



**Задания первого этапа
областной олимпиады учащихся IX класса
по учебному предмету «Английский язык»**

IX класс

Максимальное количество баллов - 44

Total 10

Part A. Read the text and do the following tasks.

Helen packed a small suitcase, said good-bye to her mother and hurried out of the house to catch the bus to the station. There was no one else waiting at the bus-stop, so it looked as if a bus had just left. Helen looked at her watch anxiously: it was already two o'clock. Her train left at two-thirty, and since it would take at least twenty minutes to reach the station, she did not have much time to spare, even if a bus came along at once.

Just then a taxi came slowly down the road. Helen knew that the fare to the station was at least two pounds, which was more than she could afford; but she quickly made up her mind that it would be well worth the extra expense in order to be sure of catching her train. So she stopped the taxi and got in. She told the driver that she had to catch a train which left at half past two. The man nodded and said that he would take short cut to get her to the station in good time.

All went well, just as they were coming out of a side street into the main road that led to the station, when the taxi ran into a car. There was a loud crash and Helen was thrown forward so violently that she hit her head on the front seat. Both drivers got out and began shouting at each other. Helen got out as well, to ask them to stop quarrelling, but neither of them took any notice of her at all.

Helen was quite sure that she was going to miss her train, although she was not very far from the station. She was wondering what to do when a bus came into sight, going in the direction of the station. The bus stop was not far off, so Helen got her suitcase out of the taxi and ran towards the bus which had stopped to let some passengers get off. The bus conductor saw her running and did not ring the bell for the bus to start until she had got in. Helen reached the station just in time and managed to catch her train after all. But if she had waited for the taxi driver to stop arguing, she probably would have missed it.

I. Choose the right variant (3 points):

- Helen felt nervous because...
 - there were only twenty minutes left before the departure of the train.
 - there was only half an hour left before the departure of the train.
 - she hadn't enough money to hire a taxi.
- When the accident took place, Helen...
 - was still far from the station.
 - wasn't very far from the station.
 - was at a walking distance from the station.
- When the bus conductor saw Helen running, he...
 - didn't ring the bell for the bus to start.
 - rang the bell for the bus to start.
 - rang the bell before she had got on.

II. Answer the following questions (4 points):

1. How did Helen know that she had missed her bus?

2. How much was the taxi fare to the station?

3. What happened to Helen when the taxi ran into a car?

4. What did both drivers do after the accident?_

III. Complete the sentences (3 points):

1. The taxi driver said that he would take a shortcut to get Helen to the station

2. The taxi ran into a car when it was coming out of a side street into the main road

3. If Helen had waited for the taxi driver to stop arguing, she would

Total 34

Part B. Lexical-Grammar Test

(10 points)

Task 1. Put the appropriate word in the gaps: other, another, others, the others.

1. You've already seen Henry but I have three _____ brothers.
2. Some people like horror films but _____ hate them.
3. Five students went to the canteen and _____ waited in the classroom.
4. We arrived first and waited for _____.
5. Let's go to _____ restaurant for a change today.
6. For all _____ enquiries, phone this number.
7. Do you know any _____ drama theatres near here?
8. Could I ask you _____ question?
9. We can see some guests in the living-room. But where are _____?
10. There is no _____ way to do it.

Task 2. There are mistakes in the use of reflexive pronouns in some of these sentences. Find the mistakes and correct them. (6 points)

1. My sister taught himself to swim.

2. Anna repaired the chair herself.

3. The children are making themselves something to eat.

4. I hurt me when I fell down the stairs.

5. We're meeting ourselves at 8.00 this evening.

6. We're enjoying ourselves very much.

Task 3. Преобразуйте предложения в косвенную речь.

(10 points)

1. "Read the instructions before you switch on the machine," he said to me

2. A stranger asked a passer-by, "Where is a bank?"

3. The model says to her assistant: "Hurry up! Don't be slow!"

4. Nick: I've been looking everywhere for you, Rita.

5. Jady Gaga : I love all the crazy designs I wear, but I give thanks to actual designer for giving me the inspiration.

6. She promised, "I'll speak to the manager about him".

7. "Are you a captain of the school football team?" the new pupil asked Cyril.

8. "How long does it usually take to learn to skate?" Andy asked the physical education teacher.

9. "I do not feel comfortable defending my clothes," she says.

10. "Shut the door but don't lock it", she said to us.

Task 4. Form the necessary adjective form

(8 points)

1. This is the most _____ concert I've ever been to. (Expense)
2. Her husband's not a very _____ person. (Patience)
3. Susan is very _____ and wants to do well. (Ambition)
4. Show some _____. Don't you like the idea? (Enthuse)
5. Her problem is that she has not enough _____ in herself. (Confide)
6. Dan is really very _____, even rude sometimes. (Polite)
7. I haven't been to the cinema _____. (Recent)
8. Mary _____ and they never saw her again. (Appear)

Председатель жюри _____

Члены жюри _____

