**Завдання для конкурсного випробування з англійської мови 2020 р.**

**Завдання №1**

**Текст для сприймання на слух**

**A Very Dear Cat**

Kidnappers are very seldom interested in animals, but one day they took a great interest in Mrs. Ann Ramsay’s cat. Mrs. Ann Ramsay was a very rich lady. Her husband had died some years before and she lived in a flat with her cat Orest. She was very fond of the little white animal. Orest led an ordinary life. In the daytime he stayed at home, but in the evening he usually took a short walk. He was always back home by 7 and his mistress gave him a portion of “Whiskas” for good behavior.

But one day Orest didn’t come in time. It is necessary to say that Mrs. Ramsay got very excited. She began to look for him everywhere, but couldn’t find him. She visited all her neighbours and asked them one and the same question, “Have you seen my cat?" the kind-hearted neighbours sympathized with her, but the answer was always negative. Five days passed and still there was no news of the cat. So in the end poor Mrs. Ramsay lost all hope. She was staying at home and there were tears in her eyes as she looked out of the window, thinking about her dear pet.

On the 6th day, however, she got an anonymous letter. The author said that the cat was in a safe place and would be returned immediately if Mrs. Ramsay paid one thousand pounds to the thief. The letter had an instruction to put the money in the box and leave it outside the door. At the end of the letter there were the terrible words: ”If you don’t give out the money or go to the police, you will never see your cat again”.

Mrs. Ramsay read the letter and got frightened. Her cat was so dear to her that she was ready to give some of money for his return. The following day she visited her bank and took a thousand pounds, telling her bank clerk she needed a new TV set instead of her old one. She did as she had been told. The next morning the box disappeared and Mrs. Ramsay was sure that the thief would keep his word. She spent the whole day in waiting. It seemed to her sometimes that the day would never end. She even began to feel sorry for putting the money near the door. How could she be certain that the money had been taken by the right man?

At last evening came. At exactly 7 o’clock Orest appeared at the house. He looked very well but he wanted to drink very much and emptied half a bottle of milk at once. Mrs. Ramsay thought that the thief was giving her cat very salty meat and fish to keep him in a good form, but forgot about the water.

The police were astounded when Mrs. Ramsay told them what she had done. She explained that Orest was very dear to her. Considering the amount she paid, he was dear in more ways than one.

**Завдання 1. Текст для сприймання на слух.**

**Виберіть правильну відповідь. ( Час виконання – 30 хв.)**

**1. The criminals took interest in Mrs. Ramsay’s cat because:**

a) it was very beautiful; b) it cost much;

c) it was very special; d) its owner was wealthy.

**2. Orest:**

a) took regular walks in the daytime; b) went out for a walk at 7 o’clock;

c) was taken out for a walk by Mrs. Ramsay every evening;

d) was at home after 7 o’clock in the evening.

**3. When Orest didn’t return one day, Mrs. Ramsay:**

a) was used to it; b) was worried;

c) didn’t pay attention to it; d) cried.

**4. The neighbours :**

a) felt pity for Mrs. Ramsay; b) laughed at her;

c) liked her cat; d) thought Mrs. Ramsay to be kind-hearted.

**5. After five days Mrs. Ramsay:**

a) went to her neighbours; b) still hoped to see her cat;

c) didn’t believe Orest would return; d) began to look for Orest.

**6. Five days after Orest disappeared, Mrs. Ramsay:**

a) received an anonymous call; b) received a signed letter;

c) got a letter she didn’t know whose; d) called the police.

**7. Mrs. Ramsay learned that:**

a) Orest was kept in a safe; b) would be returned for a ransom;

c) would never be returned; d) was in danger.

**8. The old lady:**

a) did exactly what the kidnapper wanted;

b) went to the bank to change some money;

c) went to the bank, followed by the kidnapper;

d) called the police.

**9. According to the text:**

a) the kidnapper returned the cat in a cardboard box;

b) the kidnapper returned the cat after receiving the ransom;

c) the old lady got her cat at seven o’clock the next morning;

d) Mrs. Ramsay never saw her cat again.

