

ДЪРЖАВЕН ЗРЕЛОСТЕН ИЗПИТ ПО  
АНГЛИЙСКИ ЕЗИК

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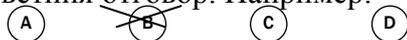
**УВАЖАЕМИ ЗРЕЛОСТНИЦИ,**

Тестът съдържа **60 задачи** по английски език. Задачите са **два вида**:

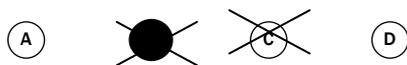
- задачи с избираем отговор;
- задачи със свободен отговор.

Освен посочените задачи, тестът съдържа и задача за създаване на писмен текст.

**Първите 50 задачи (от 1. до 50. включително)** в теста са от затворен тип с три възможни отговора, обозначени с главни букви от **A** до **C**, от които само един е верен, и с четири възможни отговора, обозначени с главни букви от **A** до **D**, от които само един е верен. Отговорите на тези задачи отбелязвайте със син/черен цвят на химикалката в **листа за отговори**, а не върху тестовата книжка. **Листът за отговори** на задачите с избираем отговор е официален документ, който ще се проверява автоматизирано, и поради това е задължително да се попълва внимателно. Отбелязвайте верния отговор със знака **X** в кръгчето с буквата на съответния отговор. Например:



Ако след това прецените, че първоначалният отговор не е верен и искате да го поправите, запълнете кръгчето с грешния отговор и отбележете буквата на друг отговор, който приемате за верен. Например:



**За всяка задача трябва да е отбелязан не повече от един действителен отговор. Като действителен отговор на съответната задача се приема само този, чиято буква е отбелязана със знака X.**

**Отговорите на задачите със свободен отговор (от 51. до 60. включително)** се отбелязват в предоставения **свитък за свободните отговори**. Четете внимателно инструкциите! Срещу номера на съответната задача напишете верния отговор.

**Задачата за създаване на писмен текст** изпълнете в **свитъка за свободните отговори** на предвиденото за това място, като не забравяте да отбележите номера на избраната от Вас тема.

**ПОЖЕЛАВАМЕ ВИ УСПЕШНА РАБОТА!**

## PART ONE: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

**Directions:** *You will hear the text **The Wise Woman's Stone** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **1 minute** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **5 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.*

**1. The wise old woman found the precious jewel by a mountain stream.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**2. The wise old woman was not aware of how valuable the stone was.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**3. The traveller borrowed the precious stone from the wise old woman.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**4. The wise old woman was a fortune teller.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**5. The man returned the stone to the old woman because he realized it was worthless.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**Directions:** *You will hear a text **about the past, present and future of a multinational communication company** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **1 minute** to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have **5 minutes** to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B or C. Then you will hear the text again and will have **1 minute** to check your answers.*

**6. Globalcall started as a partnership including several small companies.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**7. The company first expanded in all of the USA.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**8. Globalcall Communications employs more than 40,000 specialists.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**9. By the year 2010 the company expects to be servicing 15,000,000 households in Asia.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**10. The executive manager sees unlimited opportunities for the future development of the company.**

- A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**Directions:** *You will hear a text about a specific type of crime twice. Before you listen to it, you have 2 minutes to read the questions. While listening for the first time, you can look at the questions and the suggested choices, but you are not allowed to take notes. When you hear the whole text, you have 5 minutes to answer the questions on your answer sheet, choosing among A, B, C or D. Then you will hear the text again and will have 1 minute to check your answers.*

**11. What is a ‘jobber’?**

- A) Anybody who does jobs free for others.
- B) Someone who offers to do a job but who doesn’t finish it.
- C) A workman who only wants to be paid cash for a job.
- D) A builder who advertises jobs ‘done cheaply’ in the newspaper.

**12. Jobbers usually look for jobs in**

- A) small flats.
- B) big properties.
- C) neglected houses.
- D) quiet estates.

**13. Why do elderly people more often fall victims to jobbers?**

- A) They often keep cash at home.
- B) They are more concerned about their property.
- C) They are more pedantic about documents.
- D) They most often pay by cheques.

