

**ОЛІМПІАДА З АНГЛІЙСЬКОЇ МОВИ**  
**ЧИТАННЯ**  
**10 клас**

**Read a text about the personal experiences of individuals growing up in diverse family structures, and for questions 1 to 10, choose the correct answer.**

Different family types

**Jordan**

Living in an extended family with both my parents and grandparents was a bittersweet symphony of love and tradition. The comfort of having a large, close-knit family was unparalleled. I felt loved by not two but four people who truly cared about me, which made me grow into a very self-confident man. I also learned to accept and appreciate the ideas and points of view of two different generations before me. Of course, there were times when I would have wanted a little more privacy and alone time. I also missed a little more flexibility since my grandparents' stricter views were an influence on my parents. But despite these occasional frustrations, the warmth and support of a multi-generational home, filled with laughter, debates, and shared meals, enriched my life in ways I wouldn't trade for anything.

**Ashley**

I have two mums and wouldn't change that for the world. I have a great – and different – relationship with both of them. But dealing with other people's attitudes has been hard sometimes. I remember when I was young, I wanted to invite a friend to sleep over, and she wasn't allowed to do so for a while. Finally, her parents said that she could, but only if my mums promised not to kiss in front of her. I was also teased a lot at school, and Father's Day was always an awkward time. Over the years, it got easier because my mums both became really active in the school community, and once parents got to know them, they grew more accepting. Our family was also really active in the Pride community, so we knew a lot of gay couples. It was easier hanging out with their kids as having gay parents was normal for them. In fact, I remember one little girl crying when she first saw a straight couple kissing because she found it confusing. I think society is starting to change now, though. Gay families are more accepted, and so their kids have an easier time of it.

**Leah**

My parents divorced when I was a baby, and my mum left, so I grew up with just a dad. It didn't feel unusual until I started school and realised that most of the other kids had mums. Then I started wondering why I didn't have one. I felt unwanted and jealous of the other kids who had one. I was angry with my mum for leaving and my dad for not keeping her. The other problem was that he had to work long hours to provide for me, so he couldn't come along to school events like sports day and nativity plays. He was often too tired to spend time with me at home. I can't remember us ever playing, doing homework, or preparing a meal together. From a young age, I had to do things that my friends never had to do, like preparing meals and grocery shopping, so I certainly learned how to be independent. But at the same time, I was lonely and angry. However, as I got older, I realised how hard he worked to keep me in a comfortable life, and he inspired me always to try my hardest, too.

**1. From Jordan's point of view he grew up as a self-confident person because...**

- a. There were not any other children in his family.
- b. He was an adorable child.
- c. He was influenced by many different ideas and points of view.
- d. He lived a comfortable life with his family.

**2. Jordan mentioned that ...**

- a. his relatives gave him enough privacy and time for himself in his childhood.
- b. his grandparents had strict views and Jordan didn't take them..
- c. his grandparents were less strict than his parents.
- d. he would have been happier in his childhood if he had had a normal family.

**3. Why did Ashley face challenges dealing with other people's attitudes?**

- a. Because she had two mums
- b. Because she had divorced parents
- c. Because she was the only child in her family
- d. Because she was teased at school

**4. How did Ashley's mums work to improve acceptance of their family?**

- a) By moving to a different neighborhood
- b) By becoming more involved in the school community
- c) By keeping their relationship a secret
- d) By changing their appearance

**5. How did Leah feel about not having a mother growing up?**

- a. Loved and appreciated
- b. Jealous and unwanted
- c. Independent and self-sufficient

- d. Angry and resentful

**6. What was a challenge Leah faced due to her father's long work hours?**

- a. Not being able to afford basic necessities
- b. Not having anyone to play with
- c. Missing out on school events
- d. Having to do chores at home

**7. Jordan grew up in a nuclear family with only his parents.**

- a. True
- b. False

**8. Ashley's parents were initially accepting of her having sleepovers with friends.**

- a. True
- b. False

**9. Leah's dad was unable to attend school events because he didn't want to.**

- a. True
- b. False

**10. Jordan felt loved and supported by his extended family.**

- a. True
- b. False

**АУДІОВАННЯ**

*You will hear part of a radio interview with a woman called Alice Barker, who has a rare condition called synaesthesia.*

For questions 1-5, choose the best answer A, B or C.

**1 Alice describes her ability as**

- A connecting emotions and words.
- B linking colours and emotions.
- C connecting colours with words.

**2 When she was younger, Alice and her brother**

- A used to think they were going mad.
- B would argue about the colours connected with words.
- C saw the same colours for certain words.

**3 Alice says that this ability**

- A is directly associated with her moods.
- B can make her feel depressed.

C makes her feelings more intense.

4 What is the effect of Alice's condition on her reading?

A It makes her read more descriptions of colours.

B It can encourage her to reread a sentence.

C It makes her avoid sentences with bright descriptions.

5 Doctors used to believe that this condition

A made people insane.

B only affected the insane.

C indicated the person was going mad.

*II. Are these sentences true or false?*

		True	False
6	Alice believes that having synaesthesia makes life exhausting due to the constant visualization of colours.		
7	Alice mentions that the ability to see colours connected to words helps her recognize and manage her moods.		
8	According to Alice, many artists and musicians have synaesthesia, and it can be beneficial when combined with natural talents.		
9	When listening to someone, Alice is always fully focused on the words and rarely distracted by the colours she sees.		
10	Research has shown that synaesthesia is a rare condition, affecting only a small percentage of the population.		

In this test, you will select from two writing tasks. Choose the one that you think you are most capable of writing about. Then begin writing your essay on the pages provided

**1. As a teenager you are used to hearing your parents say: "Be home by ten."** In your essay you should:

- compare what you and your friends are allowed to do;
- argue whether 10 p.m. is too early for teenagers to come home;
- discuss the legal situation in your country;
- comment on why some parents give their children strict guidelines on when to come home.

**2. These days most young people spend a lot of time on social network sites.**

Do you think this is a good thing or not? Write an essay about the good and bad sides of social media websites! In your essay you should:

- introduce the subject;
- present arguments in favour of and against using social media sites;
- write about your own habits concerning social networking.