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**АКМУЛЛИНСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА**

**ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ**

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Заключительный этап Всероссийской олимпиады школьников и студентов  
организаций СПО «Акмуллинская олимпиада»  
по «Английскому языку»  
10-11 классы, СПО  
**Variant 2**

### LISTENING

**Time: 15 minutes (15 points)**

#### Task 1

*For items 1–10 listen to the radio interview and decide whether the statements (1–10) are TRUE (A), or FALSE (B) according to the text you hear. You will hear the text **twice**.*

1. Different types of our memory operate separately when we try to recollect something.  
A) TRUE                      B) FALSE
2. In history lessons, we are instructed on strategies to enhance mnemonic abilities.  
A) TRUE                      B) FALSE
3. Pictorial cannot be employed as one of the methods to improve our memory retention.  
A) TRUE                      B) FALSE
4. Teaching helps us to use our memory in a more efficient way.  
A) TRUE                      B) FALSE
5. The cognitive ability of memory is used similarly by all people.  
A) TRUE                      B) FALSE
6. The formation of memory commences at the moment of birth.  
A) TRUE                      B) FALSE
7. There exist two distinct modes of memory retention.  
A) TRUE                      B) FALSE
8. We can improve the cognitive efficiency of our brains through training.

A) TRUE                      B) FALSE

9. We can only use one image at a time as an aid to memorisation.

A) TRUE                      B) FALSE

10. Writing shopping lists can improve your memory.

A) TRUE                      B) FALSE

### **Task 2**

*For items 11–15 write the correct form of the word in brackets.*

1. We can make \_\_\_\_\_ (improve) in our ability to memorise.
2. There are several things we can do to recall \_\_\_\_\_ (inform).
3. The term \_\_\_\_\_ (visualise) means imagining a picture.
4. You can use different \_\_\_\_\_ (formulate) to remember historical facts.
5. Following the tips will improve your \_\_\_\_\_ (be able to) to remember.

***Transfer your answers to the answer sheet***

## READING

Time: 45 minutes (20 points)

### Task 1

*For items 1 - 10, read the passage below and choose option A, B, C or D which best fits according to the text.*

#### Causes of overpopulation

An increase in population at the rate of 600% in the last 2 centuries has led to gross overpopulation. The term overpopulation refers to a condition wherein the total population of a particular region far exceeds the carrying capacity of the region. Although the term by and large refers to the ratio between population and the available area, the ratio between the population and available resources cannot be ignored. Overpopulation is one of the major problems the planet is facing today, and it directly or indirectly fuels other problems, ranging from pollution to global warming. Estimated figures suggest that the world population will cross 9 billion mark by the year 2050. If this happens, it would be very difficult to keep overpopulation problems at bay for a long time.

Overpopulation problems refer to a series of interwoven problems which are basically caused due to population explosion. The worst thing about these problems is that they act as major **hindrances** in the process of development. Though restricted to the urban areas as of now, these problems have already begun and it will be just a matter of time before they engulf the entire planet.

Firstly, it is decline in the Death Rate: At the root of overpopulation is the difference between the overall birth rate and death rate in populations. If the number of children born each year equals the number of adults that die, then the population will stabilize. Talking about overpopulation shows that while there are many factors that can increase the death rate for short periods of time, the ones that increase the birth rate do so over a long period of time. The discovery of agriculture by our ancestors was one factor that provided them with the ability to sustain their nutrition without hunting. This created the first imbalance between the two rates.

Following this came the industrial revolution and better Medical Facilities. Technological advancement was perhaps the biggest reason why the balance has been permanently disturbed. Science was able to produce better means of producing food, which allowed families to feed more mouths. Medical science made many discoveries thanks to which they were able to defeat a whole range of diseases. Illnesses that had claimed thousands of lives till now were cured because of the invention of vaccines. Combining the increase in food supply with fewer means of mortality tipped the balance and became the starting point of overpopulation.

