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Вариант 2

ЛЕКСИКО-ГРАММАТИЧЕСКИЙ ТЕСТ

You are going to read a text on the life of a famous person. For questions 1-15, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, or C) best fits each gap.

Arkwright is considered the father of the modern industrial factory system and his inventions were a catalyst (1) ____ the Industrial Revolution.

Richard Arkwright was born in Preston in 1732, the son of a tailor. Money was not (2) ____ to send him to school, but his cousin Ellen taught him to read and write.

He began working as an apprentice barber and it was only after the death of his first wife (3) ____ he became an entrepreneur. His second marriage to Margaret Biggins in 1761 brought a small income that enabled him to (4) ____ his barber's business. He acquired a secret method for (5) ____ hair and travelled around the country purchasing human hair for use in the manufacture of wigs. (6) ____ this time he also looked to mechanical inventions in the field of textiles to make his fortune.

By 1767, a machine for carding cotton (7) ____ into England and James Hargreaves had invented the spinning jenny. With the help of a clockmaker, John Kay, who had been working on a mechanical spinning machine, Arkwright (8) ____ improvements that produced a stronger yarn and required (9) ____ physical labour. His new carding machine was patented in 1775.

Arkwright's fortunes continued to rise and he constructed a horse-driven spinning mill at Preston – the first of (10) ____ . He developed mills in which the whole process of yarn manufacture was carried on by one machine and this was (11) ____ complemented by a system in which labour was divided, greatly (12) ____ efficiency and increasing profits. Arkwright was also the first (13) ____ James Watts' steam engine to power textile machinery, (14) ____ he only used it to pump water to the millrace of a waterwheel. From the combined use of the steam engine and the machinery, the power loom was (15) ____ developed.

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1	A. to	B. for	C. on
2	A. only	B. but	C. available
3	A. before	B. that	C. where
4	A. expand	B. engross	C. lengthen
5	A. dying	B. dyed	C. dyeing
6	A. Of	B. During	C. On
7	A. was introducing	B. had been introduced	C. had introduced
8	A. had	B. did	C. made
9	A. the little	B. fewer	C. less
10	A. many	B. much	C. the few
11	A. far	B. farther	C. further
12	A. improving	B. being improved	C. having improved
13	A. using	B. to use	C. having used
14	A. despite	B. in spite of	C. though
15	A. lastly	B. eventually	C. largely

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ФРАЗОВАЯ СВЯЗНОСТЬ

You are going to read an excerpt from a book on language policy.

Match two halves of the sentences below. There is one extra letter you do not need to use.

The beginnings of the sentences follow the same order as the full sentences in the original excerpt.

1. It is often claimed that English dominates computers and the internet, and	A less important on the Internet, other languages, such as Chinese, Russian, Spanish, and Portuguese, are becoming comparatively more important.
2. That may have been true in the early days of the technology, but lack of English is no	B longer the barrier it once was.
3. While English isn't becoming any	C probably been overestimated.
4. The dominance of English on the internet has	D rapidly become a multilingual affair.
5. What began as an anglophone phenomenon has	E though it is far from the truth.
	F that those wishing to use either must first learn English.

ТЕКСТОВАЯ СВЯЗНОСТЬ

You are going to read a film review.

First, read the text and fill in the blanks (A-E) with the words (F-K) from the list. One word is extra. Then, read the text again and fill in the blanks (1-5) with the sentences (6-11) from the list. One sentence is extra.

The Jedi Knights Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan Kenobi are sent to find a solution to the Trade Federation's trade embargo of the planet Naboo. Soon they realise that evil forces are at **A** ... (1)

_____.

However, their spaceship breaks down, and they have to do an emergency landing on the planet Tatooine. (2) _____. He joins the group, which also include the clumsy 'Gungan' Jar Jar Binks and the loveable droid R2-D2.

As the adventure **B** ... , the presence of evil becomes increasingly apparent, as the Sith Lord Darth Maul and his double bladed light sabre closes in on Queen Amidala and the Jedis.

Since the original release of this film in 1999, no stone has been left **C** Discussions have been intense, and, put simply, passions frequently run high when the immensely popular Star Wars saga is debated. Is Jar Jar Binks ridiculously annoying or quite cool? Is the story plain and robbed of charm, or does it offer an action filled and exciting start to the saga? (3) _____. Some will find the film splendid, others will writhe with annoyance.

In this **D** ... , the film has been refreshed with 3D-technology; however, the result is not a noticeably improved film experience. As with many other productions not especially designed for the 3D-format, the images don't have the same quality of depth as films such as 'Avatar'. (4) _____. Whatever your feelings about the film as a whole, it's hard not to get excited when the light sabres come out and the dramatic music **E** ... from the speakers.

(5) _____.

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F release
G thunders
H unfolds
I unobserved
J unturned
K work

6. For new viewers and others who would like to watch the film again, this film offers a great opportunity to watch one of the most legendary film series of all time.
7. However, the Star Wars Saga boasts better 3-D effects than 'Avatar'.
8. On the other hand, there's no doubt that the Star Wars saga is great to watch on the big screen.
9. They have to fight their way out of an assassination attempt, and, after teaming up with Queen Amidala of Naboo, they decide to travel to the planet Coruscant in the hope of finding a peaceful solution to the conflict.
10. This will prove to be a decisive event in the destiny of the Galaxy, as they encounter Anakin Skywalker, a young boy with whom the Force is unusually strong.
11. We will not take sides, just suggest to new viewers that it's a bit of an 'either/or' question.

