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**Заключительный этап**

**Вариант 1**

**TASK 1. Word Formation. 10 баллов.**

Read the definitions below to understand how new words are created in English. Use these rules to analyze the task.

- **Acronym:** A word formed from the first letters of a phrase and pronounced as a single word.  
Example: **SCUBA** (from Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus).
- **Blending:** A word created by merging the sounds and meanings of two different words.  
Example: **Webinar** (from Web + Seminar).
- **Backformation:** A new word (usually a verb) created by removing a suffix from an older word that looks like a derivative.  
Example: The verb to **burgle** was created from the older noun burglar.
- **Borrowing:** A word taken directly from another language with little or no change in spelling.  
Example: **Piano** (from Italian) or **Kindergarten** (from German).
- **Onomatopoeia:** A word that phonetically imitates, resembles, or suggests the sound that it describes.  
Example: **Splash, Bang, or Pop.**

**Now, analyze how each highlighted word was formed. Choose the correct option.**

1. The word "**brunch**" (a meal between breakfast and lunch) was created through:
  - a) An acronym
  - b) blending
  - c) backformation
  - d) borrowing
2. The verb "**edit**" was formed from the noun "editor" by the process of:
  - a) compounding
  - b) conversion
  - c) blending
  - d) backformation

3. The word "**zoom**" (to move rapidly, or the sound of something fast) primarily originates from:
- a) initialism
  - b) blending
  - c) onomatopoeia
  - d) backformation
4. The word "**laser**" is technically:
- a) an acronym
  - b) a clipped form
  - c) a blend
  - d) an eponym
5. The word "**smog**" (air pollution) is a well-known:
- a) an acronym
  - b) blend
  - c) borrowed word
  - d) result of backformation

**Ответы:** 1-b 2-d 3-c 4-a 5-b

**Критерии:** 2 балла за каждый правильно выбранный пункт.

## **TASK 2. Critical Analysis: Finding the Flaw. 8 баллов**

In this task, you will see arguments that have logical mistakes. Read the statements and answer the questions. Be careful with the word **NOT**!

**1. Statement:** "All successful athletes train every day. If you train every day, you will definitely become a champion."

Question: Three of these options are logical mistakes. Which one is **NOT** a mistake, but just a simple fact?

- a) It ignores the role of natural talent.
- b) It assumes that daily training is sufficient for success.
- c) It states that training is beneficial for health.
- d) It does not account for the importance of a good coach and equipment.

**2. Statement:** "My X-brand phone worked for 5 years without breaking. Therefore, all X-brand phones are very reliable."

Question: Which of the following is **NOT** a weakness in this argument? (Which option is just a neutral detail?)

- a) The conclusion is based on just one example.
- b) The argument specifies a concrete lifespan for the phone – 5 years.
- c) My personal experience might be an exception, not the rule.
- d) It doesn't consider that other brands might be just as reliable.

**3. Statement:** "In our school, students who wear glasses get better grades. Therefore, wearing glasses improves academic performance."

Question: Which of these is **NOT** a logical flaw (error) in the text above?

- a) Confusing cause and effect (perhaps studying hard harms eyesight).
- b) Ignoring other factors (students with glasses might read more).
- c) Stating the fact that such a correlation exists in one particular school.
- d) Making a hasty generalization about all people.

**4. Statement:** "I read online that this vitamin cures colds. So, it must be true, and we should buy it immediately."

Question: What is the main logical error in this claim?

- a) Failure to check the reliability of the information source.
- b) The statement does not specify the exact dosage of the vitamin.
- c) The statement is too brief.
- d) The author of the statement is not a seller of this vitamin.

**Ответы:** 1-с 2-в 3-с 4-а

**Критерии:** 2 балла за каждое правильно выбранное утверждение.

### **TASK 3. Paragraph Logic. 10 баллов**

Read each short paragraph carefully. **One sentence in each paragraph does not fit logically.** Your task is to find this sentence. Write the correct letter (a, b, c, d, or e) in your answer sheet.

1. **(a)** The violin is a difficult but beautiful instrument to learn. **(b)** Learning to play any musical instrument is a rewarding hobby. **(c)** It improves memory and concentration skills. **(d)** Regular practice can also be a great way to relax and reduce stress.

**Question:** Which sentence is **too specific** and does not fit with the paragraph's general topic?

2. **(a)** If you want to bake a cake, you need to follow the recipe carefully. **(b)** First, preheat the oven to the required temperature. **(c)** Then, mix all the dry ingredients like flour and sugar in a large bowl. **(d)** Finally, take the finished cake out of the oven and let it cool before serving. **(e)** After mixing, you should gradually add the wet ingredients to the dry ones.