**14. The project wants to draw public attention to jobbers in order to**

- A) stop cashing cheques.
- B) prevent future crime.
- C) make “jobbers” finish their job.
- D) make the police do their job.

**15. What did robbers do to one old person?**

- A) They tied him up to his bed.
- B) They threatened to break into his home.
- C) They beat up his dog.
- D) They tortured him to get his money.

**PART TWO: READING COMPREHENSION**

**Directions:** *Read the text below. Then read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question among A, B or C, marking the answer on your answer sheet.*

He was an old man who fished alone in a boat in the Gulf Stream and had gone out to sea for eighty-four days without catching a fish. In the first forty days a boy had been with him. But after forty days without a fish the boy’s parents told him that the old man was now definitely unlucky and ordered the boy to go to another boat. It made the boy sad to see the old man return each day with his boat empty, and he always went down to the shore to help the old man to carry the lines and the harpoon and the mast with the wrapped sail around it. The sail was patched and looked like the flag of defeat.

The old man had deep wrinkles in the back of his neck. The brown spots of not dangerous tropical cancer covered his cheeks almost to the neck. His hands had cuts from the lines that he used when catching heavy fish.

Everything about him was old except his eyes and they were the same colour as the sea and were merry and did not look defeated.

**16. The old man lived near the sea on his own.**

A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**17. The boy decided to leave the old fisherman because he didn't believe in his luck any more.**

A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**18. The old fisherman was seriously ill.**

A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**19. The old man had brown eyes.**

A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**20. Despite the many days of bad luck at sea, the old fisherman had not given up hope.**

A) True.                      B) False.                      C) No information in the text.

**Directions:** Read the text below. Then read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question among A, B, C or D, marking the answer on your answer sheet.

### **Australia offers 'best job in the world' on a paradise island**

SYDNEY (AFP) – An Australian state is offering internationally what it calls "the best job in the world" – earning a top salary for lazing around a beautiful tropical island for six months. The job pays 150,000 Australian dollars (105,000 US dollars) and includes a free airfare from the winner's home country to Hamilton Island on the Great Barrier Reef, Queensland's state government announced on Tuesday.

In return, the "island caretaker" will be expected to walk daily across the white sand beaches, snorkel in the reef, and take care of "a few minor tasks" – and report to a global audience via weekly internet blogs, photo diaries and video updates.

The successful applicant, who will stay for free in a three-bedroom beach home with its own swimming pool and golf course, must be a good swimmer, excellent communicator and be able to speak and write in English fluently.

"They'll also have to talk to the media from time to time about what they're doing, so they can't be too shy, and they'll have to love the sea, the sun and outdoor activities," said state Premier Paul Lucas.

"The fact that they will be paid to explore the islands of the Great Barrier Reef, swim, snorkel and generally live the Queensland lifestyle makes this undoubtedly the best job in the world."

Lucas said the campaign was part of a project to protect the state's 18 billion Australian dollar a year tourism industry during the difficult economic times connected with the global financial crisis.

"Traditional tourism advertising just doesn't bring in the expected results any more and we are thinking outside the box by launching this unconventional campaign."

Queensland Tourism Minister Desley Boyle said some people might question if it was risky to let an unknown person become an unofficial tourism spokesperson for the state.

"I think the biggest risk will be that the successful candidate won't want to go home at the end of the six months," she said.

"This is a legitimate job which is open to everyone."

Applications are open until February 22. Eleven shortlisted candidates will be flown to Hamilton Island in early May for the final selection process and the six-month contract will start on July 1.

**21. What is NOT included in the Australian job offer?**

- A) A good pay.
- B) Free accommodation.
- C) A return airplane ticket.
- D) Sporting facilities.

**22. What is NOT among the job responsibilities?**

- A) Taking photographs and video-recording.
- B) Using the Internet for communication.
- C) Playing golf.
- D) Swimming and snorkeling in the sea.

**23. The job is offered by**

- A) Australia's federal parliament.
- B) Queensland's state government.
- C) a Hamilton Island tourist agency.
- D) the Great Barrier Reef media company.

