Неделя английского языка. Олимпиада

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

My brother Paul 1) _____ (call) me the other day to say that he 2) _____ (come) to dinner next Saturday with a friend of his called Tom Edwards. You 3) _____ (not meet) Tom but I 4) _____ (think) you 5) _____ (like) him. Paul says Tom 6) _____ (receive) hardly any salary and often 7) _____ (not get) enough to eat, so he 8) _____ (ask) me to have roast beef and Yorkshire pudding for dinner, with apple dumpling to follow. He probably 9) _____ (ring) up between now and Saturday to ask me to start with a substantial soup, such as ox tail! I 10) _____ (know) you normally _____ (not eat) heavy three-course meals of this type, but I hope the conversation 12) _____ (not be) so heavy. Anyway, come if you 13) _____ (have) no other plans.

2. Fill the gaps with a /an / the/ -

1) _____ local community of Collingwood near 2) _____ East Melbourne is concerned about the unusual humming sound coming from 3) _____ Preston Park. It was 4) _____ first noticed by 5) _____ group of children who were playing 6) _____ football at 7) _____ park. As one of 8) _____ children said: "It was 9) _____ strangest thing I've ever heard. It sounded like someone humming 10) _____ song really, really loudly." By now, 11) _____ strange hum has become extremely loud and can be heard all over 12) _____ area. Sometimes it's worse at 13) ____ night.

3. Read the text and fill each gap with ONE word.

Did you know 1) _____ people in Paris, France can get freshly baked bread 24 hours a day? Jean-Louis Hecht, a local baker has come 2) _____ with the idea of selling baguettes in a vending machine! Unlike fresh bread these baguettes 3) _____ precooked, a technique used 4) _____ industrial bread producers. This means the bread can last longer 5) _____ fresh dough. The machine takes the partially cooked bread, bakes it and delivers it to customers 6) ____ only 1€! The entire process takes a 7) _____ seconds, and the result is a hot and crispy French baguette. Hecht invented his machine after hungry customers came knocking on his door 8) _____ the bakery had already closed. The many disturbances led him 9) _____ develop a bread dispenser that would give him a much-needed break 10) _____ his job! In its first month alone the vending machine sold over 1,500 baguettes and has 11) _____ growing in popularity ever 12) _____ .

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4. Complete the passage by choosing which word best fits each gap:

We are all too well 1. **(known / aware / read / informed)** that the extinction of animal and plant species is one of the biggest and most horrifying threats 2. **(facing / challenging / heading / confronting)** our planet these days. Having said that, there has recently been some good 3. **(reports / information / news / statements)** out of Russia regarding something called regeneration - a(n) 4. **(probable / expected / possible / likely)** solution to this ever-growing problem.

Regeneration involves 5. **(taking / moving / pulling / bringing)** tissue from a plant or animal that has become extinct and 'bringing it back 6. **(in / for / to / at)** life. In recent Russian experiments, scientists took fruit and seeds from the underground burrow of a long-dead Siberian squirrel and 7. **(conducted / managed / directed / succeeded)** to regenerate a beautiful flower called the Silene stenophylla.

Understandably, experts are over the 8. **(moon / galaxy / star / sun)** about their success as it shows once and for 9. **(any / both / every / all)** that tissue can survive ice conservation for thousands of years. Those who participated in the regeneration of the flower are pleased and are now 10. **(imagining / hoping / wishing / dreaming)** to find pre- historic squirrel tissue or perhaps even 11. **(freezing / iced / frozen / icy)** tissue from the great wooly mammoth, which could lead to the resurrection of those two species.

5. Use the words in brackets to form a word which best suits each gap:

Professional sky diver, extreme sports lover, and camera man James Boole is perhaps one of the l) _____ (luck) people in the world. James was in Russia making a TV 2) _____(document) about sky divers when he 3) _____ (expect) came close to death. The 31year-old was trying to get shots of the divers jumping from a helicopter over a(n) 4) _____ (act) volcano. James had to follow the divers out of the helicopter in order to get close-up footage of the jump, a task that required all his 5) _____ (concentrate). During the jump he failed to open his parachute on time due to a 6) _____ (communicate) error with his fellow diver and hit the ground at a(n) 7) _____ (believe) speed of 100 km/h. James suffered a 8) _____(break) back and rib as well as chipped teeth but 9) _____ (amaze) he survived the fall. The rescue team found him in a one- meter deep crater and took him to hospital. Twelve months later, after making a full 10) _____ (recover), he was back in the skies making an incredible 11) _____ (come).

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6. Read the article in which five people are talking about their different careers. For questions 1—10, choose from the people A—E. The people may be chosen more than once.

A. Sarah

All I wanted at seventeen was to keep from going to university like all my friends, so I took a management course and then went to work as an office manager in a small real estate company. In the beginning I was a little nervous about making decisions, but my boss is a close friend and luckily had faith in me and my abilities. My friends, who are still at university, don't appreciate the fact that I have a lot of responsibility right now'. They're always calling me to go out - to parties or for pizza, but I usually turn down their invitations because I have to get up early.

B. Lisa

My mum was a teacher, and when I was small, it was a little awkward having her teach hi the same school I attended. But after I met some of her former students. I realised what a difference she had made in people's lives. When I started out as a teacher I was quite shy, but one day I daringly stepped out of my place and tried out some innovative teaching techniques. The head teacher got to hear about it, and was very impressed. I really enjoy teaching at secondary level, because I find that teenagers are very engaging.

C. Tom

I am very interested in the field of marine biology and I devoted my younger years to researching and writing a book on the subject. I then went on to get my diving certificate. I started working in England as an instructor, but when I realised there was no real future for me there. I moved to the Caribbean. I started with a diving company in the British Virgin Islands, which was great, but I noticed that the equipment was somewhat outdated. When I pointed it out to my boss, he was so surprised that he immediately ordered new gear for all the instructors. I soon fell in love with the island lifestyle. I enjoy my job, as well as my time off, and now life is perfect.

D. Barbara

After graduating from school 1 really wanted to become a 'serious' artist, but I knew that I couldn't be sure of supporting myself financially if I did. Then Mum suggested I try book illustration. I started at a small publishing company that produces children's books. I love working there, but in the beginning I was hopelessly disorganized - I kept ordering the wrong types and amounts of supplies. I eventually got the hang of it, though. Recently I branched out into drawing a weekly cartoon for the local newspaper in my spare time, and I hope it will lead to more work of the same kind.

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E. Kenneth

I never imagined I would end up doing this kind of work, and I actually fell into it by accident. I wanted to buy my mother a brooch for her birthday. but I couldn't find one I liked, so I decided to design my own. Some of her friends saw it and liked it so much that I started to get requests on a regular basis for new designs. My mother likes to boast that her son is a designer, but I wonder what her friends would think if they knew that I haven't had any formal training. I'm now planning to take on some people to help me so I can expand into mail order jewellery.

1. Which person changed their career plans because they wanted a steady income?
2. Which person admits they weren't good at one aspect of their job at first?
3. Which person benefited from drawing attention to their own ability?
4. Which person raised an issue that improved colleagues' working conditions?
5. Which person regards working as better than being in higher education?
6. Which person went abroad to live?
7. Which person followed a parent's advice?
8. Which person is self-taught in their field?
9. Which person used their reputation to build up their business?
10. Which person mentions having a restricted social life?

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