
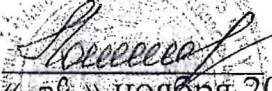


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(письменная работа)

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Время выполнения заданий: 10.00 – 12.00.

XI класс

1. Read the text. For questions 1-15, choose from the people (A-D). Which person says:

- 1) there was a time limit to the race they competed in?
- 2) the race they competed in had tremendous elevation changes?
- 3) they did not win a medal?
- 4) the rules stipulated they could only have a certain amount of something?
- 5) they had to meet qualifying standards in order to compete?
- 6) the choice of when (and if) to rest was left to them?
- 7) they lacked previous experience of the event?
- 8) they experienced extreme fluctuations in temperature whilst competing?
- 9) they had to be totally self-sufficient during their race?
- 10) their greatest challenge is psychological, not physical?
- 11) they had the challenge of running under a sun that never set?
- 12) they have prior experience in the event?
- 13) they suffered physical injuries in the race?
- 14) they were responsible for their own medical needs during the race?
- 15) through endurance racing they have found out what their true limits are?

A. Chris. "The Yukon Arctic Ultra is a 430-mile race across Canada's beautiful snow-covered Yukon territory and the endurance event I most look forward to during the year. Trekking hundreds of miles across the bitterly cold Canadian wilderness during winter is probably most people's idea of torture. But to me, nothing beats it. It's the ultimate thrill. The Yukon Ultra can be done on cross-country skis, but most competitors - myself included - walk, pulling everything we need to survive behind us on sleds. Apart from checkpoints every 60 miles, survival is totally in our own hands. Typically, I try to keep moving throughout the night, stopping for only a few hours' sleep at a time. It's not unusual for me to get so tired, I have 'waking dreams'. To succeed in completing the Arctic Ultra you have to be super fit and mentally strong too. In fact, my biggest battle is always the one I have with my mind."



**B. Carl.** "The Badwater Ultramarathon describes itself as 'the world's toughest foot race' and in my opinion that's not far from the truth. Badwater is, without question, the most difficult endurance event I've ever taken part in. Psychologically and physically, it's extremely challenging. About 90 of the world's elite ultra-endurance athletes compete in Badwater each year. Entrance is by invitation and every applicant must satisfy certain requirements in order to apply. The race, which is 215 km in length, starts 85 m below sea level in the Badwater Basin in California's Death Valley and finishes 2,548 m above sea level on Mount Whitney. It takes place in July when weather conditions are at their most extreme and temperatures reach 49°C - even in the shade. The course must be completed in no more than 48 hours. Very few athletes end up crossing the finishing line, it's so tough. I did. But it took all my willpower."

**C. Ricardo.** "This summer was my first time competing in the Bigice Race, an event for teams or solo racers that takes place on the Greenland ice cap, just above the Arctic Circle. Unfortunately, I didn't place. But being new to the event, I was more than satisfied just to finish. The Bigice Race is one of the toughest endurance races. Weather conditions in the Arctic are unpredictable at the best of times and during the race I had to battle snow blizzards and temperatures of -35°C in exposed wilderness and 24hr daylight. Finishing the Bigice Race is one of my proudest sporting achievements, not least because I did so in considerable pain: I had terrible blisters before the first day was even over. People often ask me what I get out of endurance racing; why I 'enjoy' such hardship and deprivation. The answer is simple. Extreme endurance events deepen my understanding of myself. Through them, I get to discover exactly what I am capable of."

**D. Miguel.** "The Marathon des Sables (Marathon of the Sands) is a six-day, 254 km Ultramarathon held every year in the Sahara Desert in southern Morocco. I've run the race five times now and it never gets any easier. The route covers terrain ranging from uneven rocky ground to huge sand dunes. During the day, temperatures in the desert soar to 49°C. At night, they plunge to freezing. A strict rule of the race is competitors must carry everything they need (food, clothing, compass, anti-snake venom, etc) as only water and tents are supplied along the way. Water, however, is strictly rationed throughout the race. Even on the longest stage of the race (the nonstop overnight stage which lasts 91 km) we're allowed no more than 22.5 litres of water over the two days. This stage is definitely the hardest part of the race for me. I just keep thinking: '91 km! How am I going to run 91 km in 24 hours?' Despite the hardships, it is addictive. It tests your limits, pushes your boundaries ... it makes you feel alive!"

## 2. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

I 1. (to write) to you to ask for your assistance though I 2. (not to be) sure if you 3. (to be able) to help me. If you 4. (to answer) my letter as soon as you can I 5. (to be) grateful to you.

You remember George, of course. We 6. (to meet) in 2017 and 7. (to be) friends ever since. He just 8. (to move) to a new flat. I 9. (to invite) to his housewarming party a few days ago. The thing is that when we 10. (to speak) on the phone, suddenly our



talk 11. (to interrupt). In vain I hoped he 12. (to ring) back. So I don't know where he lives. Maybe you can help me. You 13. (to hear) from him lately?

