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Максимальный балл за работу – 45.

LISTENING
Time: 15 minutes
(10 points)

For items 1–10 listen to an interview with the astronaut Charles Duke, who is talking about his trip to the moon, and decide whether the statements 1–10 are TRUE according to the text you hear, or FALSE, or the information on the statement is NOT STATED in the text. You will hear the text twice.

1. As a child, Charles showed no particular interest in space travel.
 - A) True
 - B) False
 - C) Not Stated

2. Charles started his career in the Air Force as a pilot.
 - A) True
 - B) False
 - C) Not Stated

3. The hardest part of the training for Charles was endlessly practising the lunar landing.
 - A) True
 - B) False
 - C) Not Stated

4. The interviewer is pretty sure Charles sailed through his training.
 - A) True
 - B) False
 - C) Not Stated

5. When he first found out he was going to the moon, Charles was exhilarated.
 - A) True
 - B) False
 - C) Not Stated

6. Charles had to stop doing all sports.

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Not Stated

7. During the process of landing, the crew panicked since they couldn't find a landing spot because of the dust.

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Not Stated

8. After landing, the crew had to rest for 6 hours before going out onto the moon surface.

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Not Stated

9. The loneliness of the moonscape made the greatest impact on Charles.

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Not Stated

10. He didn't return after the mission empty-handed, since Charles fetched a physical lunar souvenir.

- A) True
- B) False
- C) Not Stated

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 45 minutes

(35 points)

Task 1 (10 points)

For items 1–10, 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).

Example:

0	IMPRESSION
BRITISH FOOD	
Many people are under the (0) _____ that British food is awful.	IMPRESS
It is said to be (1) _____ and cooked badly, so the idea that Britain has some of the best restaurants in the world is usually met with roars of (2) _____.	TASTE
However, perhaps this is a little (3) _____.	LAUGH
There have been some wonderful (4) _____ in recent years.	FAIR
There are now many (5) _____ restaurants serving high quality dishes that have been very (6) _____ prepared. Also, many British chefs now have Michelin stars, which are only awarded to the world's very best chefs.	IMPROVE
A good (7) _____ of food is available these days, too. In other words, the food being served isn't just French gourmet.	EXCITE
There has been a huge rise in the popularity of (8) _____ British dishes. Fortunately, gone are the days when the only things on the menu were boiled vegetables and stewed meat!	SKILL
So, the next time you get a chance, be (9) _____ and try some real British food. You just might find it no longer deserves its terrible (10) _____.	VARY
	TRADITION
	ADVENTURE
	REPUTE

Task 2

For items 1–10, read the text below and decide which answer best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

	A	B	C	D
0	Conservatively	Traditionally	Customarily	Practically

0	B
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A YOUNG CONTENDER

(0) ____, bowls is described (1) ____, being a game which is played by senior citizens, so the announcement that a ten-year-old will be taking part in the National Bowls Championship has come as a shock to many players.

At the age of five, Ean Morton (2) ____ his football boots for a set of bowls which once (3) ____ to his great-grand-mother. He (4) ____ to bowls at once but it (5) ____ have been easy for Ean because he had to play against people who could take (6) ____ of his inexperience. In spite of the fact that Ean did not achieve (7) ____ success at bowls, he refused to allow it to spoil his enjoyment of it.

Now, five years later, Ean is more than a match for most of his opponents. He is very excited (8) ____ playing in the tournament but admits that he doesn't really know what to expect. His father, who will also be playing in the Championship, is more optimistic. He believes that Ean will reach the (9) ____ and is prepared to (10) ____ by him every step of the way.

	A	B	C	D
1	from	with	as	for
2	swapped	converted	switched	bartered
3	owned	belonged	possessed	effected
4	liked	stood	set	took
5	mustn't	can't	oughtn't	shouldn't
6	benefit	advantage	profit	gain
7	sudden	straight	direct	instant
8	for	from	about	with
9	peak	top	summit	crest
10	support	set	stand	back

Task 3 (15 points)

*For Questions 1–15, read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct put a tick. Use letter "V" as a tick. If a line has a word which should **not** be there, write the word in a given space. There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).*

Example:

0	V
00	had

Russian Winter Harmony

0	The history of Russian landscape painting is rather short, about 200 years.
00	It might seem that a creative soul can't remain unmoved by the beauty of Russian nature. And yet, the earliest landscapes had created by Russian artists were views of Italy.
1	In a greater sense, it was natural: the Russian artists of the time received their academic training in Western Europe and, on their return to Russia, proceeded to paint such portraits and genre scenes as were in demand at the time.
2	One of the first paintings depicting wintry Russian nature was by Nikifor Krylov. His contemporaries remarked on the gently captured winter light, the foggy view, and the feeling of frost.
3	The traditions of German and Dutch art were being especially visible in winter scenes – the same pictorial devices and a certain harshness of approach.
4	It's interesting to note that most winter landscapes created by Savrasov, Levitan and Shishkin are marked by a kind of bottomless gloom.
5	Savrasov's art is often far called lyrical, but his every painting bears a mark of loneliness, desolation, and sadness.
6	Perhaps that was the artist's way of understanding beauty and subtle lyricism of Russian nature which their contemporaries had admired.
7	The art of Levitan also deeply affected the viewer's soul. He was one of the first Russian artists to leave the confines of his studio and paint in the open air.
8	Levitan is a national artist, and his art simply does not exist outside the nature around Moscow and the Volga region.
9	Savrasov and Levitan were thought of as poetic artists, whereas Shishkin was often accused of having being too detached and photorealistic.

10	One of the most perceptive Russian critics, Benois, wrote about Shishkin's excessive scientific precision of a copyist.
11	A truly fairy-tale likeness of Russian winter is found on the canvases of Yuly Klever.
12	His paintings were so magical that scandals broke out down at exhibitions; visitors climbed over the partitions to look behind the canvas, to find a 'trick', to check if the paintings were lit from behind.
13	At the turn of the 20 th century, landscape art became extremely popular in Russia. New artists, were inspired by Impressionism, wanted to see and analyse the artistic material in new ways.
14	In the early years of the 20 th century Igor Grabar was discovered one of the main motifs of his future works, hoarfrost, the sight that he would call the exquisite lace of the sky's azure enamel.
15	Igor Grabar knew how to convey the beauty of the endless play of azure and violet on the snow, and the most fantastic hues appeared in his paintings.