

# РЕГИОНАЛЬНАЯ ЗАОЧНАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ

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When Sebastian was a boy at school, his favourite lesson was art, and he won several prizes for it. Once he left school, he got a position as a clerk in a bank, but three times a week he went to evening classes in art, and whenever he had time at the week-ends, he painted.

He painted in a very modern manner—mysterious objects and shapes, women with three pink eyes, large blank areas, and so on. After a few months he thought, «Perhaps I can sell some of my pictures and get enough money to afford to leave the bank and become a real artist. Then I can travel around as much as I like, and go to foreign museums, and see other artists' paintings, and study in other countries when I feel like it. Though I try to make the best of the job and I don't regard the work as difficult — at least not at present — I don't like life in a bank. I only enjoy painting.»

In the bank, Sebastian sometimes had to deal with a man who owned a picture shop, and after he had had a few conversations with him, Sebastian invited him to his home one evening to see some of his paintings. «Then perhaps you could tell me whether I can really be a good artist and get some money from my painting,» Sebastian said hopefully. The man said he was prepared to come and see what he thought of Sebastian's work, so he arrived one evening at Sebastian's home. Sebastian took the man to his studio and started to show him some of his pictures, with some pride and hope.

The man looked at them one after the other while Sebastian watched his face, but to Sebastian's disappointment the man did not say anything, and his expression did not change at any of them.

Then, when he had finished, he looked around, and his glance fell on something else. A happy look came over his face for the first time, and he said, «Now I like one very much! It's so full of deep feeling! I'm sure I could sell this one for you!» «That,» said Sebastian, «is the place where I clean the paint off my brushes.»

### ***I. Complete the sentences:***

1. After having attended classes in art for a few months Sebastian
  - a) left the bank
  - b) realised that he only enjoyed painting
  - c) decided to go and see other artists' paintings in foreign museums
2. In the bank Sebastian sometimes had to deal with a man who was
  - a) a real artist
  - b) the owner of a picture shop
  - c) an art critic
3. Sebastian invited the man to his home
  - a) because he wanted to know his opinion of his pictures
  - b) because he wanted to show him one of his pictures
  - c) because he wanted to sell him his studio

### ***II. Answer the questions:***

1. What manner did Sebastian paint in?
2. When did the visitor arrive at Sebastian's home?
3. Why was Sebastian disappointed when he watched his visitor's face?
4. What did visitor like most in Sebastian's studio?

### ***III. Complete the sentences:***

1. When Sebastian was at school .....
2. After leaving school Sebastian got a position as.....in a bank.

3. Sebastian went to evening classes..... a week.

### Use of English

#### ***I. Open the brackets putting the verbs in the correct tense-forms.***

At the airport we checked in and went straight to the departure lounge to wait for our flight to be called. We (to wait) there for half an hour or so, but no announcement (to make). At the information desk we (to tell) that our plane (not to arrive) yet...

Then, there (to come) another announcement telling us that the passengers who (to wait) for Flight LS 108 (can) collect a free meal voucher as our plane (to delay) for technical problems. It (to be) late in the evening before we (to inform) that we (to spend) the night in a hotel at the airline's expense.

The next morning we (to report) back to the airport. Guess what (to happen) when we (to be) asleep! Our plane (to take) off leaving us behind!

All other passengers (to wake) up to catch the plane but for some reason or other we (to forget). You can imagine how we (to feel)!

#### ***II. Complete the second sentence using the word given so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Don't change the words given.***

Example: What is the meaning of the word?

*mean* What does the word mean?

1. He's never eaten papaya before. *time* It's eaten papaya.

2. I was the only person who wanted to watch the programme.

*no one* There was..... me who wanted to watch the programme.

3. Let's visit the exhibition this afternoon. *go* Why the exhibition this afternoon?

4. Somebody has to pick up the visitors from the airport. *up* The visitors from the airport.

5. If I drink strong coffee at night, it keeps me awake.

*prevents* ..... strong coffee .....

#### ***III. Put in articles and prepositions where necessary.***

(1)...elephant was lying heavily (2)...its side, fast asleep. (3)...few dogs started barking (4)...it. The elephant woke up in (5)...terrible fury: it chased (6)...dogs into the village where they ran (7)...safety. That didn't stop the elephant. It destroyed (8)...dozen houses and injured several people. (9)...villagers were scared and angry. Then someone suggested calling Parbati, (10)...elephant tamer.