However, when talking about overpopulation we should understand that there is a psychological component as well. For thousands of years, a very small part of the population had enough money to live in comfort. The rest faced poverty and would give birth to large families to make up for the high infant mortality rate. Families that have been through poverty, natural disasters or are simply in need of more hands to work are a major factor for overpopulation. As compared to earlier times, most of these extra children survive and consume resources that are not sufficient in nature.

With latest technological advancement and more discoveries in medical science particularly in Fertility Treatment, it has become possible for couples who are unable to conceive to undergo fertility treatment methods and have their own babies. Today there are effective medicines which can increase the chance of conception and lead to rise in birth rate. Moreover, due to modern techniques pregnancies today are far safer.

Another cause of overpopulation is immigration. Many people prefer to move to developed countries like US, UK, Canada and Australia where best facilities are available in terms of medical, education, security and employment. The end result is that those people settle over there and those places become overcrowded. Difference between the number of people who are leaving the country and the number of people who enter narrows down which leads to more demand for food, clothes, energy and homes. This gives rise to shortage of resources. Though the overall population remains the same, it just affects the density of population making that place simply overcrowded.

That last thing that effects overpopulation is lack of Family Planning. Most developing nations have large number of people who are illiterate, live below the poverty line and have little or no knowledge about family planning. Getting their children married at an early age increase the chances of producing more kids. Those people are unable to understand the harmful effects of overpopulation and lack of quality education prompts them to avoid family planning measures.

**1. What created the first imbalance between the overall birth rate and death rate in populations?**

- A) The discovery of medicals.
- B) Talking about overpopulation.
- C) Talking about ecological problems.
- D) The discovery of agriculture by our ancestors.

**2. What did medical science do?**

- A) Produced better means of producing food.
- B) Combined the increase in food supply with fewer means of mortality.
- C) Made many discoveries which were able to defeat a whole range of diseases.
- D) Increased the industrial revolution.

**3. To what did it lead when families in poverty gave birth to large families?**

- A) It led to psychological component.
- B) They made up high infant mortality rate.
- C) It led to the need of more hands to work.
- D) It led to consumption of resources.

**4. What are two things to which effective medicines can lead to?**

- A) Increase the chance of conception and rise in birth rate.
- B) Increase the chance of growing healthy food and rise in birth rate.
- C) Increase the death rate and the birth rate.
- D) Increase the number of medicines provided to the people and the number of pharmacies.

**5. What does changing the place of living affect?**

- A) It affects the density of population.
- B) It makes the place simply overcrowded.
- C) It leads to more demand for food, clothes, energy and homes.
- D) It gives rise to shortage of resources.

**6. What are the problems that most developing nations have?**

- A) Getting their children married at an early age.
- B) Being unable to understand the harmful effects of overpopulation.
- C) Being illiterate, living below the poverty line, having no knowledge about family planning.
- D) Lack of quality education prompts.

7. What causes mentioned in the article lead to overpopulation?  
 A) Death rate, fertility treatment, overpopulation, lack of family planning.  
 B) Death rate, medical facilities, fertility treatment, overpopulation, lack of family planning.  
 C) Death rate, medical facilities, fertility treatment, overpopulation.  
 D) Death rate, medical facilities, overpopulation, lack of family planning.
8. The term “overpopulation” means  
 A) the ration between resources and available area.  
 B) that the birth rate surpasses the death rate.  
 C) that all mineral resources of the area are exhausted.  
 D) that the number of residents is too large for the given area.
9. In paragraph 2 “hindrances” is close in meaning to  
 A) population rate.  
 B) issues of discussion.  
 C) handicaps.  
 D) questions.
10. Some factors affecting the population size  
 A) operate in a long term.  
 B) cannot be resisted.  
 C) depend on religious confession.  
 D) are not mentioned by scientists.

