**Всероссийская олимпиада школьников по английскому языку 2014-2015 уч.г.**

**Школьный этап: 7-8 классы**

**LISTENING (10 minutes)**

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| *Вы услышите 5 высказываний. Установите соответствие между высказываниями каждого говорящего А-Е и утверждениями, данными в списке 1-6. Используйте каждое утверждение из списка 1-6 только один раз. В списке есть одно лишнее утверждение. Вы услышите запись дважды. Занесите свои ответы в таблицу.* |

1. The speaker tells how he/she has nearly drowned.
2. The speaker tells that he/she gave up hope.
3. The speaker tells how he/she escaped.
4. The speaker tells how he/she found and saved somebody.
5. The speaker tells how brave she/he was.
6. The speaker tells about some bad experience in an unknown town.

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| Говорящий | A | B | C | D | E |
| Утверждение |  |  |  |  |  |

**READING (15 minutes)**

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| *Прочитайте текст и установите соответствие утверждений* ***1-8*** *содержанию текста. Отметьте каждое утверждение* ***TRUE****, если оно соответствует содержанию текста,* ***FALSE****, если оно не соответствует или* ***NOT******STATED****, если в тексте нет точной информации.* |

Do you know what time it is right now? How do you know? Did you take a look at a wall clock? Glance at your wrist watch? Sneak a peek at your mobile phone? Today we take time-keeping for granted, but of course the very concept of time-keeping is a human invention, with its origins dating back thousands of years.

The first mechanism was probably the sun-dial. This method, which used the moving shadow of the sun to tell the time, was widely used in ancient times. A well-constructed sundial is quite accurate, but of course it only works during the day, and only on sunny days. Hourglasses were an invention that made it possible to mark the passage of time at night, in-doors and in the dark.

All the great ancient civilizations – Greek and Roman, Chinese, Byzantine, Islam – developed water clocks, which were accurate. These devices were commonly used until the invention of the pendulum clock in the 17th century.

The earliest mechanical clocks didn`t have a visual indicator; they simply announced the time with striking bells. Later the 12-hour circular dial or clock face became standard. A 10-hour dial was briefly popular during the French Revolution when the metric system was applied to time-keeping. And the 24 hour dial is commonly used by military organizations and transportation systems.

Today digital displays are used everywhere – on wrist watches, wall clocks, computer screens, etc. This numerical representation of time can be based on the 12-hour system (1:00am, 1:00pm) or the 24-hour system (01:00 or 13:00).

Like reading, telling the time is something all young children have to be taught. Experts suggest that you begin this when a child is about 5 years. Even though digital clocks are everywhere, it`s important to begin with traditional dial clocks, with second hands, to help the child literally see the passage of time. Giving a child his or her own wrist watch – just cheap child`s version – can be helpful. Teaching a child to tell time can be quite challenging, but it`s a life skill that every one of us needs.

1. People have been interested in time-keeping for centuries.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

1. A well-constructed sundial could be reliable all the day round.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

1. Water clocks were the most popular and reliable clocks in ancient and medieval times.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

1. First mechanical clocks told the time with bells that could strike simple melodies.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

1. With the invention of a visual indicator, a 12-hour clock face has become a standard.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

1. For a short time a 10-hour clock face was popular all over Europe.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

1. Both 12-hour and 24-hour systems are used in modern digital clocks and watches.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

1. It`s better to use clocks without hands when you teach a child to tell time.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

**USE OF ENGLISH (10 minutes)**

**Task 1**

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| Прочитайте текст и преобразуйте слова, напечатанные заглавными буквами в конце строк, обозначенных номерами 1-9 так, чтобы они грамматически соответствовали содержанию текста. Заполните пропуски полученными словами. |

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| Paul McCartney is one of the **1\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_stars of the 20th century. Paul comes from an ordinary family, but he is now the **2** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ richest man in Europe. His musical career **3\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for nearly 40 years and today he is one of the **4**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ most famous musicians.  He was born in Liverpool, England, in 1942. He **5\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to play the guitar seriously when he was 14. When he was 15, he **6**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and formed a band with another boy from Liverpool, John Lennon. This was, perhaps, the **7**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ point in his life. Formed around the nucleus of Lennon and McCartney, who first performed together in Liverpool in 1957, the group named the Beatles **8\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of a shared enthusiasm for American rock and roll. Precocious composers, they gathered around **9\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a changing cast of accompanists. | GREAT  THREE  LAST  WORLD  START  MEET  IMPORTANT  GROW  ONESELF |

**Task 2**

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| **Some words sound the same when we are speaking but are written differently. Choose the best word(s) from the brackets.** |

1. I have three brothers and one sister – that makes six of us (all together/altogether).
2. There are (some times/sometimes) when I wish they would all go away!
3. But although we often disagree, we are (all ready/already) to help one another when there’s a problem.
4. And I talk to my grandmother (every day/everyday).

**WRITING (40 minutes)**

**A Story**

***Here is the beginning of the story. Please, complete the story. Produce your own version.***

**You should write 150 - 200 words.**

They left Planet Earth surprised and disappointed by what they had found…