**24. Candidates for the job should be**

- A) qualified reporters.
- B) single.
- C) good at communicating in English.
- D) citizens of Australia.

**25. In the final stage of the job selection process, \_\_\_\_\_ applicants will take part.**

- A) all
- B) less than a dozen
- C) half a dozen
- D) over a dozen

**Directions:** Read the text below. Then read the questions that follow it and choose the best answer to each question among A, B, C or D, marking the answer on your answer sheet.

**Say "Cheese"**

"We are sleepwalking into a society of secret observation," warns the UK Information Office. Protesters say that government, business and criminals can access cameras, cards, phones and databases. In 2007 the digital storage of personal information on PCs, websites, cameras, company files and medical records reached 281 billion gigabytes: enough to fill 1.5 billion iPods. You can put a tag on your pet, child or partner to check where they go. "The more personal information collected," says David Smith of the Information Office, "the

greater the risk that it will be wrong, or will end up in the wrong hands.” In October 2008, the UK government lost two disks containing 25 million citizens’ bank details. Prime minister Gordon Brown apologized.

The UK has 4.2 million security cameras, one for every 15 people. The British are filmed 300 times a day, which makes them the most watched country in the world. It is considered that Middlesbrough council’s cameras have reduced crime with loudspeakers announcing: “Your behaviour is being recorded. The police are attending.” A man robbing a camera shop was filmed 22 times – and quickly arrested. US senator Joe Lieberman was so impressed by the UK’s response to terrorist threats, that he suggested more cameras in America. But cameras do not prevent attacks; it’s not proved that they reduce crime. In Lubbock, Texas, they caused corruption, when the red lights were manipulated in order to fine motorists.

**26. The UK Information office warns that**

- A) a group of people are creating a secret society.
- B) the British may be videotaped while they are sleeping.
- C) the government has banned secret videotaping.
- D) the British are being watched more and more often.

**27. In 2007 a huge amount of personal information was**

- A) kept on various kinds of storage devices.
- B) stored on more than a billion iPods.
- C) published on medical websites.
- D) lost by the United Kingdom government.

**28. A UK Information Office representative believes that**

- A) collecting more and more personal information is dangerous.
- B) the personal information collected in the past was wrong.
- C) personal information is often collected by the wrong people.
- D) collecting information about children and pets is very useful.

**29. According to the text, the British can be said to hold a world record for**

- A) the number of films they watch a day.
- B) the attention they receive from other countries.
- C) the number of times they are secretly watched.
- D) the number of cameras they own.

**30. Which of the following is NOT true?**

- A) The British prime minister apologized when a lot of personal data were lost.
- B) There is clear evidence that cameras lead to lower crime rates.
- C) An American politician wants to introduce more cameras in the US.
- D) Civil servants sometimes use security cameras dishonestly.

## PART THREE: USE OF ENGLISH

### Section One: Cloze Test

**Directions:** Read the text and the sentences below. For each numbered gap choose the letter (A, B, C or D) of the word or phrase that best completes each space, marking your answer on your answer sheet.

Hi! You've probably been wondering why there haven't been any blog posts since Nairobi. Well, "the bush" does not offer a lot of Internet (31) \_\_\_\_\_ (should be no surprise there, I guess), and our days have been very full. We finally have Internet, although it is still (32) \_\_\_\_\_. It's not in our room and there is only one computer for the hotel and the connection is slow, plus everyone wants to check email when they can so I need to (33) \_\_\_\_\_ computer time.

We spent our first two days in Tarangier National Park. We were so happy to finally (34) \_\_\_\_\_ it to "the bush" – it was time to see some animals. As soon as we stepped (35) \_\_\_\_\_ the plane, we got into our open air jeeps and the real journey began. We saw gazelles and impalas right (36) \_\_\_\_\_. We continued on our two-hour safari, seeing lots of animals on our way to the hotel. We stayed in tree-top (37) \_\_\_\_\_ that were amazing.

We arrived at Ngorongoro Crater yesterday. As soon as we arrived to the park, we were greeted by baboons – (38) \_\_\_\_\_ hanging out in the parking lot and in the trees just around it.