**10. The police:**

a) were told about the kidnapping after Orest had got back home;

b) helped Mrs. Ramsay to find her cat;

c) never learned about the kidnapping;

d) found the kidnapper.

**11. When Orest returned home:**

a) he was very hungry; b) he was very thirsty;

c) he ate a portion of “Whiskas”; d) he ate something salty.

**12. The rich lady:**

a) paid the big ransom because her cat was very expensive;

b) complained that she had paid too much to get the cat back;

c) explained that she had paid ransom for Orest more than once;

d) paid the big ransom because she loved her cat very much.

**Завдання №2. Використання мови.**

**Виберіть правильну відповідь. ( Час виконання – 30 хв.)**

People all over the world know Maxwell House Coffee brand. Here is a bit of history.

In 1873 a grocery salesman named Joel Cheek became interested **(1) …** coffee and made his own unique blend. Realizing that he had created a fine brew, he decided to sell it. One of the South’s **(2) …** hotels, the Maxwell House liked his coffee and began to serve it to guests, hence the name Maxwell House Coffee.

In 1907, on returning from a bear hunt in **(3) …** Mississippi, President Theodore Roosevelt was a guest of the Ladies Hermitage Association at Andrew **(4) …** homestead in Nashville, Tennessee.

He **(5) …** a cup of Maxwell House Coffee. Upon being offered a refill, he remarked on the excellent quality of the coffee and uttered the famous line, “Delightful. This coffee is good to **(6) …** drop.” Apparently, when Roosevelt talked, people listened.

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| **1** | **A** | for | **B** | after | **C** | in | **D** | at |
| **2** | **A** | good | **B** | best | **C** | better | **D** | the best |
| **3** | **A** | **-----** | **B** | a | **C** | the | **D** | an |
| **4** | **A** | Jackson | **B** | Jacksons | **C** | Jacksons’ | **D** | Jackson’s |
| **5** | **A** | was served | **B** | is served | **C** | served | **D** | serving |
| **6** | **A** | last | **B** | latest | **C** | the last | **D** | the latest |

Over 150 balloons will be floating over Bristol in August – it’s sure to be a breathtaking sight. The International Balloon fiesta at Bristol is a unique event and becoming more popular every year. Balloonists from around the world will be **(7) …** here for three days. They will be **(8) …** two spectacular takeoffs at 6 pm on **(9) …** day of the Fiesta. Some balloons take only a single pilot while others can carry up **(10) …** eight passengers. You can also see an original, old-fashioned balloon being inflated and **(11) …** by gas – a process which costs £4,000. Also on site there will be clowns and stalls as well as a funfair and helicopter rides. A preview is being **(12) …** at Durham Downs, Bristol, on July 28, when the balloons are laid out for inspection. At night they will take off together with the flames from the burners lighting up the balloons and making them glow in the night as they rise into the air.

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| **7** | **A** | collecting | **B** | grouping | **C** | gathering | **D** | organising |
| **8** | **A** | staging | **B** | producing | **C** | preparing | **D** | supplying |
| **9** | **A** | the | **B** | each | **C** | first | **D** | all |
| **10** | **A** | over | **B** | along | **C** | from | **D** | to |
| **11** | **A** | risen | **B** | raised | **C** | infected | **D** | installed |
| **12** | **A** | seen | **B** | taken | **C** | held | **D** | advised |

**Завдання 3. Граматичний тест.**

**Перепишіть речення і поставте слова, що подані у дужках, у правильну граматичну форму. (Час виконання – З0 хв.)**

1. We will go to the sea as soon as my sister (pass) her exams.

2. What you (read) when parents returned home?

3. Who (found) Nizhyn University?

4. I had a headache yesterday and (must) stay at home.

5. I’m glad to see you. You (buy) a new car?

6. Where these TV sets (produce)?

7. Nobody (know) this rule well now, …?

8. There (be) a boy and two girls in the room when I opened the door.

9. The teacher was surprised that all the pupils (write) the composition at home.

10. Why you (be) sad when you learned the truth?

11. A lot of buildings (destroy) during the earthquake.

12. The news (be) really interesting? I don’t think so.