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Вариант 1

Task 1. 10 баллов (2 балла за каждый правильный ответ)

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Ответы:

Video 1 – **b**

Video 2 – **d**

Video 3 – **c**

Video 4 - **c**

Video 5 - **c**

Task 2. 5 баллов. Read the beginning of the dialogue. Choose the line that breaks its logic. Write down the correct letter in your answer.

1.

A: "I'm thinking of joining the robotics club this term."

B: "That sounds interesting! What got you into it?"

C: "I heard they're working on a project for the national competition."

D: ...

a) "The weather has been unusually warm for October, don't you think?"

b) "Do you know if they have meetings after school or on weekends?"

c) "Their founder gave a talk at the library last week, it was so inspiring."

d) "I prefer coding alone; teamwork can be slow."

2.

A: "This recipe calls for fresh basil, but I only have dried."

B: "The flavor will be quite different. Maybe we should stop by the grocery store?"

C: "Good idea. They also have that artisan bread you like. We could get some for the soup."

D: ...

a) "Let's go now before it gets too crowded."

b) "I think the substitution ratio is one teaspoon of dried for one tablespoon of fresh."

c) "Basil is a member of the mint family, did you know that?"

d) "Perfect. I'll get my keys."

3.

A: "The plot of that movie was so predictable, I guessed the ending halfway through."

B: "I know what you mean! The characters were also very one-dimensional."

C: "Exactly. And the dialogue felt so unnatural, like no one would ever talk that way."

D: ...

a) "The special effects were impressive, though."

b) "It's a shame, because the director's previous work was much more original."

c) "So, not something you'd recommend, I take it?"

d) "I think I'll wait for it to stream online instead of seeing it in the cinema."

4.

A: "I think I've finally fixed the leaking tap in the kitchen."

B: "That's great news! It was driving me crazy. How did you manage it?"

C: "I had to replace the washer. It was simpler than I thought, once I found the right tutorial online."

D: ...

a) "You're becoming quite the handyman! I'm impressed."

b) "We should check the bathroom taps too, in case they have the same issue."

- c) "The internet is full of helpful DIY guides these days."
- d) "Online tutorials are better than the educational system in many ways."

5.

- A: "The feedback on my presentation was that I should use more visual aids next time."
- B: "That makes sense. People are often more engaged when there's something to look at."
- C: "I was thinking of creating some charts and maybe a short video clip."
- D: ...
- a) "Charts can really help to clarify complex data."
 - b) "Be careful not to overload the slides with too much information, though."
 - c) "Video editing software has become very user-friendly recently."
 - d) "Visual aids are less important than the speaker's body language, in my opinion."

Ответы:

- 1. a
- 2. c
- 3. a
- 4. d
- 5. d

Task 3. 5 баллов. Choose the sentence that is NOT an accurate paraphrase of the original.
Write down the correct letter in your answer.

1 "It's raining cats and dogs outside."

- a) It's pouring with rain.
- b) There is a very heavy rainfall.
- c) Some pets have unexpectedly fallen from the sky.
- d) The weather is exceptionally bad.

2 "Let's call it a day and continue tomorrow."

- a) We should stop working for now and resume in the morning.
- b) We can refer to this date as 'a day' when we talk about it later.
- c) It's time to finish what we're doing and get some rest.
- d) We've done enough for today.

3 "I'll believe that when pigs fly."

- a) I find that very hard to believe.
- b) I think that is extremely unlikely to happen.
- c) I will believe it only if I see farm animals airborne.
- d) In my opinion, that is an impossibility.

4 "The project costs an arm and a leg."

- a) The project is extremely expensive.
- b) The funding required for the project is very high.
- c) The budget is so large it's as if it costs a limb.
- d) They had to pay for the project with body parts.

5 "It's the best thing since sliced bread."

- a) It's a very useful and excellent invention.
- b) It's a highly appreciated modern convenience.
- c) This is the finest innovation after pre-sliced loaves.
- d) All good things were invented after bread was first sliced.

Ответы:

- 1. c
- 2. b
- 3. c
- 4. d
- 5. d

Task 4. 10 баллов (2 балла за каждый правильный ответ). Choose the word that does NOT collocate with the given word. Write down the correct letter in your answer.

