

ОЛИМПИАДА
«СУРСКИЕ ТАЛАНТЫ»
11 КЛАСС. АНГЛИЙСКИЙ ЯЗЫК. ПЕРВЫЙ ТУР.

Task I. Choose the correct answer.

1. It took ages to cross the _____ from Turkey to Greece.
A. border
B. line
C. edge
D. boundary (2 points)
2. I don't know how you _____ up with Carl's complaining all the time.
A. put
B. get
C. do
D. make (2 points)
3. I can't believe you _____ Charlie in that chess game.
A. took
B. won
C. scored
D. beat (2 points)
4. It was the first time we _____ to a Mexican restaurant.
A. go
B. went
C. have been
D. had been (2 points)
5. By eight o'clock tonight, _____ computer games for over twelve hours!
A. you'll play
B. you'll be playing
C. you have played
D. you'll have been playing (2 points)
6. If you _____ iron, it starts to get red hot and then white hot.
A. would heat
B. heated
C. heat
D. will heat (2 points)
7. I've got a good chance of getting the job, _____ I do okay in the interview.

- A. unless
B. in case
C. only
D. provided (2 points)
8. The man could have been sent to prison if the judge _____ his story.
A. wouldn't have believed
B. wasn't believing
C. wouldn't believe
D. hadn't believed (2 points)
9. 'Why did you get the bus to work?'
'I'm having my car _____ at the moment.'
A. servicing
B. serviced
C. to service
D. to be serviced (2 points)
10. Hugh was quite worried because he hadn't _____ for the test.
A. studied
B. read
C. examined
D. learned (2 points)
11. Could you tell me _____?
A. where is the manager
B. the manager is where
C. where the manager is
D. about where is the manager (2 points)
12. Did you remember _____ Cheryl to bring her CD player tomorrow night?
A. to ask
B. asking
C. to asking
D. ask (2 points)

Total: 24 points

Task II. Read the following selection and do the activity that follows.

Will Rogers: Cowboy Philosopher

"I never met a man I didn't like." That's what Will Rogers wanted on his epitaph, and it is probably the best-known characteristic of this "typically American" part-Indian cowboy philosopher, humorist, actor, entertainer, writer, and political analyst.

It has been said that reading what he wrote and said gives one the best history of America during the period 1918-1935.

William Penn Adair Rogers was born on Tuesday, November 4, 1879, in a two-story house on his father's ranch in Indian Territory (which later became Oklahoma). Will was always proud that he was by ancestry one-fourth Cherokee Indian, and a favorite saying of his was "My ancestors didn't come over on the Mayflower they met the boat."

As a boy Will loved to learn the rope tricks that the ranch hands taught him. Little did he know that the remarkable expertise he developed with the *lariat*¹ would become the basis for an unparalleled career as an entertainer first as a silent stage and circus performer, and later as a stage and movie actor, lecturer, and newspaper columnist.

His mother wanted him to be a preacher, and his father hoped he would someday take over the ranch. But Will was restless and always eager to see new things and talk to other people. As a young man he went to Argentina to see the *gauchos*². Afterwards, he got a job taking care of a herd of cattle on a ship bound for South Africa, and when he got there he drove cattle and worked on a ranch for a while. That was where he met the owner of a Wild West show, and so began his career as an entertainer.

From South Africa he went to Australia, where he joined a circus. When it ended its tour in New Zealand, he had just enough money to book a passage back to the United States. His act, that of a shy, silent Westerner doing rope tricks, was an immediate success in both America and Europe.

He soon found that when he started adding humorous comments about everyday happenings, people came to hear and laugh at his witty, philosophical sayings as much as to see his rope tricks.

Another of Will Rogers's favorite sayings was "All I know is what I read in the papers." In fact, the headlines and news items in the newspapers he read were the basis of his sharply witty criticisms of the foibles of this country's government (particularly the Congress, which he called his "Joke Factory") and many of its prominent citizens. His honesty and good humor, however, neutralized the acid of his comments, and most of the people he talked about were in fact great friends and admirers.

Rogers's marriage in 1908 to a girl he had met eight years earlier in his home town was the beginning of a particularly happy lifelong relationship. "When I roped her," he would say of his wife, Betty, "that was the star performance of my life."

Will Rogers's career, like that of other entertainers, had its ups and downs before he achieved the stable success of his later years. Although he died a wealthy man, his main aim always seemed to be to share with others some of the enjoyment that his wit and wisdom brought him, as well as whatever good his presence and money could do where there was a need. His giving was spontaneous, simple, natural, and often anonymous.

Typical American as he was, he was also one of the great internationalists of all time. His behavior toward the high and the humble in the many countries he visited seemed to say: "I never visited a nation I didn't like."

Will Rogers's death in a plane crash in Barrow, Alaska, on August 15, 1935, brought an untimely end to the career of one of America's best-known and most beloved commentators. Five years earlier he had written: "When I die, my epitaph, or whatever you call those signs on gravestones, is going to read: 'I joke about every prominent man of my time, but I never met a man I didn't like.' I am proud of that. I can hardly wait to die so it can be carved. And when you come around to my grave you'll probably find me sitting there proudly reading it."

