____ the boxes – but not with tape?" Eddy then dragged a box of books to (17) _____ center of the living room. He folded down the flaps on the top of the box in a clockwise order and finished by tucking half of the last one under the first one.

"(18) _____?" Eddy exclaimed.

Gina crossed her arms and (19) _____ her eyebrows. "Fine. I guess I'll pack, (20) _____," she said.

Eddy smiled. He clicked the TV remote and waited for his sister to finish filling a box.

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Part 1 Listening (10 minutes)

Maximum points – 6

Listen to the dialogue between Mrs. Brown and the receptionist at a hotel in Moscow. Then, answer the questions. You have 20 seconds to read the questions.

Now we are ready to start.

1. On which day of the week is this dialogue taking place?

- a) Sunday
- b) Monday
- c) Tuesday
- d) Wednesday
- e) Thursday
- f) Friday
- g) Saturday

2. If the Brown family decides to visit one sight a day, how will they do it? Match the sights and the days. Remember that they will be staying in Moscow only 3 days.

1) Museum	d -	a) Sunday
2) Zoo	b +	b) Monday
3) Theatre	c +	c) Tuesday
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3. Are the Brown children teenagers?

- a) Yes
- b) No

4. At the Bolshoi Theatre the Browns will be listening to music by

- a) Pyotr Tchaikovsky
- b) Sergey Prokofiev

Part 2 Reading (20 minutes)
Maximum points – 15

Read the text below. Then do the tasks that follow.

On the Move

A. Dan and Sammy cannot believe that they have to move away from Florida. Florida is so awesome! They can play outside all day long – every day. It is almost always warm and sunny, and all of their friends live there. What will they do without Brendan, Bailey, John, Alexis, and Brian? They will never have such great friends again. Never!

B. However, Dan and Sammy are very excited for their dad. He has a great new job. The only problem is that the job is in New Hampshire. Sammy was not even sure where this state was located. After learning that it is way up north near Canada, both boys did get a little excited about playing in the snow. Sammy has always wanted to learn to ski, and Dan thinks playing ice hockey sounds like fun.

C. Dan and Sammy also like the location of New Hampshire. It is between Maine and Vermont and not far from Boston, Massachusetts. Quebec, Canada, borders this state on the north. Neither of the boys has ever visited this part of the country, so they are now looking forward to exploring a new area. If only their friends could come with them! Their parents have promised that they can visit their old friends over spring break and even go to Disney World. The boys think that moving to New Hampshire will not be so bad after all.

Task 1

In which paragraph can we find some information about the following?

- + 1. Sports that Dan and Sammy are interested in
- 2. Where the boys will spend their spring school holidays
- 3. The weather in Florida

- 3 4. The state where the boys live now
- 2 5. The reason why the boys will have to move to a different state
- +3 6. The climate in New Hampshire

Task 2

Answer the following questions:

- a 7. Which country besides the United States of America is mentioned in the text?
- c 8. Which American city is mentioned in the text?
- b 9. Of all the places mentioned in the text, which has the hottest climate?
- 10. Dan and Sammy want to go to Disney World. Where is this amusement park located?
 - + a) Florida
 - b) New Hampshire
 - c) Quebec

Task 3

There are five American states that are mentioned in the text. Find them and put them in alphabetical order:

	State
+ 11	a)
- 12	b)
- 13	c)
- 14	d)
+ 15	e)

- a) Florida
- b) New Hampshire
- c) Maine
- d) Vermont
- e) Boston
- f) Massachusetts
- g) Quebec
- h) Canada

Part 3
Use of English (30 minutes)
Maximum points – 35

Task 1

Read the text below and choose the best answer for each space. The first one is done for you.

Example:

0 A was moving B move C will move

Moving Day

Gina, Julius, and Eddy sat on Uncle Tim's living room floor. Uncle Tim (0) A + across town, and the kids (1) B + to decide how to work together to pack (2) the uncle's books.

"Julius, (3) C - can start putting the books into boxes," Gina directed.

"No," Julius argued. "I think Eddy (4) B + do that. I'm the (5) A - so it's best if I carry the boxes to the car (6) B + Eddy has packed them."

"I (7) A + to pack them," grumbled Eddy. "I want to watch TV."

"Too (8) A +, Eddy," said Gina. "(9) C + job is to put the books into the boxes. Then I (10) B - the boxes shut, and Julius will carry them out." "I have a (11) C - idea," Eddy declared.

"Eddy!" Gina and Julius (12) A + said as they stood up, annoyed with their brother.

"We (13) A - you want to watch TV," Gina said, "but Uncle Tim (14) B - your help today."

"I know!" Eddy responded. "I want to help. How about (15) C - you put the books into the boxes and I (16) B - the boxes – but not with tape?" Eddy then dragged a box of books to (17) B + center of the living room. He folded down the flaps on the top of the box in a clockwise order and finished by tucking half of the last one under the first one.

"(18) A +?" Eddy exclaimed.

Gina crossed her arms and (19) _____ her eyebrows. “Fine. I guess I’ll pack, (20) _____,” she said.

Eddy smiled. He clicked the TV remote and waited for his sister to finish filling a box.

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