1 Strong

- a) coffee
- b) evidence
- c) discussion
- d) wind

2 Make

- a) a decision
- b) a mistake
- c) an effort
- d) homework

3 Time

- a) spend
- b) save
- c) waste
- d) lose

4Fast

- a) food
- b) car
- c) decision
- d) train

5 Catch

- a) a bus
- b) a cold
- c) a dream
- d) a ball

Ответы:

- 1. c

2. d
3. d
4. c
5. c

Task 5. 5 баллов. Read the passage and complete the tasks

The Digital Dilemma

Despite the initial exhilaration surrounding his state-of-the-art smartphone, Leo found himself grappling with an unforeseen paradox. The device, lauded for its superlative camera capable of capturing stunning, high-resolution images in near-darkness, was simultaneously plagued by a notoriously ephemeral battery life. This vexing flaw necessitated carrying a power bank—an inconvenient appendage he had sought to avoid. Consequently, Leo was compelled to undertake a meticulous cost-benefit analysis. Was the sheer brilliance of the photographic output substantial enough to counterbalance the persistent anxiety over the device's power depletion? After considerable deliberation, he conceded that the compromise was, for the time being, acceptable, though he remained hopeful that future software updates might ameliorate the power management issues.

Complex Tasks

1: Logic and Inference. Write down the correct letter in your answer.

Based on the text, which of the following statements is MOST accurate about Leo's final stance?

- a) He is utterly disappointed and plans to sell the phone immediately.
- b) He acknowledges a significant drawback but finds the advantages currently outweigh it.
- c) He believes the battery issue is a minor inconvenience not worth considering.
- d) He regrets his purchase and thinks the camera quality is overrated.

2: Grammar and Syntax. Write down the correct letter in your answer.

The sentence "This vexing flaw necessitated carrying a power bank—an inconvenient appendage he had sought to avoid" uses a dash primarily to:

- a) Introduce a list of items.
- b) Separate two independent clauses.
- c) Emphasize a clarifying appositive or explanation.
- d) Indicate a sudden change in thought.

3: Vocabulary and Context. Write down the correct letter in your answer.

Find the word in the text that is a synonym for "improve" in the context of fixing a problem.

- a) exhilaration
- b) lauded
- c) ameliorate
- d) grappling

4: Style and Tone. Write down the correct letter in your answer.

The author's tone in the passage can best be described as:

- a) Informal and colloquial.
- b) Analytical and slightly critical.
- c) Highly emotional and angry.
- d) Humorous and satirical.

5: Deep Interpretation and Argument Analysis. Write down the correct letter in your answer.

The core of Leo's dilemma is best defined as a conflict between:

- a) Price and quality.
- b) Innovation and tradition.
- c) A remarkable feature and a critical flaw.
- d) His wants and his needs.

ОТВЕТЫ:

- 1. **b**
- 2. **c**
- 3. **c**
- 4. **b**
- 5. **c**

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- 1. My father approved my idea about entering drama school.
- 2. Let's take Dan to Medical Centre as soon as possible. He has just injured his left arm.
- 3. In his twenties Hugh has changed a few jobs.
- 4. Your ticket was upgraded so you can fly business class.
- 5. This historic artifact has been found by a team of archeologists during their last expedition.

ОТВЕТЫ: 1. both 2. correct 3. incorrect 4. both 5. incorrect

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- 1.I don't mind having a flexible schedule but I am definitely against the night s_____ (1).
- 2.I understood why Margo has rejected this job, it's so r_____ (2) and low-paid.
- 3.Nurses work very i_____ (3) hours, so it's very difficult for them to balance work and family life.
- 4.Jobs in the service industries involve a_____ (4) hours for most of the employees because they have to be at work in the evenings, on weekends and holidays.
- 5.You can't gain any valuable experience in agriculture if you stuck b_____ (5) a computer all day long.
- 6.Different l_____ (6) in education require special teaching material.

Ответы: 1.-shifts 2-repetitive 3-irregular 4-antisocial 5-behind 6-levels

Task 8. 12 баллов

A) Decode the following texting abbreviations and write the decoded versions under the corresponding numbers.

1-.CU 2-BTW 3-HRU 4-LOL 5.EZ 6.FYI

Ответы A: 1- See you 2-By the way 3. How are you 4. Laughing out loud 5. Easy 6.For your information

B). Fill in the gaps in SMS (Short Message System) using the decoded abbreviations in the box under the corresponding numbers. You do not need to write the sentences in full. Write down only decoded abbreviations in corresponding numbers.

- 1.Are you ready to take part in a tennis tournament? I am _____
- 2.We can discuss this problem tomorrow. _____!
- 3._____ I don't work here anymore.
- 4._____, I've paid all your bills!
- 5._____ today? Is everything fine?