### Task 2

*For items 11 – 20, read the passage below and choose which of the phrases A–K fit into the numbered gaps in the text. One phrase is odd. Write the correct letter in boxes 11 - 20 on your answer sheet.*

#### Double Face

My daughter wanted to go to China for her second honeymoon, but now she is afraid. “What if I blend in so well, they think I'm one of them?” Waverly asked me. “What if they don't let me come back to the United States?”

“When you go to China,” I told her, “(11) \_\_\_\_\_. They already know you are an outsider.”

“What are you talking about?” she asked. My daughter likes to speak back. She likes to question what I say.

“Aii-ya,” I said. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and hide your fancy jewelry, they know. They know just watching the way you walk, the way you carry your face. They know you do not belong.”

My daughter did not look pleased (13) \_\_\_\_\_. Oh, maybe ten years ago, she would have clapped her hands - hurray! - as if this were good news. But (14) \_\_\_\_\_. And I know it is too late. All those years I tried to teach her! She followed my Chinese ways only until she learned how to walk out the door by herself and go to school. So now the only Chinese words she can say are sh-sh, houche, chi fan, and gwan deng shweijyau. (15) \_\_\_\_\_? Pee-pee, choo-choo train, eat, close light sleep. How can she think she can blend in? Only her skin and her hair are Chinese. Inside - she is all American-made.

It's my fault she is this way. I wanted my children to have the best combination: American circumstances and Chinese character. (16) \_\_\_\_\_?

I taught her (17) \_\_\_\_\_. You are first in line for a scholarship. If the roof crashes on your head, no need to cry over this bad luck. You can sue anybody, make the landlord fix it. (18)

\_\_\_\_\_. You can buy an umbrella. Or go inside a Catholic church. In America, nobody says you have to keep the circumstances somebody else gives you.

She learned these things, but I couldn't teach her about Chinese character. How to obey parents and listen to your mother's mind. (19) \_\_\_\_\_. Why easy things are not worth pursuing. How to know your own worth and polish it, never flashing it around like a cheap ring. Why Chinese thinking is best. No, this kind of thinking didn't stick to her. (20) \_\_\_\_\_. Only that kind of thinking stuck.

"Finish your coffee," I told her yesterday. "Don't throw your blessings away."

"Don't be so old-fashioned, Ma," she told me, finishing her coffee down the sink. "I'm my own person."

And I think, How can she be her own person? When did I give her up?

<b>A.</b> How can she talk to people in China with these words
<b>B.</b> when I told her this, that she didn't look Chinese. She had a sour American look on her face
<b>C.</b> She was too busy chewing gum, blowing bubbles bigger than her cheeks
<b>D.</b> don't try to resemble them – it's no use and even dangerous
<b>E.</b> How not to show your own thoughts, to put your feelings behind your face so you can take advantage of hidden opportunities
<b>F.</b> You do not have to sit like a Buddha under a tree letting pigeons drop their dirty business on your head.
<b>G.</b> you don't even need to open your mouth
<b>H.</b> How could I know these two things do not mix
<b>I.</b> Even if you put on their clothes, even if you take off your makeup
<b>J.</b> now she wants to be Chinese, it is so fashionable
<b>K.</b> how American circumstances work. If you are born poor here, it's no lasting shame

*Transfer your answers to the answer sheet*

## USE OF ENGLISH

40 minutes (20 points)

### Task 1

Read the text and then select the correct answer, A, B, C or D

#### In the family business

Working with my father is in many ways a blessing; I don't have to climb my way up the career ladder and I have guaranteed job security. But it's also harder than working elsewhere, because I have more to prove. He's the best businessman I know, and one day I'll have to fill his big

1 \_\_\_\_\_.

I help my father run Tropifresh, a fruit and vegetable wholesaler at New Market in London, which my dad started in 1983. I was 25 when I decided 2 \_\_\_\_\_ the family business. After completing my geography degree at University College London in 2011, I worked in PR for a while and worked part-time for my father to earn some much-needed money. I eventually went on some business trips with him, where I realized I would love to give it a try. Father was actually surprised — at one point he warned me 3 \_\_\_\_\_ it, simply because of the 4 \_\_\_\_\_ hours and hard work.

