

**ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ  
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**Part 1 (15 minutes)**

**Listening**

**Task 1**

Listen to Kelly and Jason's conversation. Decide if each question **1 – 10** is **TRUE**, **FALSE** or the information is **NOT STATED** in the text. Put a tick in the proper box.

		TRUE	FALSE	NOT STATED
<i>Example</i>	<i>Both Kelly and Jason think that obesity is common today.</i>	V		
1	Kelly thinks that people's diets now are less healthy than in the past.			
2	Jason thinks there are a lot of people now who do not know how to relax.			
3	Jason and Kelly share the same opinion about people not sleeping enough.			
4	In Jason's opinion some people go to bed late as they enjoy dancing at night.			
5	Kelly believes that cycling to school is becoming more popular.			
6	According to Jason there are more cyclists in the cities today as they care about pollution.			
7	Kelly says that air pollution in the cities is getting worse.			
8	Jason says that Kelly is often ill.			
9	Kelly thinks that teens suffer colds for a couple of days only.			
10	In the end, Jason and Kelly agree about young people's health.			

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

**Part 2 (15 minutes)****Reading****Task 1**

Have you ever wondered how birds find their way when flying? Read and find out. Choose the best answer **a**, **b**, **c** or **d** for the questions **1 – 5**.

The pigeon is famous for always being able to find its way home. In fact racing pigeons is a popular sport in some countries. Owners take their birds hundreds of miles away and then release them. The bird that gets back home in the fastest time is the winner. Until now it has been thought that the birds have their own built-in system of navigation and use the position of the sun and stars to guide them.

However a ten-year study has proved to scientists that pigeons travel rather like drivers do and follow the major roads. The birds that were monitored in the study were constantly flying along motorways and even turning left and right at main junctions, while ignoring small winding roads.

A professor of zoology at Oxford University and a racing pigeon expert agree. The professor says that birds use their traditional forms of navigation first but when they fly the same route again they remember the roads and follow them. A group of birds was released as a test and all flew along the same major road and turned right at the first junction. The pigeon racer describes this research as absolutely accurate. Every Saturday, he says, you can see flocks of pigeons flying along the motorways.

**1** Pigeon racing consists of:

- a. owners seeing how far each pigeon can fly.
- b. scientific research into the way pigeons fly.
- c. pigeons being released on the motorways.
- d. owners seeing which pigeon gets home first.

**2** Pigeons' 'built-in system of navigation' refers to:

- a. their natural instinct for finding their way.
- b. their natural ability to follow major roads.
- c. the fact that they fly as a large flock.
- d. special equipment the researchers have used to track them.

**3** The roads pigeons followed were:

- a. all the roads going in the right direction.
- b. only motorways.
- c. the important direct routes.
- d. the smaller less busy country roads.

**4** A junction is:

- a. a sharp bent in the road.
- b. where a motorway and a road meet.
- c. a place where one road crosses another.
- d. a place where you can buy petrol.

**5** Pigeons are especially seen on Saturdays because:

- a. that's the day the roads are busiest.
- b. that's the day the research takes place.
- c. that's the day pigeon racing takes place.
- d. that's the day the motorways are open.

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

## Task 2

Look at the sentences below about the ancient Chinese art of Feng Shui. Read the text and decide if each sentence **6 – 15** is **TRUE, FALSE** or the information is **NOT STATED** in the text. Put a tick in the proper box.

### Feng Shui

Feng Shui is the art of arranging your home and the things in it in the best possible way. It began in China about 5000 years ago, but recently architects and designers all over the world have started to include the idea in their work. The most important thing to understand about Feng Shui is the idea of chi, which means vital energy or life force. The art of Feng Shui is to make sure the right objects are in the right places so that the chi can flow freely around the home. This is said to create good health and financial well-being as well as improved relationships between parents and children and husband and wife. You can improve your own Feng Shui by trying some of the techniques listed below.

Firstly, keep the hall of your home clear of shoes, umbrellas and other objects. This is to allow the chi to enter your home freely. If possible, put a small indoor fountain in this part of your home.

In the living room, choose furniture which is the right size for the room and arrange it so that people can move around the room comfortably. If the room is small, hang a mirror to create a feeling of space. Make sure you have blinds or curtains to prevent the chi from escaping.