6. Stop grumbling about your task, it's _____.

Ответы В: 1) Laughing out loud 2) See you 3) For your information 4) By the way
5) How are you 6) Easy

Task 9. 5 баллов. Choose the correct preposition from the box and fill in the gaps in the sentences below. Write these prepositions under the corresponding number. You do not need to write the sentences in full.

across over along through

1. I left my keys at school, so I had to break the window in our house and climb _____ it.
2. Alan Evans was the first man to swim _____ this huge and stormy lake.
3. You should comb _____ her hair before going out.
4. The traffic yesterday was heavy, the road slippery but I managed to get _____ without meeting an accident.
5. The climber was able to make his way _____ a narrow path.

Ответы: 1-through 2-across 3-through 4-over 5-along

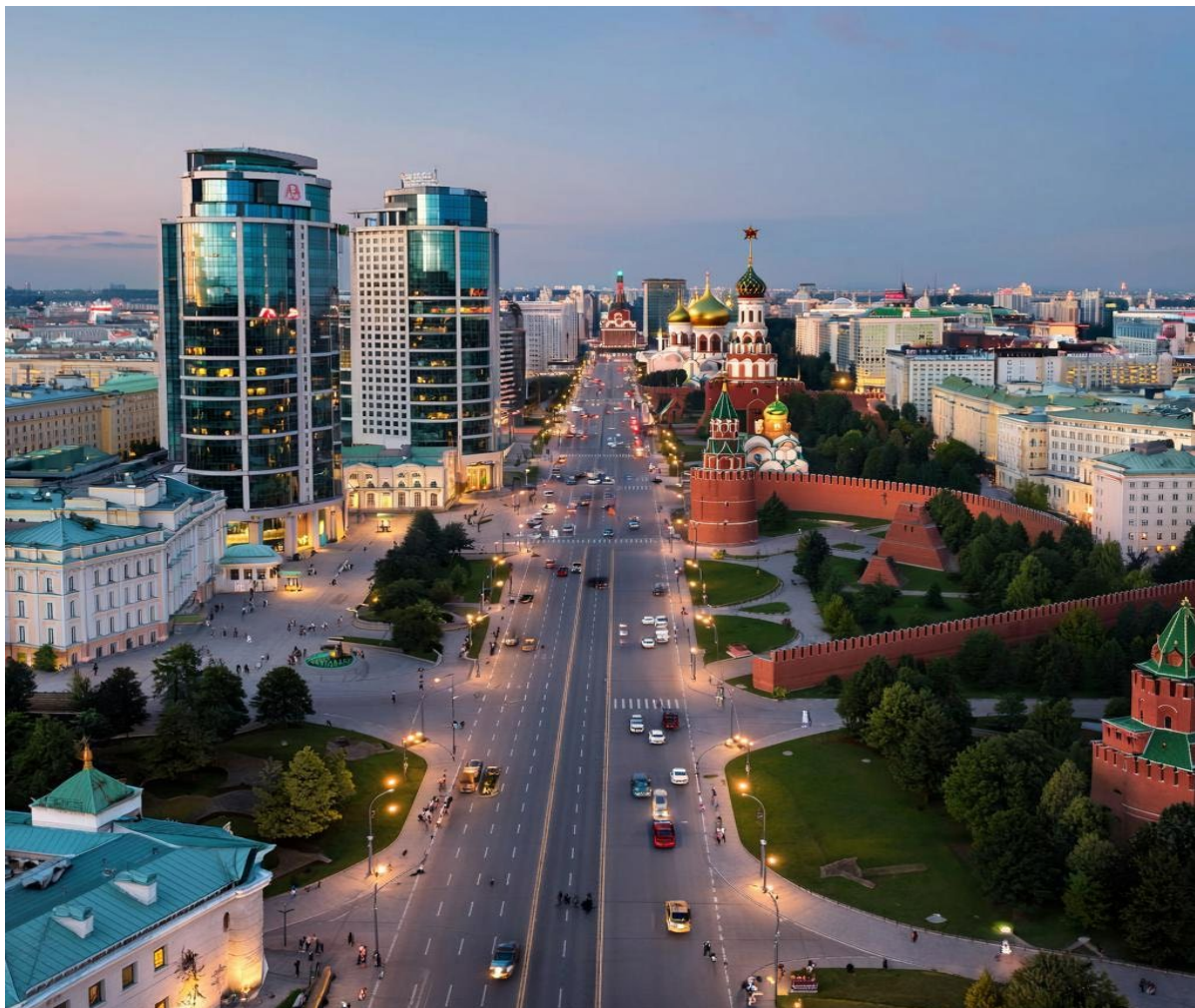
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Ответы:

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Video 2 – a

Video 3 – d

Video 4 - b

Video 5 - a

Task 2. 5 баллов. Dialogue Logic

Read the beginning of the dialogue. Choose the line that breaks its logic. Write down the correct letter in your answer.