Africa is absolutely amazing. Magical even. Hard to (39) \_\_\_\_\_ into words how moved we are by the country. My time is limited; I (40) \_\_\_\_\_ for the brief detail, but I wanted to post a few pictures for you all to see.

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|-------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 31. A) access     | B) admission   | C) entry      | D) entrance  |
| 32. A) restrained | B) constrained | C) confined   | D) limited   |
| 33. A) spare      | B) share       | C) divide     | D) save      |
| 34. A) make       | B) do          | C) leave      | D) cross     |
| 35. A) beyond     | B) from        | C) off        | D) down      |
| 36. A) out        | B) away        | C) on         | D) down      |
| 37. A) cottages   | B) barracks    | C) huts       | D) bungalows |
| 38. A) literately | B) literary    | C) literarily | D) literally |
| 39. A) put        | B) place       | C) form       | D) shape     |
| 40. A) excuse     | B) apologize   | C) feel sorry | D) feel pity |

41. Despite the efforts of naturalists, the populations of many \_\_\_\_\_ species are rapidly decreasing.

- A) defended      B) protected      C) sheltered      D) preserved

42. The Bordeaux region is \_\_\_\_\_ for the production of red wines of the finest quality.

- A) noted      B) notorious      C) noticed      D) noticeable

43. The \_\_\_\_\_ fauna of Australia makes the continent a preferred destination for many naturalists.  
 A) single                      B) only                      C) exclusive                      D) unique
44. A couple of years ago Melnik was a \_\_\_\_\_ town – centre of wine production and trade.  
 A) blooming                      B) blossoming                      C) flourishing                      D) flowering
45. There is a breathtaking \_\_\_\_\_ over the Rabisha lake from the exit of the Magoura cave.  
 A) look                      B) site                      C) scenery                      D) view

### Section Two: Sentence Completion

**Directions:** Read the sentences and for each numbered gap, choose the letter (A, B, C or D) of the word or phrase that best completes its meaning, marking your answer on your answer sheet.

46. I don't suppose you could lend me some money, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A) do you                      B) could you                      C) don't you                      D) couldn't you
47. \_\_\_\_\_ London of the 19<sup>th</sup> century was much different from what it looks like today.  
 A) A                      B) This                      C) The                      D) That
48. Don't bother with writing these reports. I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ those letters instead.  
 A) type                      B) are typing                      C) typed                      D) would type
49. He had hardly opened his mouth to speak \_\_\_\_\_ someone in the audience threw an egg at him.  
 A) when                      B) as                      C) than                      D) that
50. She is always worth \_\_\_\_\_ because she is very good at her subject.  
 A) listen to                      B) listened to                      C) listening to                      D) to listen to

### Section Three: Sentence Transformations

**Directions:** On your sheet for open-ended answers complete the second sentence so that it is as close as possible in meaning to the first one.

51. Not only did they lay the table but decorated the whole house too.

They .....

52. The last time we saw each other was two months ago.

We.....for.....

**53. Jane works so hard that she always gets the highest marks at school.**

Jane is.....

**54. It's a pity she can't visit her parents to ask for support.**

She wishes.....

**55. "Have you ever written a letter to an international institution?" my boss wanted to know.**

My boss was .....

**56. He can't afford a new house even though he runs his own business.**

Despite.....

**57. She managed to persuade her boss to give her a pay rise.**

She succeeded.....

**58. Surely she told them the truth about the accident.**

She.....

**59. "How long has she been doing the housework?", he asked.**

He asked .....

**60. The police are interviewing him in connection with the accident.**

He.....

#### **PART FOUR: WRITING**

**Directions:** *On your sheet for open-ended answers write a composition of about 140-170 words on **ONE** of the following topics:*

**1.** Describe the most unusual adventure you have ever had. What was it like? When did it happen? How did you feel and react? Why will you never forget the experience?

**2. Do stars have hearts?** What are the differences and similarities between celebrities and ordinary people? Have you got an idol? What is he / she like?