

**Межрегиональная предметная олимпиада КФУ**  
**Профиль «Иностранный язык (английский язык)»**  
**Заключительный этап**  
**2020-2021 учебный год**  
**9 класс**

**PART 1. READING COMPREHENSION. Maximum: 40 points. 1 point for each correct answer.**

**Task 1. Read the passage. Then fill in the gaps with the appropriate part of the sentence. Write A-L on the separate answer sheet.**

Conkers is a traditional game played in the UK every autumn. To say that it is strange is a bit of an understatement, 1) ..... you absolutely must have a go. All you need is a conker, 2) .....

Conkers are the hard, shiny brown seeds of the horse chestnut tree. You will see them all over the ground during the autumn. They are very pretty, but do not try to eat them – 3).....

Since we cannot eat them, 4)..... ! First, you must find a conker. The best ones are uncracked, hard and symmetrical. You can test whether a conker is good by putting it in water. Conkers that are weak or rotten on the inside will float, 5).....

It can take some time to find a good conker but this is not a bad thing as 6) ..... and enjoy the beautiful autumn weather. Brits of all ages like to go out hunting for conkers and many 7) ..... . Once you have found the perfect conker, make a hole through the middle of it and 8)..... . The string should be about 25cm long. Tie a knot at one end so that the conker doesn't fall off.

Now you are ready to play! But you will need an opponent. Challenge a friend to a round of conkers. They will also need a conker 9) .....

To play, let your conker hang down from the string which is wrapped round your hand. The conker is held at the height your opponent chooses and 10)..... . Your opponent then swings their conker at yours, 11) ..... . If they miss, it is time to swap roles – now it is your turn to try and smash their conker! The game continues until one person's conker is smashed to bits.

Conkers is a very simple game 12) ..... and some even cheat by baking their conkers or coating them in nail varnish to make them stronger. This behaviour is frowned upon, however.

- A) unlike real chestnuts, conkers are poisonous to humans
- B) do it as a family activity or even a date
- C) but this quirky game has entertained Brits for generations and
- D) that has been threaded on a piece of string
- E) trying to smash it
- F) it means you have an excuse to go outside
- G) thread a piece of strong string through the hole
- H) we Brits decided to turn conkers into a game instead
- I) is held perfectly still
- J) but Brits can get competitive about it
- K) some string and a willing friend to play with
- L) whereas good strong ones will sink

**Task 2. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate word. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

RULING CLASS	CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY	PRIME MINISTER	PARLIAMENT
QUEEN ELIZABETH II	THE BILL OF RIGHTS	ABSOLUTE POWER	MAGNA CARTA

The United Kingdom is a parliamentary democracy under a 13) ..... . This means that while a monarch – in this case, 14) ..... – is the head of state, she is not the head of government. She does not get to make most of the decisions about how the government is run; that job belongs to the 15) .....

The English monarchy used to have 16) ..... , but that was a long time ago – over 800 years in fact. 2015 was the 800th anniversary of the 17) ..... . This document spelled out the rights and responsibilities of King John of England and the 18) ..... in 1215. It is regarded as the first statement of citizen rights in the world.

19) ..... – which is still in effect – lays down limits on the powers of the crown and sets out the rights of 20) ..... and rules for freedom of speech, the requirement for regular elections, and the right to petition the monarch without fear of retribution. Nowadays the Queen’s role is mostly ceremonial.

**Task 3. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Mushy peas 21)..... a bright green dish that livens 22) ..... our plates of fish and chips. This dish is a big favourite in the north of England and the Midlands. Peas are 23) ..... staple food in Britain and have 24)..... grown here for roughly 10,000 25) ..... . After eating peas for 26) ..... long, it’s no wonder that Brits have 27) ..... to get creative with how they prepare 28) .....