1.

A: "I'm really struggling with my history essay."

B: "What's the topic? Maybe I can help."

C: "It's about the Industrial Revolution. I find it hard to organize my thoughts."

D: ...

- a) "Have you tried making a mind map? That usually helps me."
- b) "The Industrial Revolution began in Britain in the 18th century."
- c) "I can lend you my notes from last year if you want."
- d) "History is so boring, why don't we go to the cinema instead?"

2.

- A: "My computer keeps crashing when I try to run this software."
B: "That's frustrating. Have you checked if your system meets the requirements?"
C: "Yes, and everything should be compatible. I even updated the drivers."
D: ...

- a) "Maybe you should try reinstalling the program."
- b) "Your computer is probably too old for modern software."
- c) "The weather forecast said it would rain tomorrow"
- d) "Sometimes cleaning the registry helps with such issues."

3.

- A: "I'm thinking about volunteering at the animal shelter."
B: "That's a wonderful idea! How much time would it require?"
C: "Probably just a few hours on weekends. I really miss having a pet."
D: ...

- a) "Dogs are descendants of wolves, you know."
- b) "That sounds manageable. Which shelter are you considering?"
- c) "You'd be great at that - you're so good with animals."
- d) "We should check their website for volunteer requirements."

4.

- A: "This math problem is impossible! I've been trying to solve it for an hour."
B: "Let me see. Oh, I think you're using the wrong formula here."
C: "Really? Which one should I use instead?"
D: ...

- a) "The quadratic formula would work better for this equation."
- b) "Math was invented by ancient Greek philosophers."
- c) "Try expanding the brackets first, then simplify."
- d) "I struggled with this too until my tutor showed me the right method."

5.

- A: "I need to improve my French before the exchange program."
B: "Have you tried using language learning apps?"
C: "Yes, but I need more speaking practice."
D: ...

- a) "You could join the French conversation club at school."

- b) "France is famous for its cuisine and wine."
- c) "Watching French movies with subtitles might help."
- d) "Why not find a language partner online?"

Ответы:

- 1-d
- 2-c
- 3-a
- 4-b
- 5-b

Task 3. 5 баллов. Paraphrasing

Choose the sentence that is NOT an accurate paraphrase of the original. Write down the correct letter in your answer.

1. "She was over the moon with her exam results."
 - a) She was extremely happy about her grades.
 - b) Her excellent results filled her with joy.
 - c) She felt so lighthearted she could jump over the moon.
 - d) Her achievement was a source of great elation.
2. "He decided to bite the bullet and ask for a pay rise."
 - a) He finally gathered the courage to request a higher salary.
 - b) He made the difficult decision to speak to his boss about money.
 - c) He thought that chewing on a bullet would give him strength.
 - d) He knew it would be unpleasant but resolved to do it anyway.
3. "They broke the ice by playing a fun game."
 - a) They used a game to create a more relaxed atmosphere.
 - b) They did an activity to help people feel more comfortable.
 - c) To get to know each other, they played a game.
 - d) They had to fracture the ice on the lake before playing.
4. "We're in the same boat, so we should help each other."
 - a) We are facing the same difficult situation.
 - b) We are both in a predicament and need to cooperate.
 - c) We are literally sharing a vessel and must work together to row.
 - d) Our circumstances are identical, so collaboration makes sense.
5. "Don't beat around the bush; tell me what happened."
 - a) Please get straight to the point.
 - b) Stop avoiding the main topic and be direct.
 - c) Avoid hitting the plants and just explain the situation.
 - d) I prefer you to speak frankly.

Ответы:

1. c
2. c
3. d
4. c
5. c

Task 4. 10 баллов (2 балла за каждый правильный ответ) Collocations

Choose the word that does NOT collocate with the given word. Write down the correct letter in your answer.

1. Heavy

- a) traffic
- b) smoker
- c) book
- d) advice

2. Do

- a) business
- b) a favor
- c) a noise
- d) research

3. Run

- a) a risk
- b) a company
- c) a mistake
- d) a marathon

4. Powerful

- a) computer
- b) engine
- c) story
- d) smell

5. Keep

- a) a secret
- b) a promise
- c) an accident
- d) a diary

Ответы:

1. d
2. c
3. a

4. b
5. b

Task 5. 5 баллов. Reading Comprehension

The Creative Impasse

Emma stared at the blank canvas with growing frustration. The art competition deadline loomed, yet inspiration remained elusive. Her initial concept—a digital collage blending classical painting techniques with modern augmented reality—had seemed brilliant in theory. However, the practical execution proved more challenging than anticipated. The AR elements, while technologically impressive, detracted from the painting's emotional depth. Each technical enhancement somehow diminished the artwork's soul. Emma found herself at a crossroads: should she pursue technical innovation or artistic authenticity? After much contemplation, she resolved to simplify her approach, preserving the core emotional message while using technology more subtly. This compromise, though painful, felt necessary to create something truly meaningful.

