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

From: Molly@mail.uk
To: Russian_friend@oge.ru
Subject: ***School exams***
… I'm having a very busy time now as I'm getting ready for my exams. As far as I know, all students in Russia have to take school exams too. … When are you going to have your exams? What exams have you chosen and why? What are your plans for the summer holidays? …

Write a message to Molly and answer her 3 questions. Write 100–120 words.

Remember the rules of email writing.

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

From: Jane@mail.uk
To: Russian_friend@oge.ru
Subject: ***Books***
… My parents ask me if I'd like to get an electronic book as a birthday present. I don't know what to answer as I've never used it actually. … What is the main advantage of an e-book, in your opinion? What kinds of books do you like reading? How do you choose a book to read? …

Write a message to Jane and answer her 3 questions. Write 100–120 words.

Remember the rules of email writing.

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Заполните пропуски полученными словами. Каждый пропуск соответствует отдельному заданию 29—34.		
29	There is a popular opinion that all children are talented. It's true - children are curious and have a good _____.	**IMAGINE**
30	It helps them make _____ things from very routine objects like stones, leaves, or strips of fabric.	**AMAZE**
31	Coloured paper, watercolours and pencils stimulate their _____ minds a lot too!	**CREATE**
32	However, sometimes parents may _____ of their children's artistic activities like drawing on the walls and indoor experiments with fireworks.	**APPROVE**
33	But _____ is not a good solution! Any art activity develops children's brains and stimulates their ability in science.	**PUNISH**
34	Be _____ with your children's natural talents. Never stop them doing an activity but instead create an appropriate and safe environment for it.	**CARE**

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29	How do people learn the news? About a century ago people got _____ from newspapers since they were the only mass media that existed in those times.	**INFORM**
30	Radio and television seemed _____ inventions as they broadcasted audio and visual images.	**WONDER**
31	The Internet has changed the situation dramatically. Now the audience has an opportunity to create the news, share their_____ knowledge and express their opinions.	**PERSON**
32	The Internet supposes interaction, which makes it very _____ to people.	**ATTRACT**
33	And what about the newspapers? Will they _____ in the near future?	**APPEAR**
34	I wish they wouldn't as I like starting my day with a cup of coffee and a _____ newspaper.	**TRADITION**

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Miss Marple

Miss Marple, a woman detective, is the main character of most books by Agatha Christie, the famous British writer. Miss Marple appeared in a series of short stories 'Thirteen mysterious cases' and in twelve later novels. The last novel about Miss Marple was written in 1940 but it was not published until 1976 to keep the readers' interest in the character.

'The Murder at the Vicarage' was the first novel about Miss Marple's success as a detective. It was published in 1930. In her autobiography Agatha Christie wrote she did not plan to make Miss Marple a central character. What is more, Miss Marple's tremendous success was absolutely surprising for the writer.

Unlike many other detective characters, Miss Marple was not young but it did not influence her professional qualities. Agatha Christie created Miss Marple as a seventy-year-old woman and her age never changed throughout the books.

According to the narratives, Miss Marple lived in a quiet English village. Like most women in her neighbourhood she liked gardening. She was a great expert in growing flowers that were always in blossom in her garden. In her free time she also liked knitting for her relatives and friends whom she visited regularly. Besides, Miss Marple was a socially active person, she was deeply involved in charity in the local community.

As Miss Marple had lived most of her life in the same village she had many friends among the people who lived there. She was so nice and pleasant to talk to that they hurried to bring her the latest news. No gossip or detail ever escaped Miss Marple's eye. It was especially useful when dealing with crimes, which for some reason happened regularly in her quiet life. Miss Marple managed to solve the most mysterious cases and find the most inventive murderers.

Police were skeptical of Miss Marple's success as a detective because she had never worked for them and was not a professional crime expert. Nevertheless some officers asked Miss Marple for advice in difficult cases. They appreciated her rich life experience and attention to detail. And Miss Marple, in turn, was glad to be helpful to the police.

Stories about Miss Marple were filmed several times. The first actress to play the role of the woman detective was Agatha Christie's close friend. Seven more actresses also starred in films and TV series about Miss Marple but the most convincing version was created by Joan Hickson. She took part in twelve productions over eight years.

13) **Miss Marple was a real person.**

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

14) Agatha Christie expected that Miss Marple would become very popular with readers.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

15) In the first novels Miss Marple was presented as a forty-year-old woman.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

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16) Miss Marple lived alone in her house.
1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

17) Apart from solving crimes Miss Marple had other hobbies.
1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

18) Miss Marple's neighbours gladly shared their news with her.
1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

19) Miss Marple refused to cooperate with police.
1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

20) In all the films about Miss Marple her role was played by the same actress.
1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

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