

LONG-DISTANCE CONTEST FOR LEARNERS OF ENGLISH
(2016 - 2017 academic year. 9th grade)

Doing the tasks correctly, you can score as much as 60 points and participate in the second round of the competition that is take place at Elabuga Campus of Kazan Federal University.

Task One. (Total score – 10)

Put the verb ‘take’ in the correct tense aspect form (active or passive).

1. It was announced that the next Film Festival (1) _____ place in 2019.
2. Hardly had the car accident occurred, when the injured driver (2) _____ to hospital.
3. If you (3) _____ care of my dog while I am away, I'll let you have the most beautiful and cleverest puppy.
4. When Frank came to his sister's place, he saw that she (4) _____ preparations for the departure.
5. The city authorities (5) _____ all the necessary precautions long before the earthquake gave its first tremor.
6. The football fans got into the bus, which (6) _____ them to the city stadium.
7. I didn't know if somebody (7) _____ care of my cat while I am away.
8. After the injured man (8) _____ to hospital, the traffic police began to investigate the car accident.
9. I think their wedding ceremony (9) _____ place by the New Year.
10. Don't make noise. The students (10) _____ their final examination.

Task Two. (Total score – 8)

Read the text. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits the space.

Claire was standing in the shadow of the garden gates. (1) (**sudden**) a horseman rode out of the woods and (2) (**head**) towards the house. Claire recognized him. It was Colin Carter. ‘The man I need!’ exclaimed the girl. ‘Perhaps he can tell me how he is.’

After a while the (3) (**ride**) approached the gate. ‘Dear Mr. Carter! I’m so glad to see you. You must know (4) (**every**). How is he? Are his wounds (5) (**serve**)?’

‘If you mean Mr. Copper...’

‘No-no-no. I know all about him. I’m speaking about Mr. Grand. He saved my life – (6) (**two**) I may say. Tell me; is he in great (7) (**dangerous**)?’

‘Not at all,’ said Colin. ‘He lost a lot of blood. But he is all right now.’

‘Stay here, Mr. Carter, till I come up to you again,’ said the girl and went to the terrace. Soon she came back. She was carrying a basket ‘Dear old Colin, will you take it to Mr. Grand? These are things sick people would like to eat and drink.’

‘(8) (certain), Miss Claire!’

Task Three. (Total score – 12)

Fill in *some*, *any*, *no*, *every* (or their compounds), *each*, *all*, *both* or *each* to fit the space.

1. _____ time I phone him, there _____ in.
2. Did you notice _____?
3. Nearly _____ the students of our group have iPhones.
4. There’s _____ fool like an old fool.
5. He sat at the table, but he had _____ to eat.
6. I cannot catch _____ of them.
7. I think there are _____ misprints in the booklet.
8. He was given _____ opportunity to study.
9. Of all the books he brought from the library _____ were interesting.
10. _____ guest of my birthday party presented me with flowers.
11. Mary has two hats, a red and a black ones. _____ of them becomes her and matches her black coat.

Task Four. (Total score – 8)

Read the text and the statements after it. Find out if the statements are true, false or not stated.

While the auto waits

The girl in grey came again to that corner of the park. She sat down on a bench and began reading a book. She had come here at the same hour on the previous day and on the day before that, and there was a young man who knew it. The girl was beautiful and no wonder she had attracted the young man’s attention.

The young man came nearer. At that moment the girl dropped her book, the young man picked up the book, returned it to the girl saying a few words about the weather and stood waiting. He hoped she would ask him to sit down. The girl looked at him: ‘You may sit down if you like,’ she said. ‘I’m not going to read now, I should like to talk.’ Then the girl told him that she was tired of her rich life and she wanted to meet a man who was not spoiled by money.’

‘I have always thought,’ said the young man, ‘that money is a very good thing.’ ‘Oh, you don’t know how tired I am of dinners, trips, theatres, suppers. Sometimes I think that if I love a man, I shall love a simple man. What are you?’ ‘I am a very simple man. I work at a restaurant over there. I’m a cashier.’ The girl looked at her watch. ‘Why are you not at work?’ she asked. ‘Today my work begins late. May I hope to see you again?’

‘I don’t know. I must go now. Oh, there’s a dinner and a concert tonight. Perhaps you saw a white car at the corner of the park when you came?’ ‘Yes, I did,’ said the young man. ‘I always come in it,’ the girl said, ‘the driver is waiting for me there. Good night.’

And she went away. The young man looked at her while she was going out of the park. When she disappeared round the corner, he followed her. The girl left the park, crossed the street and went into the restaurant the young man had spoken of. A woman left the cashier’s desk and the girl in grey took her place. It was clear she was cashier at the restaurant.

The young man left the park, walked down the street as far as the white car. There he stopped, got into the car and said to the driver: ‘Club, Henry.’

(after O’Henry)

1. The girl came to the park every day.
1) True 2) False 3) Not stated
2. She knew the man who came up to her.
1) True 2) False 3) Not stated
3. She was from a rich family.
1) True 2) False 3) Not stated
4. She pretended and told a lie.
1) True 2) False 3) Not stated
5. She didn’t know whose white car was.
1) True 2) False 3) Not stated
6. The young man wanted to meet her again.
1) True 2) False 3) Not stated
7. The young man understood that she told a lie.
1) True 2) False 3) Not stated
8. The young man was disappointed.
1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Task Five. (Total score – 7)

Make up sentences of the following words.

1. there; there; when; is; is; will; way; a; a.
2. the; the; were; to speak; told; at; not; lesson; students.

3. the; the; what; like; look; does; flag; United Kingdom; of; ?
4. Charles Dickens; old; play; years; wrote; when; his; he; first; was; six; only.
5. he; he; his; the; had; ticket; train; lost; missed; because.
6. Mrs. Matthews; husband; was; was; the; the; on; her; laying; lying; table; sofa; while.
7. the; the; was; asked; if; student; teacher; duty; on; present; everybody.

Task Six. (Total score – 15)

Write back to your English-speaking pen friend answering his/her question. (Write 100 – 140 words.) Choose the letter that you would like to answer.

1. ... finally, we are having a summer holiday. I have got a good idea how to spend our free time. I have always dreamt of horse riding. I know there are a few special courses in your city. Would you like to join me? Can you recommend me the best riding school in your city? Do you think it can be dangerous for me?

Let me know what you think.

Love,

Jack

2. ... I'm so impressed! Last weekend our class visited the Museum of the Moving Image. We learn about the history and magic of cinema and TV. We could even try to draw our own cartoon film! I enjoyed it very much! We also met characters from the past and asked them different question.

What was the last museum you visited? Did you enjoy it? Write back soon.

Love,

Andrew

3. ... At last I've bought a new laptop. I'm so happy now. It doesn't need to share it with my elder sister as usual, because this summer I've earned enough money working as a waitress. Would you like to see it and come to my party, which I'm giving next Saturday? Do you have your own one? What are your favourite websites?

Hope to hear from you soon!

Love,

Olivia

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