Questions:

1. **Logic and Inference. Write down the correct letter in your answer.**
What was Emma's main realization about her artwork?
 - a) The technology wasn't advanced enough for her vision
 - b) Technical elements were overwhelming the artistic expression
 - c) She needed to learn new software to continue
 - d) The competition theme wasn't suitable for her style
2. **Grammar and Syntax. Write down the correct letter in your answer.**
In the sentence "The AR elements, while technologically impressive, detracted from the painting's emotional depth," the phrase between commas serves to:
 - a) Introduce the main action
 - b) Provide contrasting information
 - c) List sequential events
 - d) Ask a rhetorical question
3. **Vocabulary and Context. Write down the correct letter in your answer.**
Which word in the text means "difficult to find or achieve"?
 - a) frustration
 - b) elusive
 - c) detracted
 - d) resolved
4. **Style and Tone. Write down the correct letter in your answer.**
The author's description of Emma's dilemma creates a tone that is:
 - a) Humorous and light-hearted
 - b) Urgent and panicked
 - c) Thoughtful and introspective
 - d) Angry and disappointed
5. **Deep Interpretation. Write down the correct letter in your answer.**
Emma's central conflict involves balancing:

- a) Speed versus quality in her work
- b) Traditional versus modern art forms
- c) Technical innovation versus artistic integrity
- d) Personal vision versus competition requirements

ОТВЕТЫ:

- 1. b
- 2. b
- 3. b
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- 1.Your new dress looks so trendy! Have you made it yourself?
- 2.My sister has gone to the café to meet with her boyfriend.
- 3.Dinosaurs have gone extinct because of lack of vegetation.
- 4.Congratulations! You have just passed your exam!
- 5.Melissa edited my report.

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- 2.Ellen is happy to work f_____(2)hours online.
- 3.I am an accountant: I have to v_____(3) a lot of figures and calculations.

4. We have a large customer base because we want to meet requirements of different i____ (4) and age groups.

5. Besides a fixed salary this company is ready to offer their employees various p____ (5).

6. Mr Fletcher's personal assistant is always complaining about being o____ (6).

ОТВЕТЫ: 1.-deadlines 2-flexible 3-verify 4-income 5-perks 6-overworked

Task 8. 12 баллов

A) Decode the following texting abbreviations and write the decoded versions under the corresponding numbers.

1-BC 2-Gr8 3-ASAP 4-BF 5-ILY ABT

ОТВЕТЫ А: 1-Because 2-Great 3-As soon as possible 4-Boyfriend 5-I love you 6-About

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1. Tell me _____ this project.

2. Is Larry your _____?

3. It's really a _____.

4. Brian is so romantic! He wrote to Elsa _____.

5. I'll be with you _____

6. I won't play tennis today _____ I'm tired.

ОТВЕТЫ В: 1) About 2) Boyfriend 3) Great 4) You for ever

5) As soon as possible 6) Because

Task 9. 5 баллов. Choose the correct preposition from the box and fill in the gaps in the sentences below. Write these prepositions under the corresponding number. You do not need to write the sentences in full.

at in on

1. Our family follows the tradition to celebrate the Day of Knowledge _____ the first of September.

2. A two-year-old boy sitting next to me _____ lunch dropped his cup of milk on my foot.

3. I was very busy _____ work that's why I couldn't answer your phone call.
4. If I am woken _____ the middle of the night I can't fall asleep until dawn.
5. _____ my arrival in my native town I got in touch with my classmates.