Parbati's father was (11)...legendary hunter of tigers and leopards. He taught Parbati to ride (12)...elephant before she could even walk. He also taught her how to catch and tame wild elephants. Parbati hasn't always lived(13)...the jungle. After(14)...happy childhood hunting with her father she was sent (15)...boarding school in the city. But Parbati never got used (16)...living there and (17)...some years she returned to her old life. "Catching elephants is (18)...real adventure for me", she says. Parbati is such (19)...fragile looking woman and her voice is so soft, that you wouldn't think her capable (20) ...dealing (21)...such huge wild animals. But Parbati doesn't catch animals just (22)...fun. "My work", she says, "is to rescue man (23)...the man". And this is elephants, and to keep the elephants safe (24)...exactly what Parbati has been doing for many years.

#### ***IV. Decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space and write the word down in the gap provided.***

If you decide to buy a pet, you should (1)...about the pet you (2)...Cats are easy to (3)...to be (4)..., but also need the company of people. If your cat finds someone, who (5)...for it more than you do, it will change owners! A small puppy may look like a (6)...pet. But don't forget, that it will (7)...You may not be able to (8)...up with a very large dog that is too big for its (9)...and which (10)...on sleeping on your bed! Nobody loves a (11)...pet. Perhaps this is why so many people (12)...in for birds and fish as pets.

1	A go	B look	C find	D take
2	A choose	B decide	C take	D pick
3	A ran	B change	C handle	D look
4	A singular	B depended	C independent	D single
5	A feeds	B cares	C looks	D loves
6	A suited	B suiting	C suit	D suitable
7	A grow	B get	C stand	D make
8	A stay	B live	C put	D feed
9	A lodging	B kennel	C cupboard	D box
10	A relies	B insists	C carries	D concentrates
11	A disobey	B disobeying	C disobedient	D disobeyed
12	Ago	B prefer	C decide	D take

**V. Translate the Russian words into English and write them down in the gaps provided.**

1. He tore up my photo, (что) ... upset me greatly.
2. He did nothing ... (кроме) complain the whole time he was there.
3. I know, that she applies this ointment (через день) ... .
4. The Stones have always treated us (дружелюбно) ... .
5. Of all British cars this one uses (меньше всего) , petrol, it also needs (меньше всего).

**VII. Translate using negative prefixes. Add articles where necessary.**

1. неспособный ученик
2. неизвестный поэт
3. неправильно понять
4. неравные части
5. большое неудобство

**VIII. Supply appropriate stimulus utterances to the given responses.**

1. - .....  
- Not in the least.
2. - .....  
- Very good, thanks.
3. - .....  
- She is tall and slim.
4. - .....  
- Either will do.
5. - .....  
- I wish I could.

**Writing (150-200 words)**

На одну из предложенных тем:

**Situations**

- I. Most young people choose their future profession under their parents' influence. Give your opinion on the idea.
  1. When did you start to think about your future profession? Who helped you to make your choice?
  2. What do you know about the job you want to have?
  3. What is more important for you in the job: interest or money? Why?
  4. Why it is a problem to choose the right profession?
  5. What professions are most popular with young people nowadays? Why?

- II. Your friend hasn't decided yet whether to live in the country or in a big city. What will you advise him?
1. *Why do many people move to big cities nowadays?*
  2. *What makes the place you live wonderful?*
  3. *What damages the nature most of all do you think?*
  4. *What do people do to protect nature?*
  5. *In what beautiful places in Belarus can people spend their holiday?*
- III. Everyone who has a happy family background can consider themselves to be in luck. Do you agree with the statement?
1. *Speak about you family.*
  2. *If you had a family of you own, how big would you like this family to be?*
  3. *What are the reasons for divorces?*
  4. *What does it mean to be a good child?*
  5. *What does it mean to be a good parent?*
- IV. It's difficult to be young in the world which faces so many complicated questions even grown-ups can't answer. Give your opinion on the idea.
1. *What does a teenager's happiness depend on?*
  2. *Do you think you are a happy person? Why?*
  3. *What is the greatest dream you have?*
  4. *Do your friends respect you? What kind of people do you respect?*
  5. *What are teenagers' main problems?*
- V. You prefer to spend your free time outdoors but a friend of yours is fond of watching TV. What would you advise him to do instead of watching TV?
1. *What is more popular nowadays radio or television?*
  2. *What are the most popular types of TV programmes with teenagers do you think?*
  3. *What are the advantages of television?*
  4. *What are the disadvantages of television?*
  5. *What is your attitude to violence on television?*

## Letter

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Tom who writes:

*Last summer my parents and I went hiking to the mountains. We spent the whole week together and enjoyed it very much. How often do you take active holidays? Who do you think is the best company for you? What extreme sports would you like to try, if any, and why?*

*Last month our English class got an interesting project. We wrote a paper about interesting events in the past of our country ...*

Write a letter to Tom.

In your letter

- answer his questions
- ask **3 questions** about his project paper

Write **100 - 140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.