

**ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ  
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ШКОЛЬНЫЙ ЭТАП. 9-11 КЛАССЫ**

**Part 1 (10 minutes)**

**Listening (10 points)**

*For items 1–10 listen to a man talking about the sport of elephant polo and decide whether the statements 1–10 are TRUE according to the text you hear (A), or FALSE (B), or the information on the statement is NOT STATED in the text (C). You will hear the text twice.*

1. Elephant polo is the fastest game in the world.
2. The length of the pitch and the width of the goals are the same as in football.
3. There are two people sitting astride an elephant in a game of elephant polo.
4. Using trunks during a game is prohibited to avoid suffocation of the animals.
5. The number of goals which a team might score depends on sheer luck.
6. Left-handed women can use both hands.
7. When a player misses the ball, the elephant lies down across the goal.
8. Elephants with attitude problems do not take part in polo games as it might be risky.
9. At half-time, players exchange their elephants and mahouts with the other team, which is an old tradition.
10. Indian elephants are preferred over African ones due to their large stature.

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

**Part 2 (35 minutes)**

**Reading (15 points)**

*Read an extract from a novel and answer questions 1–15.*

It would be simple enough to follow him. Roger was a man of habits, and even when his hours of work were irregular, he would still take his mid-day meal, whenever he did take it, at Percy's. Miss Temple found an antique bookshop across the street where, as she was obliged to purchase something for standing so long watching through its window, she on impulse selected a complete four-volume *Illustrated Lives of Sea Martyrs*. The books were detailed enough for her to spend the time in the window, apparently examining the books, while actually watching Roger first enter and then, after an hour, exit alone, from the heavy doors across the street.

He walked straight back to his office in the Ministry courtyard. Miss Temple arranged for her purchase to be delivered to the Boniface, and walked back into the street, feeling like a fool. She had re-crossed the square before she convinced herself that she was not so much a fool as an inexperienced observer. It was pointless to watch from *outside* the restaurant because only from inside could she have discovered whether or not Roger dined alone or with others, or with which particular others - all important information.

She had a pretty good feeling that the crime she believed he had committed had no time connection with his working hours, which meant she was likely to learn nothing from observing his working day. It was after work that any real information would be gathered. Abruptly she entered a store whose windows were thick with all shapes of luggage, hampers, oilskins, lanterns, telescopes, and a large assortment of walking sticks. She left wearing a ladies' black travelling cloak, with a deep hood and several well hidden pockets, opera glasses, a leather-bound notebook and an allweather pencil. Miss Temple then took her tea.

Between cups of tea and two cakes, she made entries in the notebook, summarising her plan and then describing the day's work so far. That she now had a kind of uniform and a set of tools made everything that much easier and much less about her particular feelings, for tasks requiring clothes and supporting equipment seemed somehow more objective, even scientific, in nature. In keeping with this, she made a point to write her entries in a kind of code, replacing proper names and places with synonyms or word-play that hopefully would not be understood by anyone but herself.

Miss Temple left the tea shop at four o'clock, knowing Roger to leave usually at five, and hired a carriage. She instructed her driver in a low, direct tone of voice, after assuring him he would be well paid for his time, that they would be following a gentleman, most likely in another carriage, and that she would knock on the roof of the coach to indicate the man when he appeared. The driver nodded, but said nothing else. She took his silence to mean that **this** was a usual enough thing, and felt all the more sure of herself.

When Roger appeared, some forty minutes later, she nearly missed him, amusing herself for the moment by peering through the opera glasses into nearby open windows, but a sudden feeling caused her to glance back at the courtyard gates just in time to see Roger, standing in the road with an air of confidence and purpose that took her breath away, flag down a coach of his own. Miss Temple knocked sharply on the roof of the coach and they were off.

The thrill of the chase, complicated by the nervousness of seeing Roger, was quickly lost when, after the first few turns, it became obvious that Roger's destination was nowhere more interesting than his own home.

### Task 1. Questions 1–7

*In boxes 1–7 on your answer sheet, circle: A (TRUE) if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; B (FALSE) if the statement contradicts the information given in the text or if there is no information given in the text.*

1. Miss Temple took her time carefully selecting the four books which she bought in the antique bookshop.
2. Her mistake resulted from her being pretty much a beginner in the field of surveillance.
3. She bought a pair of glasses to read the books she had purchased in the antique bookshop.
4. Miss Temple encrypted her notes so that nobody could understand them.
5. She promised the driver extra money for his services.
6. Miss Temple had to wait more than an hour for Roger to appear.
7. Roger had committed a terrible crime at work.