Ответы: 1-on 2-at 3-at 4-in 5-on

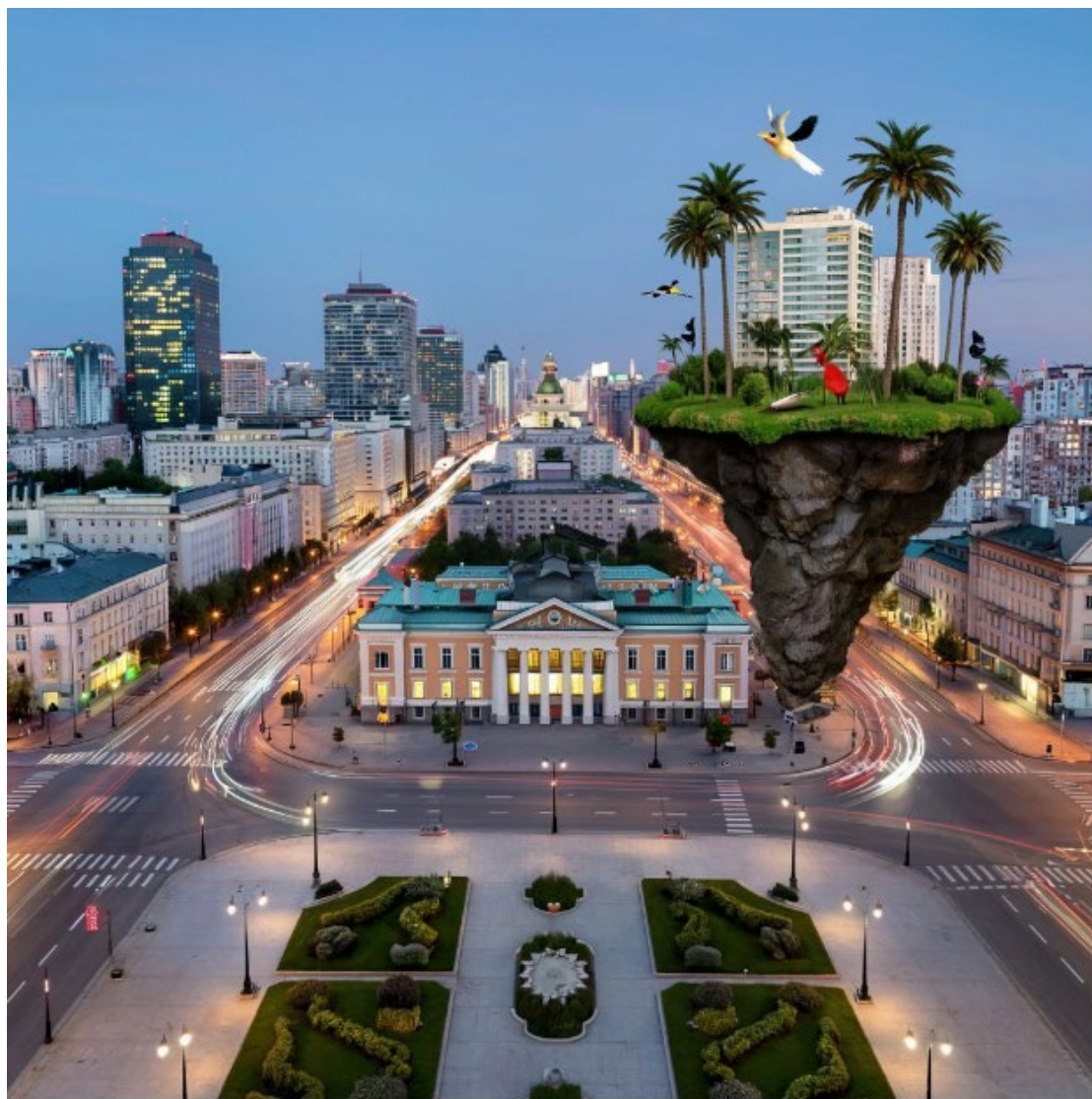
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Video 4. **Which adjective best describes the atmosphere of this scene?** Write down the correct letter in your answer.

- a) tense b) confused c) urgent d) determined

Video 5. **Which adjective best describes the guinea pig's mood?** Write down the correct letter in your answer.

- a) relaxed b) content c) lazy d) indifferent

Ответы:

Video 1 – a

Video 2 – b

Video 3 – d

Video 4 - a

Video 5 -b

Task 2. 5 баллов. Read the beginning of the dialogue. Choose the line that breaks its logic.

Write down the correct letter in your answer.

1.

A: "I'm considering learning to play the guitar."

B: "That's awesome! What style of music interests you?"

C: "Mostly acoustic folk and some classic rock."

D: ...

- a) "You should check out online tutorials - they're really helpful."
- b) "The guitar has six strings and is made of wood."
- c) "Maybe we could jam together once you learn some chords."
- d) "There's a great music shop downtown that gives lessons."

2.

- A: "This website design project is taking longer than expected."
B: "What seems to be the main hold-up?"
C: "The client keeps changing their mind about the color scheme."
D: ...

- a) "Clients can be so indecisive sometimes."
- b) "Why don't you present them with three options to choose from?"
- c) "The internet was invented in the 1960s by the US military."
- d) "Maybe set a deadline for final decisions in your contract."

3.

- A: "I'm planning a surprise birthday party for Maria."
B: "Great! When were you thinking of having it?"
C: "Next Saturday, while her parents are away."
D: ...

