

ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ
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Part 1
INTEGRATED LISTENING AND READING
Time: 30 minutes (8 points)

The Fussy family – Mr. and Mrs. Fussy, their daughter Candy and Mr. Fussy’s mother Grandma Fussy – have been traveling in Russia for a week. Tomorrow is their last day in Moscow and each of them has their own idea about what to do on their last afternoon in the Russian capital. Imagine that you are their tour guide and need to choose the right place to take them to. There are 3 places you are thinking about that might be just right.

Task 1

Read the information about the 3 places that might be interesting for the Fussy family to visit on their last afternoon in Moscow and answer the questions that follow.

Now you have 15 minutes to read the texts and answer the questions.

The Arbat is one of the oldest and most famous streets in Moscow, especially among tourists. It is one kilometer long and is located in the centre of Moscow, with two metro stations – Smolenskaya and Arbatskaya – at its opposite ends which makes it easily accessible. Trams used to run along the Arbat, but now it is a pedestrian street full of souvenir shops that sell everything from matryoshka dolls to paintings. There are many restaurants there that range from cheap street-food places to elegant expensive restaurants. The famous Vakhtangov Drama Theatre is located in the very middle of the Arbat. The Pushkin Museum is another place in the Arbat that attracts many people.

Manezhnaya Square is located in the heart of Moscow next to the Kremlin and Red Square and is within 7 minutes’ walk (500 m) from the Bolshoi and Maly theatres, the Theatre of Operetta, as well as Zoological and Geological museums. Underneath Manezhnaya Square there is an underground shopping mall “Okhotny Ryad” with shops that sell clothes and souvenirs, and restaurants. During its construction in 1993-1997, a lot of ancient artefacts dating back to pre-historic times were found. This is why the Archeological Museum of Moscow was built in Manezhnaya Square 7 m below the surface where among other things visitors can see a 17th century bridge across the Neglinka river.

Tsaritsyno was founded in 1775 as the summer residence of Empress Catherine the Great. Today, it is one of the most popular leisure places for

Muscovites and tourists. The place is located in the south of Moscow and consists of more than 20 buildings in Moscow Baroque and Neo-Gothic styles many of which house museum exhibitions. The territory of Tsaritsyno which includes a hilly park with several ponds is over 100 hectares in area. In addition to excursions, classical music concerts take place in Tsaritsyno. The souvenir shop located in the Grand Palace sells books, ceramics, clothes and other souvenirs often related to the themes of exhibitions.

(В скобках – нумерация заданий в МЭШ)

1. (1) Which one of the three places is NOT located in the centre of Moscow?
 - A) The Arbat Street
 - B) Manezhnaya Square
 - C) Tsaritsyno Park

2. (1) Which one of the three places has the most central location?
 - A) The Arbat Street
 - B) Manezhnaya Square
 - C) Tsaritsyno Park

3. (2) What makes these three places similar?
 - A) They were all created around the same time in the history of Moscow.
 - B) Near all of them there's a place where one can enjoy a performance.
 - C) Historically, they were all created as tourist attractions to make money.

4. (3) The Archeological Museum of Moscow is
 - A) a modern underground construction.
 - B) a tall building in Manezhnaya Square.
 - C) one of the oldest museums in Moscow.

5. (4) It is easy to get to the Arbat –
 - A) by train.
 - B) by tram.
 - C) by metro.

Task 2

(5) Now listen to the Fussy family members speak about what they would like to do on their last afternoon in Moscow and decide where you as a tour guide should take them.

- A) The Arbat Street
- B) Manezhnaya Square
- C) Tsaritsyno Park

Part 2
READING

Time: 35 minutes (22 points)

Amy Smith is a high-school student who spent last summer at the famous *Interlochen Arts Camp* in Michigan, USA. One day, while she was there, her parents received three email messages from the camp. Read the messages below and do the tasks that follow.

Message 1:

From: Interlochen Arts Camp news@interloch.com
To: amysmith.parents@gmail.com
Date: June 21, 2003, 1:50 PM
Subject: Bears, oh my!

Dear Families,

Hello from Interlochen!

