Задание 10
Установите соответствие между текстами A–G и заголовками 1–8. Запишите свои ответы в таблицу. Используйте каждую цифру только один раз. В задании один заголовок лишний.

1. A lasting relationship
2. An inspirational city
3. An unexpected discovery
4. A brilliant celebration
5. A random birthday
6. Undestroyed beauty
7. The future of the city
8. Not intellectual enough

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<td>A. Nobody knows when Moscow first appeared on the face of the earth. It is true that the first mention of Moscow dates back to 1147, but by that time it had probably been around for a while and was big enough to be mentioned in the Russian chronicles. Still, it is convenient to use that date to celebrate Moscow's anniversaries which we are doing this year – Moscow has turned 870, a respectable age for one of the biggest capitals in the world!</td>
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<td>B. Throughout its history, Moscow has been visited by many English speakers. The first British people arrived in Moscow in 1553 by accident. In the age of great geographical discoveries, when Spanish and Portuguese navigators were sailing the world in search of the shortest way to Asia, British merchants tried to find their own way – through the Arctic. When they were stopped by ice, they turned their ships south and ended up in Russia.</td>
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<td>C. Ivan the Terrible was happy to meet the first English merchants and granted them privileges to make trade between Russia and Britain easy. This was how The Muscovy Company appeared in Britain. The Czar even granted them a house near the Kremlin. This solid brick building has survived all the fires of Moscow and can be visited today. In 1994, during Queen Elizabeth's visit to Moscow, it was turned into a museum – The Old English Court.</td>
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<td>D. Mr Francis Pargiter was one of the merchants of The Muscovy Company and visited Moscow in the 1660s. He did not leave a written account of his trip, but his impressions of Moscow were recorded by his friend – Samuel Pepys, a Member of Parliament who kept a diary. Mr Pargiter described Moscow as 'a very great city' but mostly with wooden houses and with very few people playing chess and 'not a man that speaks Latin'!</td>
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<td>E. In 1867, Moscow's 720th anniversary, a trip to Moscow was undertaken by the author of “Alice in Wonderland”, Lewis Carrol. He described Moscow as a ‘wonderful city, a city of white houses and green roofs, of conical towers that rise one out of another like a telescope; of bulging glided domes, in which you can see as in looking glass, distorted pictures of the city.’ It is believed that the idea of “Through the Looking Glass” came to the writer during his trip to Russia.</td>
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<td>F. In 1917, during the restless days of the Revolution, when not many people even remembered Moscow’s 770th anniversary, Moscow was visited by the American journalist John Reed. Among the fires and destroyed buildings, he was happy to see St. Basil’s Cathedral untouched: ‘Late at night we went through the empty streets to the great Red Square. The church of Vasili Blazheiny loomed fantastic, its bright-coloured cupolas vague in darkness’.</td>
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<td>G. In 1947, the American writer John Steinbeck witnessed Moscow's 800th anniversary celebration. ‘The walls of the Kremlin and its towers were outlined in electric lights. Every public building was floodlighted. In every public square dance stands had been put up, and in some of the squares little booths, made to look like Russian fairy-tale houses, had been erected for sale of sweets, and ice-cream, and souvenirs’, he wrote in his Russian Journal.</td>
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Задание 11
Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски A–F частями предложения, обозначенными цифрами 1–7. Одна из частей в списке 1–7 — лишняя. Занесите цифры, обозначающие соответствующие части предложений, в таблицу.

The Joy of Reading
Have you ever wondered why people read? Why reading is one of the few things A _________________ for thousands of years? Even before reading became available to the general public, stories were told around campfires, passed down from generation to generation.

First of all, stories are a good way to escape from your ordinary life, to get immersed in another world, if only for a little time. While reading, you can imagine yourself in different situations B ____________, but in the moment that doesn't matter. Whether you're suffering from depression or are just bored, reading is a great distraction.

Similarly, another reason people are attracted to stories, is because they are lonely, very often they feel as if they are the only ones in the world C _____________. Identifying with a fictional character can make a big difference in helping a person understand D ________________.

Other people read because it can be a good way to relax. It can be very nice to sit down and enjoy a good plot unfold, to watch the actions of fictional characters from the side, and to see the consequences of these actions, E ________________.

Lastly, people read because it is the easiest way to gain knowledge in a certain area. Instead of finding a teacher, you can just find a book, sit down, and spend a few hours reading. This way you can study wherever you want, whenever you want F ________________.

There are countless books in the world, and whoever you are, whatever you’re feeling, there is definitely a book out there, just waiting for you to discover it.

