

**Задания второго этапа областной олимпиады учащихся IV-IX классов
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Задания	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	Всего
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Part A (10 points)

Read the text

I. Choose the right answer (A,B,C,D) according to the text (6 points):

- §1. On a cold, dark winter's evening in 1988, Jon Hickes and Richard Williams were driving to a friend's house near Canterbury when they saw a bright red object glowing above the fields about 500 metres in front of them. As they drove nearer to **investigate** they were amazed to find a large area of molten metal, bubbling on the ground like a pool of volcanic lava. When firemen arrived shortly after, it took them over an hour to cool down the boiling mass and make it safe.
- §2. Samples of the solidified metal were taken to the nearby University of Kent where they were found to contain iron and small amounts of tin and chromium. James Radcliffe, a specialist at the university, concluded that material such as this could not have come from a meteor, and military experts, for their part, were quick to point out that it could not have fallen from any aeroplane or spacecraft; space debris (осколки) does not hit the earth's surface in a liquid state.
- §3. Of course, there were suggestions that the whole thing might have been a **hoax**, but a practical joke on this scale would have been very difficult to set up. The only factory in the area capable of producing molten metal had recently closed down, and besides, arranging for large quantities of the metal to be dropped from the sky would not be very easy.
- §4. Unexplained aerial phenomena of this nature have been observed and noted down for centuries, but the modern preoccupation with UFOs began in 1947, when there were an unusually large number of reported sightings. In the last 50 years there have been over 10,000 such reports in Britain alone. Most of these can be **attributed** to man-made objects such as aircraft and satellites, or astronomical phenomena such as shooting stars. Just over five per cent of cases, however, remain unexplained, leading many UFO experts to the conclusion that aliens have indeed visited our planet.
- §5. In another case in the 1980s Les and Linda Burnham were cycling together along a country road near Rye in Sussex when a sudden, **blinding** light almost caused them to fall off their bicycles. As the couple stopped to cover their eyes, they felt intense heat and heard a deafening roar like the sound of a high-speed train. A minute or so later they were able to look up again, and were greeted with the sight of a huge, diamond-shaped metal object floating above the treetops, spitting flames and emitting a loud, high-pitched noise. They watched in shocked silence as the gigantic structure

climbed high into the air and disappeared at a great speed out to the sea. Then, they claimed, five or six jet aircraft appeared from nowhere and raced off after the mysterious object.

§6. As they cycled the short distance home, Les and Linda suffered headaches and sickness, and during the next few days experienced a stomach ache and minor skin bums. As a result of illness and depression Linda was unable to go to work for nearly six weeks.

§7. Underneath where the object had been floating, an area of woodland had burnt down, electricity cables had snapped and the road surface had melted. Whatever caused it, the heat must have been incredibly intense to do all that. As for the jet aircraft, military bases denied all knowledge of them and to this day their origin, like that of the diamond-shaped object, remains a mystery.

§8. Secret military activities or rare atmospheric phenomena may account for some of the unexplained sightings but the origins of others could lie elsewhere. And until the opposite is proved, that «elsewhere» might include visits from extraterrestrial beings.

1. What are we told about the object which Jon Hickeys and Richard Williams witnessed?

- A It was very hot. C They watched it change from solid to liquid.
B It came up through the ground. D It was 500 metres wide.

2. In line 9 'it' refers to

- A a meteor. B a spacecraft. C the metal. D the university.

3. Records of mysterious happenings in the sky were first made

- A 50 years ago. B in 1947. C hundreds years ago. D in the nineteen eighties.

4. The object which Les and Linda saw

- A was travelling at the same speed as a train. C was made of metal and diamonds.
B made two different sounds. D was bitterly cold.

5. As a result of their experience Les and Linda

- A began to feel unwell soon afterwards. C were seriously burnt.
B were ill for several weeks. D started feeling sick when they got home.

6. According to Les and Linda, the jet aircraft they saw

- A were involved in secret military activities. C probably came from a nearby military base.
B followed the strange object. D were the same shape as the unidentified object.

II. Choose the synonym to the word in bold (4 points):

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|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. investigate (§1) | a. search for | b. look into | c. put forward |
| 2. hoax (§3) | a. hole | b. trick | c. jet |
| 3. attributed (§4) | a. put down to | b. stand up to | c. break out of |
| 4. blinding (§5) | a. deafening | b. brightening | c. pouring |

Part B

III. Choose the correct answer (7 points):

Mrs Garstin was a hard, cruel, managing and ambitious woman. Coming to Hong Kong on her marriage, she found it hard to reconcile herself to the fact that her social position was 1)_____ by her husband's occupation.

Of course everyone was very kind, and for two or three months they went out to parties almost every night, but she understood quickly that as a wife of a bacteriologist she was of no particular consequence.

«It's too absurd», she told her husband. «There's hardly anyone here that one would bother about for five minutes at home».

«It is rather funny when you think of all the people who used to come to our house at home that here we should be 2)_____ like dirt», she said, laughing in 3)_____ that what she said might not seem snobbish.

She was the daughter of a solicitor in Liverpool, and Bernard Gastin had met her there. He had seemed then a young man of 4)_____ and her father said he would go far, but he hadn't.

He was painstaking, industrious and capable, but he had not the will to advance himself. Mrs Gastin despised him. But she recognized that she could only achieve success through him, and she set herself to drive him on the way she desired to go.

She discovered that if she wanted him to do something which his sensitiveness revolved against she had only to give him no peace and eventually, exhausted, he would give 5)_____.

Still he made no headway as a leader. But he 6)_____ any disappointment he may have felt, and if he reproached his wife it was in his heart.

His daughters had never looked upon him as anything but a source of income; and now, understanding that through his 7)_____ money was less plentiful, the indifference they had felt for him was tinged with contempt.