Today on Interlochen's main campus a bear was sighted near the waterfront. Out of an **abundance** of **caution**, our campus was briefly put on lockdown. The bear did not **interact** with any students, and our normal schedule was not affected. Interlochen's campus safety team responded quickly and ensured the campus was safe before releasing students and staff.

The safety of our students is of **utmost** importance. Please feel free to reach out to our campus safety department if you have any questions or concerns about today or our safety **protocols** and procedures.

Have a great day.

Camille Colatosti, PhD
Provost
Interlochen Center for the Arts

Message 2:

From: Interlochen Arts Camp news@interloch.com
To: amysmith.parents@gmail.com
Date: June 21, 2003, 4:55 PM
Subject: The return of the bear

Dear Families,

As I shared with you earlier today, this afternoon a bear was spotted on our main campus. Out of an **abundance** of **caution**, our campus was put on a brief lockdown. Our campus security staff monitored the bear's movements, and the lockdown was released once the bear left the campgrounds.

However, our security team has continued to monitor the bear which later returned to the campus and is now sitting in a tree on the far south side of our campus. The Department of Natural Resources has been on site and has taken action to **encourage** the bear to leave. After several hours of **coaxing**, this **determined** bear is still in the tree, and monitored closely by security personnel.

Unfortunately, the bear's current location is limiting access to some student cabins. For the moment, this area of campus is completely closed and off-limits to students. If the bear continues to **linger** in the area this evening, all students living in the **vicinity** will be escorted safely to their cabins by campus safety personnel and "locked in" for the night.

Our campus safety team, in coordination with the Department of Natural Resources, continues to monitor the bear and has enacted **protocols** to ensure the safety of our campus. We will keep our community updated as there are new developments.

Camille Colatosti, PhD
Provost
Interlochen Center for the Arts

Message 3:

From: Interlochen Arts Camp news@interloch.com
To: amysmith.parents@gmail.com
Date: June 21, 2003, 8:25 PM
Subject: The bear has moved on

Dear Families,

We're happy to report that the bear, which was sighted on our campus earlier today, has now **departed** from the area.

Through effective collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources, our Campus Safety team has given the green light to resume all regular camp activities.

Our team will remain **vigilant** and ready to respond to any further developments.

Have a great evening.

Camille Colatosti, PhD
Provost
Interlochen Center for the Arts

Task 1

Guess the meaning of the following words from the text and connect them to their meanings.

(6)

1	abundance
2	caution
3	interact
4	utmost
5	protocols
6	encourage
7	coaxing
8	determined
9	linger
10	vicinity
11	departed
12	vigilant

A	using gentle and kind words or actions to make somebody do something
B	a system of rules for a specific situation
C	to stay in a place longer than necessary
D	attention and great care taken to avoid danger
E	went away
F	to communicate
G	keeping careful watch for possible danger
H	a lot of something
I	wanting to do something very much and not letting anyone or any difficulties to stop you
J	the area around something
K	to stimulate; to inspire somebody to do something
L	the greatest, the most or the best that is possible

Task 2

Answer the following questions:

13. (7) Who is the author of these messages?

- A) a student from the camp
- B) a teacher from the camp
- C) a parent of the camper
- D) the director of the camp

14. (8) An allusion is when in our writing we use a well-known phrase from a book, film, song, etc. which readers probably know and will recognize. In which e-mail message does the subject line have an allusion to one of J. R. R. Tolkien's books?

- A) In Message 1.
- B) In Message 2.
- C) In Message 3.

15. (8) In which e-mail message does the subject line have an allusion to the film "The Wizard of Oz"?

- A) In Message 1.
- B) In Message 2.
- C) In Message 3.

16. (8) Which e-mail message has a subject line that can be understood both literally and figuratively, which creates a humorous effect?

- A) In Message 1.
- B) In Message 2.
- C) In Message 3.

17. (9) From the messages it becomes clear that nature in the camp includes:

- A) a forest.
- B) a lake or a river.
- C) hills or mountains.
- D) fields or meadows.

18. (10) In which message does the author demonstrate her sense of humour?

- A) In Message 1.
- B) In Message 2.
- C) In Message 3.

19. (11) Which word that the author uses in the message mentioned in the previous question creates this humorous effect? Write only 1 word without any articles or prepositions.