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СОКРАЩЕНИЕ ПИСЬМЕННОГО ТЕКСТА

You are going to read an article on art from an encyclopaedia. Read the text and, in a sentence of 15-30 words, summarise in your own words the main idea of each paragraph.

§1 The Dreyfus affair, social conflict, rapid technological change, and the seemingly senseless slaughter of World War I made a mockery, a ridicule of old values. Dadaism, a style of poetry, was a revolt against a world that man's intelligence had failed to control. Dadaism's successor, surrealism, was equally anti-intellectual. By using such techniques as automatic writing, the surrealist poets attempted to plumb (i.e. experience) their subconscious. The principal surrealist poets were André Breton, Paul Éluard, and Louis Aragon.

§2 André Gide attacked traditional values in his novels 'The Immoralist', 'The Pastoral Symphony', and 'The Counterfeiters'. Gide established sincerity to oneself as a basic theme of 20th-century literature. The symbol-laden plays of Paul Claudel gave Roman Catholicism as an answer to human problems. His beautiful 'The Tidings Brought to Mary' is the most understandable of Claudel's plays.

§3 A new generation of novelists worked out personal solutions to the problem of a meaningful existence. The powerful novels of François Mauriac depicted the anguish of the individual in a world without God. Henry de Montherlant boasted the values of virile individualism. Jean Giono suggested a return to nature. André Malraux advocated revolutionary action. Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's tale of 'The Little Prince', a child's fable written for adults, described the brotherhood of man.

§4 World War II confirmed for many writers the absurdity of man's existence in a meaningless universe. Albert Camus studied this absurdity in 'The Stranger' but suggested that man could revolt because he is free. Later, in 'The Plague', he argued the need for action against absurd catastrophe. Camus's 'The Fall' was less optimistic.

§5 The existentialist Jean-Paul Sartre rejected the belief in a complete personal freedom. He maintained that man is responsible for himself and for the world. Sartre and his longtime companion, Simone de Beauvoir, have usually portrayed antiheroes—that is, characters who have failed to recognize their own freedom and exercise it.

ПОНИМАНИЕ ПИСЬМЕННОГО ТЕКСТА

*You are going to read a newspaper article on education. Read the text and answer the questions that follow. Decide whether each statement is **True** or **False** and provide your arguments drawn from the text to justify your choice. The proof should be given in your own words.*

It's been a few weeks since I started this journey to learn Spanish using nothing but my smartphone. And don't get me wrong, Duolingo is a well-designed app with lots of fancy features like gamification, social media integration and even offline lessons (so I can use it on the train). But at this point I need to admit that there are some issues with trying to learn a language this way.

The biggest issue is structure, or lack thereof. Both of the foreign languages that I previously spent time learning (German and Mandarin Chinese), I learned in a classroom – at school and university. These classes provided a certain motivational structure for keeping up with your lessons. Namely, if I didn't learn all the vocabulary for the next day's German or Chinese lesson, my teachers Herr Belmont or Xu Laoshi would give me a seriously nasty look and I would feel ashamed. And perhaps shame's not the best motivation tool out there, but here's the thing – it kept me motivated.

With Duolingo, I've found that my initial fondness for using the app – a sort of "hooray, shiny new toy!" enthusiasm – has waned. I've definitely done my best to keep up using it daily, but... you know how life, work and trips to New Orleans and Las Vegas can get in the way (the Vegas trip was for work, I swear). And the issue is that (other than my editor) it doesn't really affect anyone whether I review old lessons or press on to new ones in the app. There's no teacher to admonish me or (perhaps more importantly) peer group to keep up with.

I think ultimately, language learning, much like language itself, might be an inherently social pursuit. There's a very obvious facet of this, one that I actually haven't even touched on yet – languages require speaking to other people, which is completely absent from how Duolingo works.

Really I think the social dynamic of language learning goes beyond speaking, because I actually had a somewhat similar experience a few years ago when I started going to a Mandarin tutor in Chinatown here in New York, in anticipation of a move I was about to make to Beijing, years after studying Mandarin in college.

I'd go to Mr Wu's office once a week, and we'd have conversations reviewing the Mandarin I studied in college. And it was great, but really only during the hour I was in his office. Once I walked the few blocks out of Chinatown and back into my Mandarin-less world, I'd immediately start losing what we'd practised, and without any real community of Mandarin learners to stay on pace with, I didn't really feel motivated to practise before the next lesson.

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I'm going to keep at it for the next couple weeks with Spanish on Duolingo, but I'm a little sceptical that any person can really learn a language without other people playing a part.

1-5. Choose whether the statements are **True (T)** or **False (F)** and, to justify your choice, provide your proof from the text in your own words.

Example : (0) The statement is true because the narrator has never read a single book in the original and has not demonstrated any interest in the subject.

1. The main problem with applications facilitating learning languages is that they don't create the necessary conditions for consistent or regular work.
2. The author's teachers' strict attitude made him dislike his lessons in a foreign language.
3. The author doesn't need to see if he progresses at the same rate as his fellow students.
4. The lack of a natural communication environment discouraged the author from devoting himself to his Chinese lessons with a tutor.
5. According to the author, even a well-designed phone application, no matter how much flexibility it gives the learning process, cannot replace human interaction.

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Эссе

Thomas Carruthers, an educational theorist, once said, "A teacher is one who makes himself progressively unnecessary."

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge and experience. Write 200-250 words.

Remember! Your essay must consist of the introduction, the body of paragraphs and the conclusion.

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