1	1) decided	2) determined	3) revealed	4) fixed
2	1) treated	2) dealt	3) taken	4) regarded
3	1) case	2) fact	3) condition	4) order
4	1) luck	2) promise	3) hope	4) expectation
5	1) away	2) over	3) in	4) off
6	1) held	2) kept	3) experienced	4) concealed
7	1) guilt	2) fault	3) blame	4) inability

IV. Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box in the correct form. One verb is extra (10 points):

set, send, run, break, make, call, pay, look, keep, fall, split

1. It was the first time he _____ off for breaking the rules of the game.
2. The police _____ out when a bomb exploded in the city centre.
3. She must _____ up with John again. I saw them walking together yesterday.
4. Have you ever considered _____ up a new business?
5. The car will stop if it _____ out of fuel.
6. They must _____ up as I see they don't talk to each other anymore.
7. He was so handsome that she _____ for him immediately.
8. I don't mind _____ you back right now as I'm almost broke.
9. Cars should _____ out of the city centre to avoid traffic jams there.
10. We are away now. Our neighbours _____ after our dog.

V. Fill in the gaps with one suitable word (10 points):

For many people, the choice of school is just a matter of choosing 1)_____ a private or a public one. However, for a rapidly growing 2)_____ of parents and children, school has nothing to 3)_____ with classrooms, teachers or school uniforms. For them, 4)_____ is simply no place 5)_____ home when it comes to education. These people feel that their children do not receive satisfactory education at school. As a 6)_____, they choose to teach their child in the comfort of their own home and at the same time 7)_____ over the teaching process. Children can work according 8)_____ their own abilities. They can study what they are interested in and learn to work 9)_____ their own, 10)_____ prepares them for further education.

VI. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given (11 points):

1. There will be no more oil available in this area in 2030.

RUN

Oil supplies in this area _____ by the year 2050.

2. My sister doesn't like computer games very much.

KEEN

My sister _____ computer games.

3. Bob hadn't seen his uncle for several years.

GONE

After several years _____, Bob saw his uncle again.

4. I needed a cup of coffee this morning but I didn't have time for one.

DONE

I _____ a cup of coffee this morning but I didn't have time for one.

5. Helen is not usually late for appointments.

LIKE

It is _____ late for appointments.

6. This cream must have gone off because it has a funny taste.

SO

This cream tastes _____ gone off.

7. John often gets embarrassed at large parties.

TENDENCY

John _____ embarrassed at large parties.

8. Joe said that he hadn't stolen the money from the safe.

DENIED

Joe _____ from the safe.

9. We didn't find the film as amusing as we had thought it would be.

BY

We _____ the film as we had expected to be.

10. You are not to leave the hospital under any circumstances.

ARE

Under _____ leave the hospital.

11. Ann regretted sending the letter.

WISHED

Ann _____ the letter.

VII. Look carefully at each line of the text. Some lines are correct, but some have a word which should not be there. Tick (V) each correct line. If a line has a word, which should not to be there write the word in the space provided (10 points):

1. Animated cartoons are films which they have been made _____

2. with a lots number of drawings giving the impression of _____

3. movement when shown continually. The technique _____

4. was used to produce them has changed dramatically since 1889. _____

5. The preparation of a cartoon film would take lots of some time _____

6. and labour, and it was too impossible to make a full-length _____

7. film. A new technique of "limited animation" was introduced _____

8. which cut it down the number of drawings. Today the _____
9. cartoon industry is been fully developed and annual festivals _____
10. are held in many of countries throughout the world. _____

VIII. Open the brackets putting the verbs in brackets in the correct tense-forms (10 points):

Dear Julia,

Well, I arrived safely but my luggage didn't! After many enquiries I found out that it
 1) _____ (to send) to Sweden instead of England! Anyway it finally
 2) _____ (to come) three days ago and other than that, I
 3) _____ (to have) a great time ever since I arrived. The people
 4) _____ (to stay) with are very nice and they 5) _____
 (already/to show) me the local museum. I hope I 6) _____ (visit) all the local
 tourist sites by the end of the week. I 7) _____ (to treat) here exactly like one of the
 family. If you stayed with me here you 8) _____ (to share) a room with Mary, the
 hosts' daughter, who is my age. Every morning we 9) _____ (to wake) by her mother
 with a cup of tea! Fantastic! Yesterday when you phoned me in the morning my hostess
 10) _____ (to serve) breakfast in bed!

IX. Form a word that fits in the space in the same line (10 points):

It is 1) _____ (certain) when and where humans first started farming rice, but
 2) _____ (history) agree it was grown in Asia at least 10,000 years ago.
 Today, rice is the most 3) _____ (value) food crop in the world. About 3 billion
 people 4) _____ (doubt) depend on it for 5) _____ (survive). The
 6) _____ (important) of rice is reflected 7) _____ (world) in many myths
 and legends. One Chinese legend tells of a certain time when a
 8) _____ (destroy) flood damaged all the crops. One day, hungry people saw a dog with
 9) _____ (usual) yellow seeds on its tail. They planted the seeds in the waterlogged soil
 and rice 10) _____ (growth).

X. Think of ONE word that can fit all three sentences (2 points):

1.
 - a) The new _____ system proved superior to its predecessor. The department was encouraged to have it installed on all its computers.
 - b) The two detectives working on the case of the rapist were convinced that he was _____ in the vicinity of shopping malls.
 - c) I'm sorry, but you can't see Dr Jenkins. He's now _____ on a patient.
2.
 - a) It's not sensible to _____ to conclusions before all the arguments have been discussed.
 - b) All the people in the shop got angry when an old lady tried to _____ the queue demanding special treatment.
 - c) When Małysz appeared on top of the ski _____ the crowd went wild cheering and chanting his name.