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12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Match the verbs with suitable prepositions and fill the gaps in the sentences below:

see	do	stand	round	ask	wait	knock	close	order	drop
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up	in	down	out	out	on	without	for	out	about
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- 1) If the business continues to lose money, I'm afraid we'll have to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ any time you're passing, and have a cup of tea.
- 3) The guide wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the party of tourists and lead them to the cathedral.
- 4) Mother's having a day's holiday; we'll \_\_\_\_\_ her for a change.
- 5) If you \_\_\_\_\_ that boxer he will lose his title.
- 6) If you can't afford it, you'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- 7) He would like to \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_ but he is too poor to pay for meals in restaurants.
- 8) Don't let him \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ like that; he's not your employer.
- 9) I'll \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ when you leave. It's easy to get lost in this enormous building.
- 10) Does BBC \_\_\_\_\_ British Broadcasting Corporation?

4. Read the text and fill each gap with ONE word.

The Wright brothers 1) \_\_\_\_\_ flying in 1902. Their first flight was in a glider, which they designed to test the stability of its wings. Once they 2) \_\_\_\_\_ satisfied that they could fly in the air steadily, without the fear 3) \_\_\_\_\_ falling straight down, they began working on their design for the first aeroplane, 4) \_\_\_\_\_ would be propelled by a motor. They wrote to several carmakers, asking 5) \_\_\_\_\_ they could build a motor for them, but most 6) \_\_\_\_\_ did not reply or said they were too busy. Finally, the brothers decided to build the motor



7)\_\_\_\_\_. The major problem they faced was 8)\_\_\_\_\_ to make the motor powerful 9)\_\_\_\_\_ to propel the aeroplane without being too heavy. They soon realised they would need to make the aeroplane bigger, 10)\_\_\_\_\_ than make the motor smaller. After months of planning, they were ready to build the first prototype. It was a funny looking machine 11)\_\_\_\_\_ four wings and no seat for the pilot. The two brothers were very 12)\_\_\_\_\_ of their invention but could not decide 13)\_\_\_\_\_ would be the one to fly it. They tossed a coin and Wilbur won. The world's first ever aeroplane 14)\_\_\_\_\_ off and flew into the air, making history.

**5. Complete the passage by choosing which word best fits each gap:**

As global warming 1) (**sustains / persists / continues / lasts**) resulting in the melting of Arctic ice caps, we will 2) (**watch / observe / notice / see**) the displacement of thousands of people 3) (**occupying / existing / residing / settling**) in coastal areas as sea levels dramatically increase. What can we do about massive land loss 4) (**due / because / result / since**) to rising sea levels?

The Lilypad is a futuristic city where water becomes 5) (**portion / piece / part / all**) of the solution instead of the problem. 6) (**taken / inspired / encouraged / impressed**) by a water lily, this extraordinary floating city can 7) (**accommodate / assist / supply / contain**) 50,000 people in a variety of flats and homes. Designed as a self-sufficient city, the Lilypad will 8) (**count / confide / rely / lean**) on renewable energy from the sun, wind and tides. The city will even 9) (**make / collect / assemble / compose**) and recycle rainwater in a centrally located pool. 10) (**Natives / Inhabitants / Audiences / Users**) will have parks and gardens to enjoy as well as all the 11) (**accessories / contributions / means / conveniences**) of a modern city such as shopping and entertainment 12) (**facilities / industries / structures / advantages**). Each Lilypad will float freely in the ocean, giving a whole new 13) (**value / description / meaning / explanation**) to life at sea!

**6. Use the words in brackets to form a word which best suits each gap:**

Many people dream of a life by the sea, but how about living in the middle of a lake? This is 1)\_\_\_\_\_ (**precise**) the way of life for the 30,000 2)\_\_\_\_\_ (**reside**) of Ganvie in Africa! Sometimes known as the African Venice, the entire town is built upon stilts. It is the only 3)\_\_\_\_\_ (**settle**) in the world to be constructed in this way, and is 4)\_\_\_\_\_ (**access**) only by the use of a boat. But how did this unique 5)\_\_\_\_\_ (**commune**) come to live like this? Well, centuries ago, the Tofinu tribe actually inhabited dry land. But in order to escape the 6)\_\_\_\_\_ (**oppress**) Dom Homey tribe who threatened to 7)\_\_\_\_\_ (**slave**) them, the Tofinu people relocated to a nearby lake! The Dom Homey people believed that setting foot in the lake was 8)\_\_\_\_\_ (**hazard**) since a monster lurked in its waters. The Tofinu were completely safe from their enemy, and so the floating town of Ganvie was formed. Over the years, the 9)\_\_\_\_\_ (**village**) have grown accustomed to their 10)\_\_\_\_\_ (**convention**) way of life. So, although the threat of 11)\_\_\_\_\_ (**slave**) no longer exists, they have no 12)\_\_\_\_\_ (**intend**) of ever returning to solid ground.

**7. Paraphrase the following sentences using the words in block capitals.**

1) I don't want you to go to that party. RATHER

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2) We last went out 4 weeks ago. FOR

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3) Could you pass me the pepper? MIND

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