- a) "We should make sure she doesn't find out."
- b) "What's your budget for food and decorations?"
- c) "Maria's favorite color is blue, isn't it?"
- d) "Saturday is the sixth day of the week."

4.

- A: "I can't decide whether to take Spanish or German next semester."
B: "Well, which culture interests you more?"
C: "I love Spanish literature, but German could be useful for my engineering career."
D: ...

- a) "German grammar is quite logical but challenging."

- b) "Why not audit both classes before deciding?"
- c) "Engineering was my worst subject in school."
- d) "Many technical documents are written in German."

5.

A: "My phone's screen cracked when I dropped it this morning."

B: "That's unfortunate. Is it still under warranty?"

C: "No, unfortunately it expired last month."

D: ...

- a) "You might want to get a protective case for your next phone."
- b) "The Great Wall of China is visible from space."
- c) "There's a repair shop in the mall that fixes screens quickly."
- d) "Screen replacements can be quite expensive."

Ответы:

- 1. b
- 2. c
- 3. d
- 4. c
- 5. b

Task 3. 5 баллов. Choose the sentence that is NOT an accurate paraphrase of the original.
Write down the correct letter in your answer.

1. "The news was a bitter pill to swallow."

- a) The information was difficult to accept.
- b) Hearing the news was an unpleasant experience.
- c) The announcement was as unpleasant as taking bad medicine.
- d) He had to literally swallow a pill after hearing the update.

2. "She spilled the beans about the surprise party."

- a) She revealed the secret.
- b) She accidentally told people about the planned surprise.

- c) She let the secret information become known.
- d) Some legumes fell out of a container she was holding.

3. "He's feeling under the weather today."

- a) He is slightly ill.
- b) He isn't feeling well.
- c) He is literally beneath the clouds and rain.
- d) He's a bit unwell.

4. "I hit the ceiling when I saw the mess."

- a) I became very angry.
- b) I had a sudden outburst of rage.
- c) I jumped so high in frustration that I touched the ceiling.
- d) I was furious.

5. "We see eye to eye on most important issues."

- a) We agree with each other.
- b) We share similar opinions.
- c) Our viewpoints are aligned.
- d) Our visual perception is identical.

Ответы:

- 1. d
- 2. d
- 3. c
- 4. c
- 5. d

Task 4. 10 баллов (2 балла за каждый правильный ответ). Choose the word that does NOT collocate with the given word. Write down the correct letter in your answer.

1. Take

- a) a photo
- b) a break
- c) a chance
- d) a fun

2. High

- a) probability
- b) time
- c) quality
- d) speed

3. Pay

- a) attention
- b) a bill
- c) a compliment
- d) a job

4. Deep

- a) sleep
- b) trouble
- c) water
- d) idea

5. Break

- a) the law
- b) the news
- c) the silence
- d) the homework

Ответы:

- 1. d
- 2. b
- 3. d
- 4. d
- 5. d

Task 5. 5 баллов. Read the passage and complete the tasks

The Sustainable Choice

Mark examined the two products carefully. The conventional option was cheaper and more readily available, manufactured by a company with questionable environmental practices. The eco-friendly alternative cost 40% more but came from a certified B Corporation that supported

fair trade and used recycled materials. Mark understood the price difference reflected the true environmental and social costs, yet his budget was tight this month. He pondered whether principle should outweigh practicality. Ultimately, he recognized that consistent small choices created significant impact over time. Though it meant sacrificing other comforts, Mark selected the sustainable product, concluding that aligning purchases with values provided deeper satisfaction than temporary savings.

Complex Tasks

1. **Logic and Inference.** *Write down the correct letter in your answer.*

What was the key factor in Mark's final decision?

- a) The immediate cost savings
- b) The product's availability
- c) Alignment with his values
- d) Brand recognition

2. **Grammar and Reference.** *Write down the correct letter in your answer.*

In "He pondered whether principle should outweigh practicality," the pronouns refer to:

- a) The company executives
- b) Mark and the manufacturer
- c) Mark alone
- d) Environmental activists

3. **Vocabulary and Context.** *Write down the correct letter in your answer.*

Which phrase in the text means "to be more important than"?

- a) examined carefully
- b) outweighed
- c) pondered whether
- d) provided deeper

4. **Style and Tone.** *Write down the correct letter in your answer.*

The description of Mark's decision process is:

- a) Emotional and impulsive
- b) Analytical and principled
- c) Humorous and lighthearted
- d) Skeptical and cynical

5. **Deep Interpretation.** *Write down the correct letter in your answer.*

Mark's dilemma primarily explores the tension between:

- a) Quality and quantity

- b) Immediate needs and long-term values
- c) Luxury and necessity
- d) Innovation and tradition

Ответы:

- 1. c
- 2. c
- 3. b
- 4. b
- 5. b

Task 6. 5 баллов. Analyse presented tenses- Past Simple or Present Perfect- in the following sentences. You have to label each sentences under the corresponding numbers in three categories: correct, incorrect, or both if Present Simple and Present Perfect can be used. Example: correct incorrect both.

