

Всероссийская олимпиада школьников по английскому языку
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Школьный этап (7-8 классы)

Part 1

Reading(20 minutes)

Maximum points – 12

*Read a newspaper article about school. Choose from the list A–H the sentence which best summarizes each part 1–6 of the article. There are two extra sentences you **do not need** to use.*

- A. They were more interested in the school's past than its present.
- B. In many ways they behaved just as they had done 20 years earlier.
- C. Despite all that had happened, everyone seemed quite happy and satisfied.
- D. Many of the women said that they would attend.
- E. They were doing jobs that the school had not expected them to do.
- F. The head teacher met them to welcome them back to school.
- G. Once they had eaten it was as if they were schoolgirls again.
- H. Anne's aim was to let them know about her achievements.

Back to school

Nicolette Jones attends a school reunion and finds that times change, people do not

(1) When Anne Bechar set out to find the 80 or so women – myself included – who were at Leeds Girls' High School with her until 1979, it was, she admits, because she had lots of good news she wanted to tell them. 'I wasn't very academic at school, and I felt I was a nobody,' she says. 'Now I have lived for years in Paris and eight years in the Middle East, I have a family and I run a successful business. I feel that I am *somebody*.'

(2) Anne's detective work resulted in the tracking-down of all but a dozen of our ex-classmates. Then we received our invitations and 44 of us, astonished by the realization that we had been old girls for 20 years, agreed to show up for a lunch. Another 20 sent news, good wishes and apologies.

(3) So, once we'd had our hair done – and wondering whether we would recognize each other – we assembled in a dining hall that made us think of cabbage and sponge pudding. By the end of lunch it could have been 20 years ago; it was like a bad episode of soap opera in which everything that had happened since was a dream.

(4) It was not simply that in our own eyes we were unchanged. It was that we had gone back to the roles of two decades ago. Bryony, our head girl, who is now a

doctor, asked kind questions with exactly the grace towards younger girls that made her popular then. Anne was told off by her friend Ruth for talking down to her, exactly as she had done at school. I showed off. We had become 14-year-olds in year-old bodies.

(5) The school authorities, who had arranged a tour of new buildings for us, found us uncooperative. We didn't want to see the new language labs and the new music block. We all wanted to see desks we sat at, we all walked along the corridors we had regularly raced down and talked in, and remembered. We wanted to meet the ghosts of our childhood selves.

(6) We were amazed, though, at the well-stocked careers room. In our day, careers advice was a teacher who mostly suggested nursing and secretarial work. Her limited imagination had not had much effect. Among us were doctors, lawyers, accountants, pharmacists and laboratory technicians. Diane, who was enough of a rebel at school to break the rules about wearing make-up, is now a beautician. Mandy is now a school governor. And I became a journalist.

Part 2

Use of English (15 minutes)

Maximum points – 16

For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Nothing to Match It!

<p>There's nothing to match the (0) <u>warmth</u> and cosiness of a genuine log-fire. The luxury and sheer (1) _____ of sitting back and watching the progress of fire and flame is almost (2) _____. A log-fire appeals to all the senses. Yes, you can (3) _____ taste and smell the (4) _____ of newly cut timber – and then enjoy the sight and sound of the minor (5) _____ as it burns. All of this is very (6) _____, and the thing that makes it more (7) _____ than ever is that one's feet are up and one's whole body is being bathed in tropical heat. It's a (8) _____ experience!</p>	WARM
	RELAX
	BELIEVE
	ACTUAL
	FRESH
	EXPLODE
	DRAMA
	ENJOY
	MARVEL

Part 3

Writing

Time: 20 minutes (15 points)

According to a recent poll in your school students have picked the 5 most popular professions of today. Choose one of them. Write an article to the school magazine 'Our Future' and prove in it that the chosen profession is interesting for you, important for society and necessary for the growing generation.

Choose from:

- engineers
- IT specialists
- ecologists
- doctors
- designers

In your article you should include:

- a title
- an introduction
- why the chosen profession will be interesting for you (give at least two reasons)
- why the chosen profession will be important for people and society in the future (give at least two reasons)
- a conclusion

Write 150–180 words (the words in the title are not counted)