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

From: Tom@mail.uk
To: Russian_friend@oge.ru
Subject: ***Missing my computer***
… My laptop is broken and will be at the repair centre for a week, 'cause it's holiday time now. This made me realise how dependent I am on my computer. … How many hours a week do you usually spend on your computer? What do you use it for? People of what professions need excellent computer skills, in your view? …

Write a message to Tom and answer his 3 questions.
Write 100–120 words.
Remember the rules of email writing.

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Каждый пропуск соответствует отдельному заданию 29—34.		
29	Lots of companies do business online. They sell goods and services, or provide _____ to the general public.	INFORM
30	Doing business online is less _____ and more convenient than running a traditional business, with offices and lots of employees.	EXPENSE
31	Surprisingly enough, there are lots of very young people among online businessmen. In spite of their age, they are quite _____ and professional.	SUCCESS
32	For example, Ben Collins started his own online company when he was _____ young. He was only 17.	REAL
33	He says, "My business is _____ - we work with people from different countries.	NATIONAL
34	In a real office, some people would _____ that someone of my age could be a boss, but when I work online, nobody cares how old I am."	AGREE

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Каждый пропуск соответствует отдельному заданию 29—34.		
29	What is the most eco-friendly transport? I believe it's the bicycle. There are a lot of bicycles on the streets of our town and that is probably why it looks so green and _____.	BEAUTY
30	There are cycle lanes all over the town so using your bike to get to school or to the office is safe and convenient. _____, some people still prefer driving cars even for short distances.	FORTUNATELY
31	They make the environment less _____.	HEALTH
32	As for me, I enjoy riding my bike very much and all my friends say that I'm a good _____.	RIDE
33	Next month I'm going to take part in a regional cycling _____ and I hope to win it.	COMPETE
34	I don't think I will stop riding my bicycle till I'm _____ old.	REAL

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1. ***What did prehistoric people's homes look like?***
2. What places did ancient people choose for their homes?
3. When did the profession of an architect appear?
4. What materials do people choose to build their houses?
5. What are the most exotic houses in the world?
6. What are the most ambitious architectural projects of our time?
7. In what houses will people be living in 100 years?

A. As people say, tastes differ! The diversity of weather conditions, traditions and practical needs leads to a great variety of home designs. In Mongolia, people still live in round tents called yurts. In the snowy Arctic, the Inuit have traditionally built igloos from blocks of ice. In some tropical regions, houses are built on stilts above the water. Modern architects promote futuristic designs, such as underwater hotels, and also create eco-friendly treehouses.

B. Thousands of years ago, amazing temples, pyramids, and amphitheatres were built in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. The people who designed them were skilled and smart. They were often priests or high officials. Architecture as a respected profession officially appeared in the Middle Ages and Renaissance, when great masters like Brunelleschi and Michelangelo began to design buildings that combined beauty and function.

C. In comparison to other living beings on the planet, people are obviously the most disadvantaged. Humans have neither warm fur nor sharp claws and they are not able to fly or even run fast enough to escape danger. To survive, people need a warm place to hide in – a home. At the dawn of civilization, caves protected early humans from wild animals, cold, and rain. Later, people began to build huts from branches, grass, bones, and animal skins.

D. The homes of our grandchildren will probably look very different from today's. With climate change and new technologies, people may build floating cities, underground houses, or even homes in space. The designs may be various, but all houses will likely be smart, where artificial intelligence will save energy and improve comfort. Hopefully, they will also be eco-friendly, using solar panels, wind energy, and sustainable materials.

E. Besides safety and access to water, people have to consider many other factors when building a home. Climate and weather conditions are very important. In cold areas, wood and stone houses have always been much in use. In hot, dry regions, people traditionally build houses from clay, mud bricks, or even sand. Today's technology widens the choice, and architects often design houses from concrete, steel, and glass.

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F. As societies developed, people started to settle in one place. They usually built their homes on fertile land near rivers and lakes because they needed water for drinking and farming. Safety was also very important – the settlers wanted to protect themselves from dangerous animals and aggressive tribes. The location of a home was a matter of survival. That is why many towns and villages were built on hills or surrounded by walls.

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