A lot of my job involves developing the website — skills my father, as an old-school trader, does not have — so he trusts me with it. My father and I are a good team; we're able to 5 \_\_\_\_\_ a compromise, we rarely argue. We know each other inside out, and it helps greatly.

I hope to take 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Tropifresh one day. My loyalty is to the business, rather than my father. All of my friends have gone into more traditional jobs, such as medicine or accounting. But I've always known I wanted to be self-employed and the opportunity to expand the business is

7 \_\_\_\_\_!

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|----|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. | A) boots    | B) trainers   | C) shoes      | D) slippers |
| 2. | A) to enjoy | B) to contact | C) to connect | D) to join  |
| 3. | A) against  | B) opposite   | C) from       | D) out of   |
| 4. | A) strong   | B) long       | C) big        | D) large    |
| 5. | A) do       | B) walk       | C) make       | D) take     |
| 6. | A) up       | B) on         | C) away       | D) over     |
| 7. | A) amusing  | B) amazing    | C) amused     | D) amazed   |

### Task 2

For items 8 – 15, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** Use **from three to five** words. **The number of words you should put in the gap is specified in each case. Do NOT use contracted forms.** There is an example at the beginning (0)

**Example: 0.** "Let's go to the cinema on Sunday," said Ann.

#### Wanted

Ann \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema on Sunday. (4 words)

0	wanted us to go
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8. Jessica has a talent to become a concert pianist.

**That**

Jessica is so \_\_\_\_\_ could become a concert pianist. (3 words)

9. I knocked for ages at Sam's door but I got no reply.

**Long**

I \_\_\_\_\_ knocking at Sam's door but I got no reply. (4 words)

10. Everyone says that the band is planning to go on a world tour next year.

**Said**

The band \_\_\_\_\_ planning to go on a world tour next year. (4 words)

11. It's a shame I'm not able to come to your party on Saturday.

**Could**

I \_\_\_\_\_ to your party on Saturday. (4 words)

12. Buying a daily newspaper seems pointless to me.

**Point**

I can't \_\_\_\_\_ a daily newspaper. (5 words)

13. Daniel thought the flight would be more expensive than it actually was.

**Not**

The flight \_\_\_\_\_ as Daniel thought it would be. (4 words)

14. I have problems remembering names. My memory is terrible!

**Good**

I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ names. My memory is terrible! (3 words)

15. My parents haven't given me permission to go out tonight.

**Forbidden**

I \_\_\_\_\_ go out tonight. (4 words)

### Task 3

*For items 16-20, match the two columns to make English proverbs. In the right column, there are three extra phrases you don't need. There is an example at the beginning.*

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0	Necessity is	A	thinks all so.
16	He works best who	B	does no harm.
17	More haste,	C	about the bush
18	To beat	D	with one stone

<b>19</b>	When pigs	<b>E</b>	knows his trade.
<b>20</b>	Good counsel	<b>F</b>	than never.
		<b>G</b>	the mother of invention.
		<b>H</b>	fly.
		<b>I</b>	less speed.

*Transfer your answers to the answer sheet*

## WRITING

**Time: 40 minutes (20 points)**

Imagine that you are doing a project on the major advantages of living in a city. You have found some data on the subject - the results of the opinion polls (see the table below).

**Comment on the data in the table and give your opinion on the subject of the project.**

Advantages of living in a city	Number of respondents (%)
Better opportunities for work and study	36
Having all the modern conveniences	26
Various entertainment and events	22
Better roads and infrastructure	9
Better facilities for sports and art education	7

Write 200-250 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an opening statement on the subject of the project;
- select and report 2-3 facts;
- make 1-2 comparisons where relevant and give your comments;
- outline the problem that can arise with living in a city and suggest a way of solving it;
- conclude by giving and explaining your opinion on life in a big city.

***Write your answer on the answer sheet!***