**Question:** The paragraph gives **instructions in order**. Which sentence describes a step that comes **much too early**, breaking the correct sequence?

3. **(a)** The internet has revolutionized the way we communicate. **(b)** For centuries before its invention, communication was limited by distance and time. **(c)** Now, we can send messages and have video calls instantly with people across the globe. **(d)** This instant connectivity has transformed business, education, and personal relationships.

**Question:** Which sentence talks about **the distant past** in a way that interrupts the paragraph's focus on **the internet and its modern effects**?

4. (a) Regular exercise is crucial for maintaining good health. (b) It is often more enjoyable when done with friends. (c) It strengthens your heart and muscles, helps control weight, and improves mental well-being. (d) Therefore, making physical activity a part of your daily routine is highly recommended by doctors.

**Question:** The main idea of the paragraph is about **health benefits**. Which sentence suddenly changes the topic to talk about **enjoyment and social life**?

5. (a) Reducing plastic waste is essential for protecting the environment. (b) Simple steps include using reusable bags, bottles, and avoiding single-use packaging. (c) The production of plastic began in the early 20th century and has grown exponentially since. (d) By making these conscious choices, individuals can significantly decrease pollution and help conserve natural resources.

**Question:** The paragraph is about **what we can do now**. Which sentence is a **history fact** that interrupts the flow from problems/solutions to a positive conclusion?

**Ответы:** 1-a 2-d 3-b 4-b 5-c

**Критерии:** 2 балла за каждый правильно выбранный пункт.

**TASK 4. Make up a dialogue (8 lines) where each line starts with the same letter by your choice. You should choose just ONE letter out of the following group of letters: D P S. You are allowed to use 60-80 words to cover all the sentences. 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. 24 балла.**

*Example:*

*A: Where do you live?*

*B: Why are you asking?*

**Критерии:** Каждая реплика начинается с выбранной буквы - 2 балла (за каждую реплику) - 16 баллов; соблюдение логической связи и последовательности в содержании реплик- по 1 баллу за каждую реплику (максимально 8 баллов). Баллы начисляются по усмотрению преподавателя в зависимости от содержания реплик, в оценивание которого входят следующие аспекты: используемая лексика, логические линии, последовательность изложения. Если допущены 1-2 грамматические или орфографические ошибки снимается 1 балл, 3-4 ошибки снимается 2 балла; 5-6 и более ошибок снимается 3 балла. Если нарушен лимит слов, указанный в условии задания (60-80 слов)– задание оценивается в 0 баллов. Если реплики начинаются с буквы, которой нет среди предложенных в задании - 0 баллов.

**TASK 5. Present abstract nouns derived from verbs and adjectives. Nouns should be formed with corresponding suffixes only. Avoid transforming verbs into 'ing' forms. 12 баллов**

*Example: to satisfy > satisfaction (satisfying – WRONG).*

- 1) Kind
- 2) Weak
- 3) Wise
- 4) to amuse
- 5) to found
- 6) bored

**Ответы:** 1.Kindness, 2.Weakness, 3.Wisdom, 4.Amusement, 5.Foundation, 6.Boredom

**Критерии:** 2 балла за каждое правильно трансформированное слово; 1-2. орфографические ошибки снимается 1 балл, 3-4 ошибки снимается 2 балла.

**TASK 6. Place adjectives in the correct order. Do not forget about articles. 16 баллов**

- a. (plastic/comfortable/square) table
- b. (porcelain/pink/Japanese) cup
- c. (grey/Chinese/new) suitcase
- d. (old/interesting/Spanish) film
- e. (modern/long/picturesque) street
- f. (marble/Italian/ancient) sculpture
- g. (orange/new) T-shirt
- h. (red/medium-size/wool) pullover

**Ответы:** a. comfortable square plastic table

b. a pink Japanese porcelain cup

c. a new grey Chinese suitcase

d. an interesting old Spanish film

e. a picturesque long modern street

f. an ancient Italian marble sculpture

g. a new orange T-shirt

h. a medium-size red wool pullover

**Критерии:** 2 балла за правильный порядок прилагательных в каждом пункте.

**TASK 7. Find an odd word in each line. 2 балла.**

- a. fog/thunderstorm/shower/lightning
- b. to define/to invent/to record/to transform

**Ответ:** a. shower, b. to record

**Критерии:** 1 балл за каждое правильно выбранное слово.

- a. Слово shower – единственное в этом ряду, которое имеет два значения: «душ» и «ливень»
- b. Слово «record» имеет одинаковую форму как в качестве глагола, так и в качестве существительного.