The dish is 29) ..... from marrowfat peas. These are mature peas that have been left to dry 30) ..... . 31)..... make mushy peas, marrowfat peas are soaked overnight in water. 32) ..... they’re nice and soft, they’re seasoned 33) ..... a bit of sugar and salt and simmered in water. The 34) ..... result is a thick, mushy, bright green paste. This is the most traditional 35) ..... to enjoy this humble little dish, but some people like to add extra flavours like mint 36) ..... vinegar.

Mushy peas have been eaten in the UK for more 37) ..... 60 years, either as snacks or part of a larger 38) ..... . They are 39) ..... easy to make. If you need a quick and cheap way to prepare vegetables then you can’t get much simpler than 40) ..... !

**PART 2. USE OF ENGLISH. Maximum: 40 points. 1 point for each correct answer.**

**Task 1. Complete the second column. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Word	True translation	False friend
аккорд	1) .....	accord
клей	2) .....	clay
дата	3) .....	data
датский	4) .....	Dutch
облигация	5) .....	obligation

**Task 2. Give the correct translations of the underlined words from English into Russian. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

- 6) This is a literal translation of the text.
- 7) Well, he must be a lunatic.
- 8) At school he was a very intelligent student.
- 9) Thick-cut English marmalade is delicious on buttered toast!
- 10) They were accurate in their prediction.

**Task 3. Refer the three phrasal verbs in a line to the words in capital letters in the table. There are 4 extra words. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

<b>CRIME</b>	<b>REVEAL</b>	<b>RESIGNATION</b>	<b>DISASTER</b>
<b>SUCCESS</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>ILLNESS</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION</b>
<b>CANCELLATION</b>	<b>PUNISHMENT</b>	<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>RECOVERY</b>

11) .....	COME OFF	GO DOWN	GO OFF
12) .....	GO UNDER	BREAK OUT	GO DOWN
13) .....	DO UP	GO UP	PUT UP
14) .....	BRING UP	COME DOWN WITH	THROW UP
15) .....	GET AWAY WITH	GET OFF	LET OFF
16) .....	GET ACROSS	PUT ACROSS	GET BY
17) .....	DO IN	HOLD UP	BREAK INTO
18) .....	DROP OUT	GIVE IN	GIVE UP

**Task 4. Which word means ... and rhymes with...? Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

- 19) Which word means *symbol* and rhymes with *broken*?
- 20) Which word means *demolish* and rhymes with *annoy*?
- 21) Which word means *two weeks* and rhymes with *graphite*?
- 22) Which word means *pursue* and rhymes with *case*?
- 23) Which word means *dwelling* and rhymes with *communication*?
- 24) Which word means *sea* and rhymes with *canteen*?
- 25) Which word means *evil* and rhymes with *superstitious*?

**Task 5. Open the brackets using either the gerund or the infinitive. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

- 26) What I like about my friend is that he doesn't mind (criticize) by others.
- 27) I still hope (include) in the college basketball team.
- 28) I wouldn't recommend (stay) at this hotel. The staff is very rude here.
- 29) His hair wants (wash).
- 30) I meant (get up) early, but my alarm clock didn't ring.
- 31) I wish you would stop (treat) me disrespectfully.
- 32) I don't feel like (go out) tonight, I'm exhausted.
- 33) There is no (deny) that it has been a very difficult year for our company.
- 34) I never imagined (meet) you here.
- 35) He isn't listening to me; he seems (think) about something else.

**PART 3.WRITING.Maximum: 25 points.**

You are a member of the Debate Club at your school which wants to attract new members. You decide to write an article for the school magazine advertizing the club. You want to give an attractive title to your article. You want to explain what is special about this club and outline the activities of the club. You are going to explain the benefits of participating in it as well as outline plans for the next year.

Using the information appropriately write an article for the school magazine encouraging other students to join the Club.

Use the following words in your article: FEEDBACK, BOOST, ULTIMATELY and ENGAGING. Do not change the words. Remember to write the introduction and conclusion.

Use the emphatic language to arouse an emotional reaction from your readers.

Write your article in 180-250 words in an appropriate style.