

10. Установите соответствие тем 1 - 8 текстам А- G. Занесите свои ответы в таблицу. Используйте каждую ЦИФРУ только один раз. В задании одна тема лишняя. Запишите цифры в клетки задания 10

1. A unique cultural season
2. Where old and new times meet
3. Just know the right people!
4. Too pretty to be real!
5. A time for physical exercise
6. Traditional winter drinks
7. It is worth it!
8. Not as bad as you may think!

- A.** If you mention travelling to Moscow in the winter, most foreign tourists will think you are crazy. Many of them will imagine snow, freezing temperatures and having to wear big parkas and fur hats. They are missing out, though, because winter in Moscow is like a fairy tale, and one of the most beautiful times of the year to visit. There is so much to see and do that the chance to visit this beautiful city during the winter should not be missed.
- B.** The shocking truth is that the Russian capital at wintertime is not as cold as many people would imagine. While the weather can be unpredictable, most of the time the temperature is around -5 degrees Celsius with a moderate amount of snow. Compared to Siberia, it is very mild. The biggest problems are that you can slip and fall on the ice, and salt on the sidewalks which can destroy your boots.
- C.** Many famous places of interest in Moscow become magical in the winter. Red Square is one of the first places to go to. With the snow falling gently, Saint Basil's Cathedral looks like a giant wedding cake covered in icing. Another place one should certainly visit is Novodevichy Convent with its lacelike towers and golden domes. When surrounded by snow, it resembles a fairy-tale castle of a beautiful princess.
- D.** Muscovites enjoy a wide variety of sports and activities in the wintertime. Cross-country skiing is a great way to both get fit and enjoy the winter beauty of the many public parks in Moscow. Another favorite pastime is ice skating. There is a giant skating rink every winter in Red Square and many smaller rinks throughout the city. There are many other winter sports that are popular such as snowboarding, sledding and ice fishing.
- E.** There are a lot of events in Moscow that can be experienced only in winter. The New Year holiday celebration is the most special time of the year and is like Christmas and New Year's Eve combined into one big party. The Russian Winter festival features performances of traditional Russian song and dance, games, crafts and ice sculptures. Finally, those feeling brave can dive into an ice hole for the Epiphany holiday.
- F.** If you get too cold while walking around, you can always go into a shop to warm up. There are many modern shopping malls throughout Moscow, but if you want to experience the retro charm and nostalgia of days past, there is no better place than GUM on Red Square or Eliseevsky food store on Tverskaya. In addition, there are many cafes located throughout the city if you need a hot drink or something to eat.
- G.** If you make Russian friends, you may get invited to their dacha and see the beautiful winter countryside outside Moscow. Here the snow will be deeper and the temperatures lower, but you won't be too cold as Russians have ways to stay warm. Best of all is the Russian Steam Bath. You can sit in the steam and when you find yourself hot and sweaty, you can do as the Russians do and jump in the snow outside to cool off.

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11. Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски **A — F** частями предложений, обозначенными цифрами **1 — 7**. Одна из частей в списке **1 — 7** лишняя. Занесите **цифры**, обозначающие соответствующие части предложения, в клетки задания **11** без пробелов и знаков препинания.

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1. celebrating the end of the Revolutionary War
2. to learn more about American history
3. as a landmark reminder of wonderful experiences
4. that are offered to the visitors
5. its glamorous past and fun-filled present
6. that was sweeping the country
7. by joining our e-community

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12-18 Прочитайте текст и выполните задания **12-18** отметьте на карточке вариант, соответствующий номеру выбранного вами варианта ответа.

How to turn failure to success

A lot of authors speak about how true success is overcoming the fear of being unsuccessful. But that is easier said than done. We all face situations where we fail and it feels like everything is going wrong. That coveted job interview that does not result in a call back, that amazing person who doesn't reciprocate romantic interest, that close friend who is not keen on hanging out anymore feature in all of our lives. Somewhere these experiences chip away at one's sense of self, slowly eroding our self-worth.

Carrie Fisher, who had immortalised Princess Leia in Star Wars, had said it beautifully, "take your broken heart and make it into art". That is exactly what 18-year-old Londoner Claudia did. She had received a rejection letter from Oxford, like many other students, in response to her application for a Classics course. However, she was not dejected by it. By the time her mother got home from work, Claudia had cut up the letter and transformed it into a beautiful piece of art.

When her mum posted Claudia's art on Twitter, **it touched a chord** among thousands and went viral in a matter of days, having been liked and retweeted more than two hundred thousand times.

Claudia explained her motivations in such a way: "I just thought I had this letter, it's not often that you get a letter dedicated to you from Oxford. So, I thought it would be funny if I made it into something." The letter is pretty much summarised in the phrases stuck into the painting: delivering the news, apologising, wishing her well.

She created the painting very quickly, explaining, "I suppose some of my feelings about the letter went into the artwork. Obviously, I didn't know it would go viral as I painted it for myself

— but I think the message that it's associated with now is that Oxbridge doesn't determine your worth as a person, and I love that." A lot of people are saying Oxford should now take Claudia on an art course but that's not really how it works.

She is joining another premier institution — Durham university — soon, leaving behind her brief disappointment from Oxford as she embarks on the new phase of her life. However, there are life lessons that this young girl can teach us on how to cope with rejection.

It always feels a bit hurtful to be rejected, but when you can turn your disappointment into art, it helps you to move on. After all, closed doors hide open ones. It's impossible that things go well all the time. Even for those who seem super successful, there are still low points and adverse situations they have had to tackle. But brooding over what did not work out will only lead to missing out newer opportunities. Success and failure can truly be understood only in retrospect. What seems like heart-breaking rejection might turn out to be the start of the best thing ever to happen to you in another five years.

Letting go is important but what is even more important is letting go beautifully. As the proverb goes — "In the end, only three things matter: how much you loved, how gently you lived, and how gracefully you let go of things not meant for you".

Failure is a part of life. You can call it whatever you want — a setback, an emotional letdown, a breakup, a loss, but part of the reason why the experience is so painful is because at some level you feel you failed. The solution here is being open to the bigger lessons of life. After all, learning a new way to see situations can be the very key to your next success.

12. According to the article, disappointing experiences could result in ...

- 1) a broken heart.
- 2) a deserved success.
- 3) a lack of confidence.
- 4) coping with one's fears.

13. To deal with her failure, Claudia ...

- 1) tried to express her feelings creatively.
- 2) took art therapy session online.
- 3) destroyed the rejection letter.
- 4) applied to Oxford once again.

14. The phrase "*touched a chord*" in paragraph 3 is close in meaning to ...

- 1) evoked compassion.
- 2) agitated.
- 3) was reposted in media.
- 4) instilled hope.

15. In her own words, Claudia used the letter for a piece of art because she ...

- 1) was overfilled with emotions.
- 2) believed it was a good idea.
- 3) wanted to remember the event.
- 4) thought the letter was funny.

16. Claudia's work has come to mean that ...

- 1) a university does not define your value.
- 2) Oxford and Cambridge are not for anyone.
- 3) when you fail always hope for the best.
- 4) people should love themselves as they are.

17. Which of the following, according to the article, is NOT the lesson Claudia's case can teach us?

- 1) All happens for the best.
- 2) Keep your face.
- 3) Failure is natural.
- 4) Love and be loved.

18. What is the main idea expressed in the last paragraph?

- 1) Try to find a solution to any problem.
- 2) Failure is painful unless you share it with somebody.
- 3) There are a lot of different kinds of failures.
- 4) Take every disappointment as a learning experience.