**TASK 8. Read carefully the advertisements. Choose ONE advertisement for commenting. 18 баллов**

1. BREAKFASTS ARE NOW BEING SERVED.
2. SPORT SHOES ARE REQUIRED.

Insert information on the positions below. You are allowed to use 80 - 100 words to cover all positions for the chosen advertisement. 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.

- Where you might see the advertisement
- Who the advertisement might refer to
- Why the person (people) might take into consideration the chosen advertisement

**Критерии:**

- За описание каждой позиции максимально ставится **5 баллов** (3 позиции) – **15 баллов**
- Соответствие позиций ситуации, представленной в объявлении – **3 балла**
- Если допущены 1-2 грамматические или орфографические ошибки снимается 1 балл, 3-4 ошибки снимается 2 балла; 5-6 и более ошибок снимается 3 балла
- За нарушение лимита слов, указанного в условии задания (80-100 слов)– задание оценивается в **0 баллов**
- Баллы за первые два критерия начисляются по усмотрению преподавателя в зависимости от содержания ответа, в оценку которого входят следующие аспекты: используемая лексика, логические линии, последовательность изложения.

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Вариант 2

**TASK 1. Word Formation. 10 баллов**

Read the definitions below to understand the different ways English creates new words. Use these rules to analyze the task.

- **Acronym:** A word formed from the first letters of other words and pronounced as a single word

Example: **NASA** from *National Aeronautics and Space Administration*.

- **Blending:** A word formed by combining parts of two existing words Example: **smog** from *smoke + fog*.

- **Backformation:** A new word (usually a verb) created by removing a suffix from an older word that looks like a derivative.

Example: The verb to **burgle** was created from the older noun burglar.

- **Borrowing:** A word taken directly from another language with little or no change Example: **café** from French.

- **Onomatopoeia:** A word that imitates the natural sound associated with its meaning Example: **buzz, sizzle**.

**Now, analyze how each highlighted word was formed. Choose the correct option.**

1. The word "**scuba**" (as in *scuba diving*) is an example of:
  - a) An acronym
  - b) Blending
  - c) Backformation
  - d) Clipping
2. The word "**spork**" (a spoon-fork combination) was created through:
  - a) An acronym
  - b) Blending
  - c) Borrowing
  - d) Backformation
3. The verb "**donate**" was formed from the much older noun "donation" by:
  - a) Compounding
  - b) Backformation

- c) Onomatopoeia
  - d) Conversion
4. The word "**hiss**" (a sharp sound) primarily originates from:
- a) Initialism
  - b) Blending
  - c) Onomatopoeia
  - d) Backformation
5. The term "**NATO**" (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) is an:
- a) An acronym
  - b) Blending
  - c) Example of clipping
  - d) Eponym

**Ответы:** 1- a, 2-b, 3- b, 4-с, 5-a

**Критерии:** 2 балла за каждый правильно выбранный пункт.

## **TASK 2. Critical Analysis: Finding the Logic. 8 баллов**

Read the short arguments below. They all have some logical mistakes. Your task is to analyze the options. Pay close attention to the word **NOT**!

**1. Statement:** "This natural herbal tea is popular in my country. Therefore, it is the safest and most effective remedy for headaches."

Question: Three of these options point out a mistake in the logic. Which one is **NOT** a logical mistake, but just a detail from the text?

- a) Popularity does not equal safety or effectiveness.
- b) It ignores scientific evidence and potential side effects.
- c) It specifies that the tea is herbal and natural.
- d) What works in one country may not work for everyone.

**2. Statement:** "That restaurant must be terrible. I walked past it once, and there were no customers inside."

Question: Which of the following is **NOT** a flaw (mistake) in this thinking? (Find the option that is simply a true observation).

- a) It judges quality based on a single moment in time.
- b) The time of day (e.g., mid-afternoon) might explain it.
- c) It reports the observer's true personal observation.
- d) A restaurant's quality is not solely determined by crowd size.

**3. Statement:** "Reading books is old-fashioned. All modern and successful people get their information from podcasts and videos now."

Question: What is the main weakness (problem) of this claim?

- a) It makes a sweeping generalization and presents a false dichotomy.
- b) It doesn't name specific successful people.
- c) The words "old-fashioned" are too subjective.
- d) It doesn't mention audiobooks.

**4. Statement:** "We should not change the school schedule. It has always been this way, and tradition is important."

Question: Which of these is **NOT** a criticism of the logic? (Which option is just a neutral fact?)

- a) It appeals to tradition without examining if the current system works.
- b) It resists change simply because it is change.
- c) What worked in the past may not be suitable now.
- d) It correctly states that the schedule is a tradition.

**Ответы:** 1-с, 2- с, 3-а, 4-д

**Критерии:** 2 балла за каждое правильно выбранное утверждение.

### **TASK 3. Paragraph Logic. 10 баллов**

Read each short paragraph carefully. **One sentence in each paragraph does not fit logically.** Your task is to find this sentence. Write the correct letter (a, b, c, d, or e) in your answer sheet.