### Task 2. Questions 8–15

*Choose option A, B, C or D which best fits according to the text. Circle the correct letter in boxes 8–15 on your answer sheet.*

8. *Miss Temple thought it would be easy to follow Roger because*  
A he always took a break at the same time.  
B his work schedule never changed.  
C he always ate lunch at a particular location.  
D she already knew the schedule of his working day.
9. *Miss Temple bought a book at the bookshop because*  
A she suddenly felt like buying something.  
B she was forced to by the shop owner.  
C she wanted a way to pass the time.  
D she needed an excuse to stay there.
10. *What mistake did Miss Temple soon realise she had made?*  
A She had waited for Roger in the wrong place  
B She needn't have made a purchase at the bookshop  
C She should have followed Roger back to the Ministry when she had had the chance  
D She had re-crossed the square at the wrong place
11. *Miss Temple decided to follow Roger after work because*  
A she believed that was the time she could find out what she wanted to know.  
B she couldn't see what he was doing inside his office.  
C she didn't want to risk him seeing her outside his office.  
D she had other, more important things to do during the working day.
12. *How did Miss Temple's purchases make her feel about what she was doing?*  
A more determined  
B less personally involved  
C better prepared  
D less confused
13. *The underlined word 'this' in the text refers to*  
A the driver's silence.  
B banging on the hood of the carriage.  
C being asked to follow someone.  
D paying drivers well for their time.
14. *When Roger left his office at about five o'clock, Miss Temple*

- A watched him through her new opera glasses.  
 B saw him just before he got into a carriage.  
 C had a sudden feeling of breathlessness.  
 D pretended to be looking into an open window.  
**15. Miss Temple's excitement at following Roger**  
 A increased each time she caught sight of him.  
 B turned into boredom after a while.  
 C ended when her carriage started following him.  
 D disappeared when she realised where he was going.

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

**Part 3 (20 points)**

**USE OF ENGLISH (35 minutes)**

**Task 1.**

**Choose the correct linking expression from the list below to complete sentences 1-6 about the two students who started a magazine. You do not need to use all the expressions.**

**so that, above all, while, owing to, because, unless, as long as, despite, together with, whereas**

1. Sean Spooner, ..... his schoolmate Louis Spencer, was recently named the youngest publisher in the world.
2. The two students decided to start a magazine ..... they have always been interested in business.
3. You probably won't have seen Louis and Sean's magazine ..... you live in their town.
4. They went ahead with the project ..... not having any money.
5. They asked companies to advertise in the magazine ..... they could earn some money.
6. ....their hard work, they've been very successful.

**Task 2.**

**For questions 7-14, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the sentences to form a word that fits in the gap in the same sentence.**

**The Cave of the Crystals**

The (7) ..... state of Chihuahua is home to one of the natural wonders of the world - the Cave of Crystals (**MEXICO**). Discovered (8) ..... in 2000 by miners drilling a tunnel, the cave lies about 350 m below the surface of the Naica Mountains (**ACCIDENT**). It contains over 170 of the largest natural crystals ever found – one of them measures about 11 m and weighs more than 5500 kg.

The (9) ..... of these large crystals probably began 26 million years ago (**CREATE**). It was the result of volcanic (10) ..... (**ACTIVE**). Tiny crystals were formed and, over the centuries, the extreme heat in the caves has encouraged the (11) ..... of these giant structures (**GROW**).

The crystals look cool and ice-like, but don't be fooled! Due to the (12) ..... of hot springs nearby, the temperature is 44°C (**PRESENT**). It is so that the visitors have to wear (13) ..... suits and carry backpacks of ice-cooled air with them (**PROTECT**). And this is only to (14) .... they can survive for just a few minutes in the cave (**SURE**).

**Task 3.**

**For questions 15-20, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN. You must use BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE WORDS, including the word given. Here is an example (0).**

**Example:**

0 Our school sports day is held at the end of the summer term.

**PLACE**

Our school sports day ..... at the end of the summer term.

The gap can be filled by the words 'takes place', so you write:

**Example answer: 0 TAKES PLACE**

15. It's a pity I don't know how to play the guitar!

**KNEW**

I ..... how to play the guitar!

16. Our coach thinks it should be easy for us to win this match.

FAR

As ..... concerned, it should be easy for us to win this match.

17. Jim will be late for school unless he hurries up!

HURRY

Jim will be late for school ..... up!

18. Hi, Lee, can I borrow your pen for a moment, please?

MIND

Hi, Lee, ..... I borrow your pen for a moment, please?

19. Anna said she thought Greta had eaten all the ice-cream.

ACCUSED

Anna ..... all the ice-cream.

20. My brother thinks of some very interesting ideas for his poems.

COMES

My brother..... some very interesting ideas for his poems.

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**Part 4 (40 minutes)**

**Writing**

Comment on the following problem:

**Elderly people who live alone should be taken care of.**

In your comment use the information from the article below.

*Elderly people who live alone can be monitored by new technology that analyses household sounds to ensure their safety.*

*The new sound monitoring system, developed by Fujitsu, the Japanese electronics company, examines noises in homes via a microphone connected to a data centre.*

*The technology is refined enough to differentiate between the sound of a falling object or a collapsing human and can instantly alert family members or security firms if any abnormality is detected.*

*From breathing and coughing to sleeping, all noises made by the resident can be detected by the technology, in addition to analysis of daily routines, heat and humidity levels.*

Write **150–180 words**.

**Remember to**

- make an introduction,
- express your personal opinion on the problem and give reasons for your opinion,
- express your attitude towards the information from the article,
- make a conclusion.

**Write in your own words.**