Example 1-I left all documents at home. Answer: both

Example 2-I left all documents at home yesterday. Answer: correct

Example 3-I have left all documents at home yesterday. Answer: incorrect

- 1. My sister has brought us a few samples of new perfume.
- 2. Do you know anybody who has failed the exam in Math this semestre?
- 3. Talk to your mother immediately. She hasn't answered me yet.
- 4. When Karen graduated from university she has started her own business.
- 5. My grandfather has built this country cottage to spend weekends and holidays.

Ответы: 1.both 2.correct 3.correct 4.incorrect 5.both

Task 7. 6 баллов. Complete the words in these sentences. Each word must consist of the number of letters indicated in the box. You are given the first letter. You cannot change the vocabulary or structure of the sentences. Write down these words in full under the corresponding numbers.

Example: (0)-8 letters- →The manufacturing i_____ transforms raw materials into finished products. Answer: industry

(1)-6 letters (2)-9 letters (3)-11 letters (4)- 10 letters (5)- 4 letters (6)- 7 letters.

- 1. If you do m _____ (1) work at the factory you have to be very strong and fit .

2. My friend thinks of a r_____ (2) career in technological engineering .
3. For most employees a holiday e_____ (3) does not exceed two weeks.
4. I am afraid we cannot offer you the vacancy you hoped for because you don't have any sales e_____ (4).
5. Susan was happy to start her new job as a t_____ (5) leader .
6. Laura didn't want to move to the s_____ (6) of the city .

Ответы: 1.-manual 2-rewarding 3-entitlement 4-experience 5-team 6-suburbs

Task 8. 12 баллов.

A) Decode the following texting abbreviations and write the decoded versions under the corresponding numbers.

1.GF 2.H8 3.RN 4.TBH 5.LMK 6.NVM

Ответы А: 1-Girlfriend 2. Hate 3. Right now 4.To be honest 5.Let me know 6.Nevermind

B). Fill in the gaps in SMS (Short Message System) using the decoded abbreviations in the box under the corresponding numbers. You do not need to write the sentences in full. Write down only decoded abbreviations in corresponding numbers.

1. When you have completed the task_____.
2. _____, it's not your fault.
3. Yesterday I saw your_____ with Bill.
4. I_____ frosty and windy weather.
5. I'm going to discuss this problem _____.
6. _____, I forgot your request.

Ответы В: 1-let me know 2)-nevermind 3)-girlfriend 4)-hate 5)-right now 6)-to be honest

Task 9. 5 баллов. Choose the correct preposition from the box and fill in the gaps in the sentences below. Write these prepositions under the corresponding number. You do not need to write the sentences in full.

at in on

1. His dream is to play tennis _____ Wimbledon.
2. I would like to register my ticket in advance to have a comfortable seat _____ the plane.
3. We were _____ a hurry to catch the nine o'clock train.
4. The idea of changing location of our company shocked everyone _____ the office.
5. I witnessed a bad accident _____ the motorway near Birmingham.

Ответы: 1-at 2-on 3-in 3-in 4-in 5-on

Task 10. 17 баллов. Write a biography, area of interest, and a daily routine of an advertiser. You are allowed to use 80-100 words to complete this task. If you fail to use the quoted number of words your task will not be checked. The limit of vocabulary covers all parts of speech including articles and prepositions as well.

Критерии оценивания:

- 3 балла за описание биографии
- 7 баллов за описание области интересов
- 7 баллов за описание ежедневной рутины
- за каждые 2 грамматические или орфографические ошибки снимается по 1 баллу

В случае несоблюдения указанного в условии задания количества слов, ответ оценивается в 0 баллов.

Task 11. 20 баллов. You need you to provide the picture Look at the picture and identify what's wrong with it. Write a prompt for the picture that corrects the inaccuracy. (Write 50 Words). If you fail to use the quoted number of words your task will not be checked.



Критерии оценивания:

- 7 баллов за правильное определение неточности
- 7 баллов за объяснение неточности
- 6 баллов за исправление неточности (написание нового промта)
- за каждые 2 грамматические или орфографические ошибки снимается по 1 баллу

В случае несоблюдения указанного в условии задания количества слов, ответ оценивается в 0 баллов.