Вступительные испытания для поступающих в 9-й класс

Школа «Летово»
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Английский язык
Основной этап
Демонстрационный вариант

Демонстрационный вариант предназначен для того, чтобы дать возможность любому участнику вступительного испытания составить представление о структуре будущей экзаменационной работы, количестве и форме заданий, а также об уровне их сложности.

Задания демонстрационного варианта не отражают всех элементов содержания, которые будут включены в экзаменационную работу по английскому языку.

Экзамен по английскому языку состоит из двух частей. На выполнение теста отводится **80 минут.**

Часть 1 Аналитическое чтение (время выполнения 40 минут). Задание предназначено для проверки детального понимания текста, а также способности к анализу его структуры и языкового оформления.

Часть 2 Творческое письмо (время выполнения 40 минут).
Задание направлено на выявление умений проявлять воображение, творческий подход при описании событий, эмоций и явлений.

Во время экзаменационной работы не разрешено пользоваться телефоном, электронными девайсами, словарями и справочной литературой.

При выполнении заданий можно пользоваться черновиком, но записи в нём не учитываются.

Баллы, полученные за выполненные задания, суммируются. Постарайтесь выполнить как можно больше заданий и набрать наибольшее количество баллов.

Желаем успеха!

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Part 1. Reading

Robert's new employer was a young medical doctor just returned from abroad. He was cheerful, exuberant and polite. He did not once lose his temper, he did not shout at Robert, he called him by his first name, and always asked him about his wife, children and other members of his family. Robert thought he had at last found fulfillment, the more so as the young doctor appeared to be a bachelor[1].

Stewards, including Robert, prefer to serve a bachelor. Because every bachelor is as wax in the hands of his steward[2]. The latter decides what is to be spent on grocery, how much food is to be served at meal times, what is to be done with the remnants of food. In short, he holds the bachelor's life in his hands. And that is tremendous power. So, Robert quickly settled into his new situation and took full control of the house.

There was, as has been said, no wife breathing down Robert's neck and limiting his authority. There were no children whose nappies and numerous clothes had to be washed. He did not have to cook several meals a day. The young man ate but once a day, except for the cup of coffee and toast early in the morning.

Trouble began when the young man announced after six months that his wife was about to join him. Robert's face fell visibly at the announcement. But who knew, the lady might not be an ogre after all. Which is precisely what happened in the event.

The lady was as young and cheerful as her husband. She, too, took an interest in Robert. She was European and excited about her first visit to Africa. She appeared pleased to have Robert's assistance. She spent the day asking Robert about African food, watching Robert at work in the kitchen and lending a helping hand where possible. She made sure Robert stopped work early so that he could get home to his family, and she did not make a fuss if Robert turned up late some odd mornings. Robert began to feel like a human being, and he felt extremely grateful to his new employers.

The only source of worry in the new situation was the dog. For the young lady had arrived with a dog called Bingo. And Robert watched with absolute amazement and great incredulity as the lady spoke tenderly to the dog. She ensured that he was well fed and she held the dog lovingly in her arms, brushed his hair and tended him carefully. The dog appeared as important to the lady as her husband and, indeed, Robert thought, in the order of things, the dog was more important than himself. And he detested this state of affairs.

He could understand a stray, dirty dog with flies around its ears being beaten and chased away from the dwellings of men. He could understand a dog wandering around rubbish heaps in search of food. But a dog who slept on the sofa, a dog who was fed tinned food on a plate, a dog who was brushed and cleaned, a dog who drank good tinned milk, was entirely beyond his comprehension. On one occasion, the lady took the dog to a doctor. And that was the straw that broke the camel's back.

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All that day, Robert felt his stomach turn and when he got home in the evening and saw his children, with distended stomachs, playing on the dirty road near the door, and watched them hungrily swallow their food, he asked himself, 'Who born dog?' And all of a sudden he developed a pathological hatred for Bingo the dog, his master's dog. All night long, he saw in the eye of his mind, which he would have to clean and brush in the morning. And he asked himself again and again, 'Who born dog?'

Adapted from "Robert and the dog" by Ken Saro-Wiwa

What does the word bachelor[1] mean? (1 point)

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2. Explain the meaning of the phrase "is as wax in the hands of his steward[2]" in this context. (1 point)

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3. What did Robert feel when he discovered that his employer's wife was going to come soon? Provide evidence from the text. (2 points)

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4. What was Robert's attitude to his employers? Support your answer with evidence from the text. (2 points)

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5. How do you think Robert's previous employers treated him? (1 points)

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6. Why did Robert hate the dog? Find evidence in the text. (2 point)

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7. Is it possible to be a good person and at the same time hate an animal? Explain your opinion. (2 points)

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Part 2. Writing

Choose one of the prompts below. You have 40 minutes to do the task. Write at least 200 words.

Prompt 1: Write a short story in which a foreigner comes to Russia and experiences a misunderstanding with a local person or local people. You may choose to write your story in 1st or 3rd person. Make sure that your story has a plot (a beginning, middle and end). Remember that you need to create (a) character(s), describe the setting (the time and place) and the events that happen.

Prompt 2: Write a personal narrative about a significant moment when you joined a new community and had to change your lifestyle. Your story should have a beginning, middle and end. Remember to include details and describe your thoughts, feelings and sensory experiences in a way that would engage your readers. Highlight the challenges you faced, how you overcame them, and the lessons you learned from this experience.

Prompt 3: Write an opinion essay on the following topic: Should rich countries support poorer countries financially?

Recommended Essay Structure:

- Introduction: State your opinion
- 2-3 body paragraphs with arguments
- Conclusion: Summarize your main points

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