



**ЗАДАНИЯ**  
для проведения городских, районных олимпиад  
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**VII класс**

**Максимальное количество баллов: 55**

**PART A. LEXICAL-GRAMMAR TEST (49 points)**

**I. Use the correct forms of the verbs in brackets (11 points).**

1. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) Brighton language school, he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) away for two weeks.
2. - Is this the first time you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) to Australia? - Yes, it is.  
- How long you \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) to stay? - For nine months. I am going to study at the University of New South Wales.
3. Hi Martina,  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) back from our trip to the Natural History Museum. What an amazing experience! The only thing I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/like) was the behaviour of some of the school children who \_\_\_\_\_ (visit).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (ever/ think) about making a vlog? I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) them for the past two years.
5. Last month Tom's company \_\_\_\_\_ (give) a prize for being one of the most imaginative new projects started by young people.
6. Sam Jones is a keen teenage cook who \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to improve the eating habits of schoolchildren in his neighbourhood.

**II. Complete Heather's letter. Choose the correct answers (A, B or C) (7 points).**

Dear Mrs Watson,

I am (1) \_ writing to say thank you for (2) \_ me out the other day. It was really kind (3) \_ you to drive me home. I am so sorry for causing you so much (4) \_.

You'll never (5) \_ who I saw when I went to the police station the following day - it was the couple from the cinema. They had tried the same trick, but this time the manager saw them and called the police. The woman said she hadn't meant to take my bag. She had taken it by (6) \_ because she had one exactly like it. Anyway, the main thing is I got my mobile and my banker's card (7) \_, but I had already cancelled it. I want them to go to prison for what they did.

Once again thank you for looking after me. I'll always remember your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Bower

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|---|---------------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | A. only       | B. usually     | C. just    |
| 2 | A. help       | B. helping     | C. to help |
| 3 | A. for        | B. by          | C. of      |
| 4 | A. trouble    | B. problem     | C. worry   |
| 5 | A. understand | B. guess       | C. know    |
| 6 | A. chance     | B. opportunity | C. mistake |
| 7 | A. away       | B. back        | C. again   |

### III. Put the words in the correct order to make sentences. (2 points)

1. train / overnight / how / the / about / taking / Edinburgh / to / ?

2. don't / time / I'm / have / I / help / enough / to / afraid / you.

### IV. Complete the text about pollution in Budapest. Choose the correct answers (11 points).

Budapest is one of (1) **a / the / -** Europe's most beautiful cities. However, you cannot help but notice (2) **a / the / -** effects of pollution. Many of (3) **a / the / -** buildings are black because of smoke from heating systems and (4) **a / the / -** traffic. Some buildings have been re-painted and repaired - (5) **a / the / -** good example is (6) **a / the / -** Gresham Budding. This was in (7) **a / the / -** terrible state until they turned it into (8) **a / the / -** top hotel. (9) **A/The / -** Parliament building is another good example. This white building with its red roof is for many people (10) **a / the / -** most beautiful site in Budapest, situated next to (11) **a / the / -** River Danube.

### V. Choose the correct option (5 points).

- I think **everybody/ anybody/ everything** should give a hand to **create/ keep/ sweep** our city clean. It **may/ could/ has to** be a much **nicest/ nice/ nicer** place.
- Villains often have some positive traits, like **arrogance/ impatience/ intelligence** and strength.

**VI. Fill in prepositions if necessary (7 points).**

1. They spend just over half \_\_\_\_\_ their pocket money \_\_\_\_\_ food and drinks.
2. Why is your grandfather fun to be \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Are you keen \_\_\_\_\_ shopping? How much time can you spend \_\_\_\_\_ shopping?
4. This is the kind of place where you can quite happily lose yourself \_\_\_\_\_ hours.
5. Mowgli is a kid who is raised \_\_\_\_\_ wild animals in the jungle.

**VII. Complete the second sentence with two or five words so that it has the similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given (3 points).**

1. We bought some chocolate to eat during the film. **while**  
We bought some chocolate to eat \_\_\_\_\_ the film.
2. They stopped playing tennis because it got very dark. **too**  
It \_\_\_\_\_ tennis so they had to stop.
3. I will only eat a little for lunch today. **much**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ lunch today.

**VIII. Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap. (3 points)**

1. People often choose a pet that mirrors their \_\_\_\_\_. **PERSON**
2. He's my best friend because he's sensitive and \_\_\_\_\_. **SELF**
3. A parrot is a \_\_\_\_\_ bird, very active and a bit nosy. **TALK**

**PART B. Read the text and do the task that follows it (6 points).**

Why do people laugh?

Babies start laughing very soon after they're born. Parents can elicit a giggle from their baby by making a funny face or talking in a funny voice. Deaf and blind people can laugh even though they've never seen or heard anyone laughing. Laughing seems to be a part of human nature, but what's it for? Many people think that we laugh because we see or hear something funny, but most of the time this isn't true. In one study, a professor of psychology and his students listened in and made notes on hundreds of conversations in public places. They heard about 1,200 laughs, but only 10-20 percent came after a joke or something funny. The other 80-90 percent followed normal, everyday expressions like, "I'll see you later" or, "It was nice to meet you"

No one really knows why we laugh, but one idea is that the most important reason for laughing is to make other people feel good. When you laugh, the people around you often start laughing too. Soon, the whole group is cheerful and relaxed. According to a research, you're 30 times more likely to laugh when someone else is around than when

you're by yourself. Laughter can stop negative feelings and help people to feel closer to each other. It may be that thousands of years ago, before people could speak, laughter helped them to form groups and work together.

It also seems that laughter can be good for your health. Laughing a hundred times uses the same energy as riding on an exercise bike for fifteen minutes. The writer Norman Cousins, who suffers from back pain, wrote that watching comedy programmers on TV helped him to feel better. He said that ten minutes of laughter gave him two hours of pain-free sleep.

**I. Mark the statements as true or false.**

1. Babies start laughing when they are more than one year old. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Most of the time people laugh because they see or hear something funny. \_\_\_\_\_
3. People laugh more when someone else is around. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Laughter reduces negative emotions and helps us connect with others. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Laughter has many health benefits. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Laughing gives your energy to ride a bike for fifteen minutes. \_\_\_\_\_