The bedroom is considered a very important area in Feng Shui. It is best not to have a television or any other electrical item in here, but if you find it impossible to live without them, you can cover them with a plastic table-cloth when you have finished using them. The table-cloth must be plastic – other materials will not work. It is also important to unplug everything before you sleep. The head of the bed should be against a wall rather than under a window, as this would allow your chi to escape. You should be able to see the door easily while

you are lying in bed. Place lamps by your bed for lighting instead of bright lights in the ceiling.

Try these simple ideas for a few months and see how much energy and happiness you can bring into your home.

		<b>TRUE</b>	<b>FALSE</b>	<b>NOT STATED</b>
<b>6</b>	Feng Shui has been practised all over the world for 5000 years.			
<b>7</b>	Feng Shui says that family members will get on better with each other if the home is properly furnished.			
<b>8</b>	The entrance of the home should be well lighted.			
<b>9</b>	The living room should be made to look as small as possible.			
<b>10</b>	Windows in the living room should be covered.			
<b>11</b>	There shouldn't be any plants in the bedroom, if possible.			
<b>12</b>	A sheet could be used instead of a table-cloth to cover the TV.			
<b>13</b>	Sleeping under a window is not a good idea.			
<b>14</b>	It's important to have a good view of the bedroom door from the bed.			
<b>15</b>	A single strong light in the bedroom is better than several soft ones.			

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

### Part 3 (15 minutes)

#### Use of English

#### Task 1

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question 1 – 10, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D.

#### Chocolate

When the Spanish explorer Cortez 0 A Mexico in the sixteenth century, he found the people there using a drink they \_\_\_1\_\_\_ chocolate. It tasted quite strong \_\_\_2\_\_\_ it had pepper in it. To \_\_\_3\_\_\_ it taste better, the Spanish added sugar to it. When chocolate first came to Europe in the seventeenth century, people started to drink it with milk, \_\_\_4\_\_\_ of water. Nowadays, tonnes of chocolate and cacao are \_\_\_5\_\_\_ to factories, where they are turned \_\_\_6\_\_\_ many popular sweets and cakes.

\_\_\_7\_\_\_ chocolate and cacao come from the fruit of cacao tree. Cacao trees \_\_\_8\_\_\_ only be grown in hot countries, as they need a warm climate. Cacao is an American plant, \_\_\_9\_\_\_ still grows wild in the northern part of South America. Countries in Central and South America were the first to grow it, but today Africa \_\_\_10\_\_\_ the world with the most of chocolate.

	A	B	C	D
<i>Example</i>	<u>reached</u>	arrived	got	went
1	announced	told	called	declared
2	while	because	so	whether
3	let	cause	allow	make
4	apart	except	rather	instead
5	delivered	directed	prepared	produced
6	down	into	off	over
7	Both	Every	Either	Each
8	ought	can	have	might
9	what	which	who	whose
10	brings	fetches	supplies	gives

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Complete the text, using the verbs in brackets (**11 - 20**) in the correct tense. The first answer is given as an example.

### **Rahul wins National Spelling Bee**

For the past five years the Hathwar family have travelled to Washington DC to watch their children in the top US spelling competition, the National Spelling Bee. Their elder daughter, Gayathri, (*take*) **0** *has taken* part since she was nine years old, and her younger brother Rahul **11** (just win) \_\_\_\_\_ the first prize of \$40,000 at his first attempt.

Rahul and Gayathri **12** (study) \_\_\_\_\_ hard to reach the final, which was shown on television all over the US. Mr.Hathwar helped his children beforehand by making lists of words and checking their meaning. He was confident they **13** (do) \_\_\_\_\_ well. Rahul even **14** (stop) \_\_\_\_\_ playing computer games and doing his other hobbies to concentrate on learning spellings.

“I **15** (not regret) \_\_\_\_\_ it,” he says. “The Spelling Bee **16** (teach) \_\_\_\_\_ me to work hard. I **17** (not expect) \_\_\_\_\_ to come first so I was amazed at the result. I was so anxious when I arrived at the Television Centre I **18** (not can) \_\_\_\_\_ stop shaking.”

Gayathri admitted she was a little disappointed that she **19** (never become) \_\_\_\_\_ a winner. But now she **20** (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very proud of her brother’s success.

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

**Part 4 (30 minutes)**

**Writing**

Imagine that you read the following question on a forum:

*“Hi, guys! I need your advice. I’ve been chosen to arrange our class party.*

*What should I do to make it a real success?”*

Now give your advice how to arrange the party to make it exciting and educational at the same time.

Write about **90-100** words.

**Do not forget to:**

- greet the members of the forum;
- give two reasons for your choice;
- sign your advice.

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