1. *lariat*: a long rope generally used to catch horses or cattle
2. *gauchos*; a cowboy of the South American pampas

Correct the factual errors.

1. By ancestry, Will Rogers was one-half Indian.
2. Will's parents wanted him to go into politics.
3. American cowboys are similar to the gauchos of South Africa.
4. Will Rogers began his career as an entertainer in Argentina.
5. Will performed as a circus performer in what was later to become the state of Oklahoma.
6. An important part of Will Rogers's act was his magic tricks.
7. Rogers's humor included witty criticism of farm workers.
8. Because they were the subject of his jokes, many prominent leaders in the United States resented Rogers's activities.
9. Rogers described his film role with Mae West as the star performance of his life.
10. Rogers died at the peak of his career of food poisoning in Alaska.

Total: 20 points

Task III. In this part you will see five short texts; in each case the text is incomplete. Choose a, b, c or d to complete the text. Circle the letter of the right answer.

1)

Advice to Older Drivers

By the time you reach your 70s you will have acquired a wealth of motoring experience which should help you to travel safely on our

*busy roads but experience
the inevitable effects of ageing.*

If you wish to travel after you reach the age of seventy, you must renew your licence and make a declaration of your health. After this, your licence can then be renewed for periods of up to three years.

- a) undoubtedly contributes to
- b) has to be balanced against
- c) is necessarily comparable to
- d) cannot be contradicted by

(2 points)

2)

The first thing I noticed was the clarity of the air, and then the sharp green colour of the land. There was no softness anywhere. The distant hills..... the sky but stood out like rocks, so close that I could almost touch them, their proximity giving me that shock of surprise and wonder which a child feels looking for the first time through a telescope.

Daphne du Maurier 'The House on the Strand'

- a) did not blend into
- b) were unseen against
- c) looked gentle like
- d) were so near to me and

(2 points)

3)

Although in the West.....powerful, synthetic drugs, herbs are still the only or major form of medicine for many of the world's population. This fascinating, yet highly practical book, features fully-illustrated charts of 120 medicinal herbs, and will give you step-by-step advice on preparing herbal remedies in the home from tonic wines to tinctures and compresses.

- a) the majority no longer prefer to take
 - b) most doctors have begun refusing to offer
 - c) many patients are not allowed to accept such
 - d) people have become used to being prescribed
- (2 points)

4)

Cranchester United Football Club employs more then 400 people full-time, at an average wage of £55,000, and a further 1,100 casual workers. In total 400,000 people find jobs in the UK sports industry, which has a turnover exceeding £6 billion a year.a professional framework for building a career in an industry bigger than either agriculture or chemicals, has barely existed.

- a) And so, recently
 - b) This explains why
 - c) Yet until now
 - d) Accordingly
- (2 points)

5)

Protective Equipment and Clothing

Protective equipment and clothing, such as ear defenders and eye protectors, dust masks, overalls, safety shoes or boots and helmets are supplied to protect you. Wear them! It may feel strange at first and you won'tbut you'll have a better chance of keeping out of hospital.

- a) win any fashion contests
 - b) regret your common-sense
 - c) even notice you're wearing them
 - d) think it is extraordinary
- (2 points)

Total: 10 points

Task IV. Fill in each gap with one word to get logically connected and grammatically correct text.

Keeping Citizens Safe

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI, is known around the world for 1.....use of leading-edge forensic science. A man named J. Edgar Hoover is responsible 2.....how efficient this agency has become. Hoover took 3.....the running of the Bureau of Investigation in 1924 and 4.....1932 had set up a forensic lab where this relatively new science was put to use. The FBI's database of criminal information is called the National Crime Information Centre (NCIC). Its role became 5.....important with the wide-spread use of computers and other high-tech tools. Today, it contains tens of millions of records and provides information for a 6.....of the branches of the judicial system. The NCIC is what allows police officers to get information about suspects quickly and easily. The fingerprints 7.....suspects taken by the FBI used to be filed in a card system, but now all fingerprints are stored on computers. 8.....days, due to rapid developments in technology, it is now possible to gather physical evidence from a crime scene and have it analysed almost immediately - 9.....of these aspects of criminal investigation are very important and 10.....would have ever been possible if it hadn't been for the persistence of Hoover.

Total: 20 points

Task V.

1. Read the poem. It is a translation from the Russian language. Who do you think it was written by? What is the message of the poem? What feelings does it evoke in the reader? Do you know of any poet who shared these ideas? (write not more than 10 sentences).

The lonely sail is showing white
Among the haze of the blue sea!
What does it search in foreign
part? What left it in the native
land?

The waves are playing, wind is
whistling,
And bending mast is creaking loud,
Alas, - it does not hunt for pleasure
And nor from pleasure does it run!



Below - a bright stream of azure,
Above - a golden beam of sun,
But it, rebellious, asks for tempests
As if the tempests give a rest!

(6 points)

2. Write as many proverbs as you can about love of Motherland.

(4 points)

3. Prove that love of Motherland is a uniting force (write not more than 10 sentences).

(6 points)

Total: 16 points