20. (12) To make sure the children in the camp are safe, the camp administration – (mark **NOT MORE** than **THREE** options that you find correct)

- A) locked the children safely in buildings.
- B) canceled the children's classes for the day.
- C) called a special government service.
- D) evacuated the children from the camp.
- E) had the bear transported away from the camp.
- F) changed the camp's schedule for the day.
- G) watched the bear's movements attentively.
- H) killed the bear.

Part 3
USE OF ENGLISH
Time: 25 minutes (35 points)

Task 1

(13)

Read the text below and choose the word that fits best for each space. The first one is done for you.

Example answer: 0 A B C D

Giant Sequoias

The first giant sequoia trees probably started growing in North America about 180 million years (0) _____. Giant sequoia trees can live (1) _____ than 3,000 years. For the first 250 years, sequoias look (2) _____ small pine trees. They reach their full (3) _____ when they are about 500 years old. The giant sequoia can grow (4) _____ tall as a 25-story building – that’s about 76 meters tall! Some trees have grown up to 9 meters wide. The (5) _____ giant sequoia living today (6) _____ General Sherman. General Sherman is (7) _____ 83 meters tall.

There are not many sequoias (8) _____ today. Millions of years ago sequoias (9) _____ across North America. (10) _____ the weather turned colder. (11) _____ trees needed the warm weather to live. Now, when people (12) _____ the remaining sequoia trees, they drive and walk over the ground. This makes the ground (13) _____. The sequoias’ roots have a difficult (14) _____ getting the water from such ground. This is killing (15) _____ of the trees. (16) _____, some people take home seeds when they visit the sequoia forest. They plant the seeds (17) _____ the world. Someday, these seeds (18) _____ develop into new forests.

	A	B	C	D
0	---	<i>ago</i>	<i>before</i>	<i>behind</i>
1	much	most	more	mostly
2	like	as	similar	alike
3	long	tall	high	height
4	---	as	so	such
5	large	larger	more large	largest
6	naming	named	is named	is naming
7	more	over	above	higher
8	life	live	alive	lives
9	grow	grew	grown	growing
10	Then	Than	That	This
11	This	Them	That	These
12	visit	are visiting	have visited	visited
13	hard	hardly	heavy	heavily
14	moment	time	problem	situation
15	none	any	some	much
16	Already	Although	Besides	However
17	together	all	around	through
18	may	do	must	should

Task 2

(14) *Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms by guessing their meanings. There is an example for you:*

Example: 0. shooting the breeze

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|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A. fork over | D. wash his hands of | G. hook, line, and sinker |
| B. tightfisted | E. shooting the breeze | H. paying through the nose |
| C. way off base | F. gave him the lowdown | I. feeling like a million bucks |

Pablo and Jake were just hanging out, (0) _____ like on any other day, when Jake mentioned he'd heard about an amazing deal on the Internet. For thirty bucks, Jake claimed, anyone could be a game-tester and get free video games. Now, Pablo had just spent \$60 on his last game, and he was tired of (1) _____ every time a new game came out, so this idea was very attractive.

Pablo knew Jake was pretty greedy and (2) _____. The guy wouldn't even (3) _____ a couple of bucks for ice cream without comparing prices to see if he could get a better deal elsewhere. He was smart with his money, so Pablo believed that this deal had to be a sure thing.

Jake helped Pablo register online and (4) _____ on how the program worked. Within hours, Pablo had received a gazillion e-mails trying to sell him a gazillion things, but no games to test, and nothing free.

“Huh!” said Jake. “I guess I was (5) _____ on this one.” As it turned out, the whole thing was a scam, and the boys had fallen for it (6) _____.

Fortunately, Pablo was able to change his e-mail address and (7) _____ the entire mess. But he was still out \$30. And instead of happily playing free video games and (8) _____, he simply felt like an idiot.

Task 3

All of the riddles in this task are about word spelling. Solve each riddle. There is an example done for you:

Example:

0. What word will you get if you add something to one to make it less? - none

1. (15) What word starts with the letter “t”, is filled with “t”, and ends with “t”?

2. (16) What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters?

3. (17) What is a heavy weight forward but not backward? _____