1. **(a)** Volunteering at an animal shelter can be a very rewarding experience. **(b)** This work primarily involves cleaning kennels, which is a routine but necessary daily task. **(c)** More importantly, it allows you to provide care and compassion to pets waiting for a new home. **(d)** Many volunteers find that this connection with animals is the most fulfilling part.

**Question:** Which sentence gives a boring detail that doesn't match the paragraph's main point about positive feelings and rewards?

2. **(a)** The fundamental purpose of hiking is to foster a deep connection with the natural world. **(b)** Firstly, research the trail and check the weather forecast. **(c)** Next, pack plenty of water, snacks, and a basic first-aid kit. **(d)** Finally, ensure someone knows your route and expected return time.

**Question:** Which sentence is a general idea that doesn't belong in a list of practical steps to prepare for a hike?

3. **(a)** A balanced diet is fundamental for good health, providing the body with necessary vitamins and minerals. **(b)** For instance, citrus fruits are an excellent source of vitamin C, which supports the immune system. **(c)** Leafy green vegetables provide iron and calcium.

- (d) However, some people have dietary restrictions that make balanced eating challenging.  
(e) Therefore, consuming a variety of foods is key to covering all nutritional needs.

**Question:** The paragraph gives examples of healthy foods and then a conclusion. Which sentence suddenly mentions a difficulty, breaking this positive flow?

4. (a) Learning to code is becoming an increasingly useful skill. (b) It can open up career opportunities in many fast-growing industries like tech and finance. (c) For example, Python is often recommended as a first programming language due to its readable syntax. (d) Furthermore, the process of coding itself develops logical thinking and complex problem-solving abilities.

**Question:** The paragraph talks about general benefits of coding. Which sentence suddenly gives a specific example of one programming language?

5. (a) Good time management is crucial during exam periods for reducing stress and improving outcomes. (b) Creating a detailed revision timetable is the first and most critical step in this process. (c) For example, my last exams were in mathematics and history, which required very different study approaches. (d) Sticking to such a plan helps ensure all subjects are covered systematically.

**Question:** The paragraph states a general idea and then gives a personal example. Which sentence gives a strong personal opinion that interrupts the flow between these two?

**Ответы:** 1-b, 2- a, 3-d, 4-с, 5-b

**Критерии:** 2 балла за каждый правильно выбранный пункт.

**TASK 4. Make up a dialogue (8 lines) where each line starts with the same letter by your choice. You should choose just ONE letter out of the following group of letters: A N R. You are allowed to use 60-80 words to cover all the sentences. 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. 24 балла.**

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- 1) To emphasise
- 2) To apply
- 3) Eloquent
- 4) To close
- 5) Adjustable
- 6) Arrogant

**Ответы:** 1. Emphasis, 2. Application, 3. Eloquence, 4. Closeness/closure, 5. Adjustment, 6. Arrogance

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**TASK 6. Place adjectives in the correct order. Do not forget about articles. 16 баллов**

- a. (Chinese/ceramic/unusual) vase
- b. (leather/black/large) wallet
- c. (white/glass/small) bowl
- d. (crunchy/delicious/chocolate) bar
- e. (old/lively/little) village
- f. (green/beautiful/big) eyes
- g. (three-year-old/friendly/black) cat
- h. (grey/ugly/old) house

**Ответы:**

a. an unusual ceramic Chinese vase

b. a large black leather wallet

c. a small white glass bowl

d. a delicious crunchy chocolate bar

e. a lively little old village

f. beautiful big green eyes

g. a friendly three-year-old black cat

h. an ugly old grey house

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**TASK 7. Find an odd word in each line. 2 балла**

- a. cat/dog/monkey/fox/  
b. hail/sun/snow/rainbow

**Ответ:** a. monkey, b. rainbow

**Критерии:** 1 балл за каждое правильно выбранное слово.

- a. Monkey – единственное слово в данном ряду, последняя буква в котором может быть гласной и согласной буквой в зависимости от позиции в слове (например : yes согласная буква в начале слова, но в слове sayu гласная в конце слова). Буквы t, g, x в остальных словах являются согласными вне зависимости от их позиции в слове.
- b. Nail/sun/snow оказывают влияние на деятельность человека и природу, а rainbow не оказывает.

**TASK 8. Read carefully the advertisements. Choose ONE advertisement for commenting. 18 баллов**

1) FLAT TO LET
2) REDUCE SPEED NOW

Insert information on the positions below. You are allowed to use 80-100 words to cover all positions for the chosen advertisement. 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.

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