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Задания I этапа областной олимпиады
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VIII класс

Total: 75 points

Part A. Read the text and do the following tasks.

1. Byron was born in England and spent his childhood in Scotland. Though he was born with a lame foot and could not walk very well, he was born a very good sportsman and played cricket for his school.
2. Although Byron came from an artistic family, he raised his voice to call men to active struggle against the social evil of the time. In 1809 he went abroad. He visited many European countries and wherever he went, he saw oppression and injustice.
3. After his return he, by right of birth, became a member of the House of Lords. In his first speech in Parliament he opposed the policy of the British government against the workers. When the English bourgeois society realized what Byron was, they made life intolerable for him.
4. In 1816 he left England forever. He went to live in Italy. Soon Byron joined the Italian movement for national liberation against Austrian oppression. After the suppression of the Italian movement for independence Byron went to Greece and joined the Greeks in their struggle for liberty against the Turks. There he fell ill and in a few days died. His death was mourned by the progressive people all over Europe.
5. Byron's romantic dissatisfaction with life and his protest against political tyranny were expressed in his poems with great clarity. He struggled against despotism with both pen and sword. In his poems *Don Juan*, *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*, and *The Corsair* we feel the titanic of Byron's poetry; our mind is captured by his bold images, his beautiful pictures of nature, his passionate verse and satirical wit. Byron's works have lived because of their revolutionary spirit, their descriptions of nature, their keen insight into the heart of man.

I. Answer the questions choosing the right option (3 points):

1. What is the next about?

- a) Byron's life b) romantic poetry c) struggle for liberty
2. In which paragraph can you read about Byron's work in the Parliament?
a) 1 b) 2 c) 3
3. In which paragraph can you read about Byron's poetry?
a) 3 b) 4 c) 5

II. Guess the meaning of underlined words choosing the right option (3 points):

1. Though he was lame he was a very good sportsman. (line 2)
a) He had problems while walking.
b) He couldn't see very well.
c) He had some extra weight
2. In his first speech in the Parliament he opposed the policy of the British government. (line 9)
a) spoke against b) supported c) asked about
3. The English bourgeois society realized what Byron was.
a) examined b) wanted to know c) understood

III. Mark the statements *True, False* or *No Information* (4 points):

1. Byron is a famous British poet. _____
2. Byron fought for the interests of his own class. _____
3. The government did not support Byron's views. _____
4. Byron supported the liberation movement in Turkey. _____

IV. Complete the sentences. Write 4-5 words (6 points):

1. Byron moved to Italy in _____
2. In Italy he fought against _____
3. In Greece he helped _____

Part B. Lexical-Grammar Test.

V. Choose the right word to complete the sentences (5 points):

1. Kevin always boasts that he *can/may* swim best of all his friends.
2. At last they *could/were able to* see the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben.
3. *May/can* you explain something to me, Dad?
4. I don't have enough money to take the bus, so I *must/have to* walk home.
5. Your back hurts and the box is heavy. You *mustn't/shouldn't/don't have to* carry it.

VI. Only one of the 5 sentences is correct. Spot the mistakes and correct them (5 points):

1. Everybody / asks Mikes / why is he so angry. _____
A B C
2. Richard said / they are going / to have a party on Sunday. _____

- A B C
3. The teacher said / that the water boils / at 100 degrees Centigrade. _____
- A B C
4. Mother told Ronda / that she will go shopping / after work. _____
- A B C
5. The doctor said Nick / that he / should give up smoking. _____
- A B C

VII. From a new word to fill in the gap (7 points):

1. The teachers were very _____ to David. *friend*
2. I can't _____ the sleeves of my coat myself, *short*
so I have to go to the tailor's.
3. The sky was _____ and it was going to rain. *cloud*
4. Your new dress looks very _____. *fashion*
5. The opening of any Olympiad is a very _____ *impress*
ceremony.
6. Her _____ model costs 25 million rubles. *favour*
7. It is very _____ for her. *expense*

VIII. Choose the correct option (10 points):

Once upon a time there lived a man who was very fond of travelling. One day he (1) _____ down a country lane when a four legged chicken (2) _____ very fast across the road in front of his car.

So he (3) _____ to the nearest farm and said to the farmer: "Excuse me but I (4) _____ four-legged chicken."

The farmer answered that he (5) _____ four-legged chicken for about 5 years.

The traveler asked the farmer (6) _____ him a chicken because his friends (7) _____ him.

"But I (8) _____ you a chicken. Though I (9) _____ them for all these years I (10) _____ one yet."

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| 1. a) was driving | b) has been driving | c) drove |
| 2. a) was running | b) run | c) ran |
| 3. a) goes | b) went | c) was going |
| 4. a) have just seen | b) just saw | c) had just seen |
| 5. a) have been breeding | b) had been breeding | c) was breeding |
| 6. a) sell | b) selling | c) to sell |
| 7. a) will never believe | b) would never believe | c) would believe never |
| 8. a) can't sell | b) can't to sell | c) not can sell |
| 9. a) had been breeding | b) have been breeding | c) am breeding |
| 10. a) haven't caught | b) hasn't caught | c) didn't have caught |

IX. Fill in the gaps with *a, an, the* if necessary (5 points):

Anna has been living in (1) _____ Great Britain for 2 years. She studies (2) _____ English medieval history at (3) _____ London University. One of her favourite places of interest is (4) _____ Trafalgar Square with its museums, monuments and fountains. She is also fond of looking at (5) _____ Thames from Victoria Embankment.

X. Fill in the gaps with the suitable word from the box (5 points):

Late lately high highly hard hardly slow

1. To pass your exams you must work _____.
2. It was so dark in the street that I could _____ see anything around.
3. What a shame! You are 40 minutes _____!
4. The falcon flies _____ in the sky.
5. Mary always speaks _____ of her friends.

XI. Complete the sentences putting the verbs in brackets in the correct form (Infinitive or V-ing) (11 points):

1. I have no idea what (do) _____ after classes.
2. Ken wrote to me he was looking forward to (see) _____ us at Christmas.
3. Don't forget (do) _____ your homework tonight.
4. Did you have a good time (play) _____ table tennis?
5. Charles says he promises (give up) _____ (smoke) _____.
6. I have always tried (be) _____ a good sister.
7. While travelling why not (drive) _____ by car?
8. Hello! Did you have any difficulty (find) _____ us?
9. I am finishing (read) _____ the article.
10. Cheer up and keep (smile) _____.

XII. Complete the dialogue by writing questions to the given answers (5 points):

Mary wants to know more about her friend Amanda's family.

- (1) _____ or _____?
- I have a younger sister. Her name is Faith.
- (2) _____?
- She is 10.
- (3) I wonder _____?
- No, she cannot play tennis. But she is good at swimming.
- (4) _____?
- It was our father who taught her to swim well.
- (5) _____, wouldn't she?
- It is her dream to become a famous swimmer.

XIII. Find the Russian equivalents of the following English proverbs and idioms (6 points):

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| 1. Keep the beaten track. | a. За погляд денег не берут. |
| 2. Small rain lays great dust. | b. Идти по проторенной дорожке. |
| 3. A cat may look at a king. | c. Посеешь дождь – пожнешь бурю. |
| 4. To work like a horse. | d. Работать как вол. |
| 5. To let the cat out of the bag. | e. Разболтать секрет по всему миру. |
| 6. It comes once in a blue moon. | f. Это происходит очень редко. |