1. try to avoid the boredom of life
2. that has consistently remained part of society
3. that they are not alone
4. going through something difficult
5. without having to bear any responsibility
6. that range from unlikely to impossible
7. at your own pace

Пропуск | A | B | C | D | E | F
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Часть предложения

Прочитайте текст и выполните задания 12–18. В каждом задании запишите в поле ответа цифру 1, 2, 3 или 4, соответствующую выбранному Вами варианту ответа.

Lazy summer days vs. landscapers
Whether you’re a first grader proud of the fact you survived your first year of full-day education or a grad student desperate for a study break, summer vacation means one thing to everybody: sleeping in on weekday mornings. There is no alarm to hit at 6:30 and no bus to chase after. And while days might be filled with summer jobs and day camp, those never seem to start quite as early.

So why is there a conspiracy working against students the minute the final bell rings and the last exam is turned in? And the culprit is visible in any given apartment complex, condo community or public park: landscapers.

I have lived in many towns and in homes of different shapes and sizes in my short, 23 years on Earth. And yet, no matter where I call home, I am faced with the same hardship: trying to sleep in on lazy, summer mornings while the lawn mowers are hard at work on public and private yards.

The townhouse neighborhood I called home when I was a little girl was a jam-packed street. We had more than 250 houses on my block alone. One of the things my mom loved about that house was its tiny yard.

My mother does not have a green bone in her body. She has killed every herb garden my sister and I have ever given her. So my mother was thrilled that our front yard was the size of a postage stamp. It, like every other yard on the block, only needed to be trimmed once a month to look good. And yet, every Monday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m., the city-contracted landscaping team would drive down our street and unload two or three industrial mowers and go to work on the little patches of public grass around mail boxes and trees.
Later, when I moved to Michigan, my family and I lived in a condominium complex our first year. As part of the deal, every yard was landscaped with big bushes and tulip patches. But to keep the yards all looking nice and healthy, the owners had full-time landscapers keep up with the maintenance. My mother was thrilled to have a full garden without worrying about killing each plant one by one.

Never having to before, I was thrilled I didn’t have to mow this new yard that was 100 times bigger than the postage stamp one we had before. But I was not so thrilled when the mowers showed up on Saturday mornings. Saturdays! Were they serious? Mowing every yard on the street starting at 7 a.m. on a Saturday.

As an adult out on my own, I like that apartments don’t come with yards I have to maintain. I am just getting the hang of remembering to buy groceries and having my own mailbox to check. If I had to add watering flowers to my to-do list, I would forget. But what I’m not so thrilled about is that Friday mornings is my building’s scheduled mowing day. I live on the first floor of my building, with no way to muffle the roar of the mower against the side of the building when it is directly outside my window. No sleep for me.

I am not so selfish that I don’t understand why mowers work in the morning. Landscapers have multiple customers to serve on any given day, and the earlier they start the earlier they can be done. Plus, it is cooler in the morning, and preferable, rather than at noon when the sun is high in the sky. But students work hard all year and look forward to a break from books, tests and alarm clocks. So, in order to find a common ground between landscapers and students, I send this challenge out into the universe: whoever can build a silent lawn mower will get my undying gratitude, love and affection and whatever else they want, I promise!

Задание 12
What does the author like about summer holidays?
1) She works at a day camp.
2) She can have a summer job.
3) She has no school.
4) She does not have to get up early.

Задание 13
What is the author complaining about mentioning the landscapers?
1) The quality of their work.
2) The noise they make.
3) The plants they tend to.
4) The size of the yards.

Задание 14
The phrase "does not have a green bone in her body" in paragraph 5 (“My mother does not have a green bone in her body”) is closest in meaning to ...
1) is not good at gardening.
2) does not eat greens.
3) does not look after her garden.
4) hates planting flowers.

Задание 15
Which is NOT true about the author’s place in Michigan?
1) Her mother did not like the garden.
2) The mowers worked on weekend mornings.
3) Owners had to hire landscapers.
4) Their yard was much more spacious.

Задание 16
What does the author say about her independent adult life?
1) She misses her Michigan big yard.
2) She is glad to be living without a yard.
3) She suffers from the lack of sleep.
4) She forgets about checking her mailbox.
Задание 17

Landscapers start their work early because ...
1) it feels more comfortable.
2) it is better for watering the flowers.
3) they have a very packed schedule.
4) it’s a customers’ requirement.

Задание 18

What would be the best solution to the problem, according to the author?
1) Invention of a soundless mower.
2) Special agreement with landscapers.
3) Houses without yards.
4) Student protests.

Раздел 3. Грамматика и лексика

Прочитайте приведённые ниже тексты. Преобразуйте, если необходимо, слова, напечатанные заглавными буквами в конце строк, обозначенных номерами 19–25, так, чтобы они грамматически соответствовали содержанию текстов. Заполните пропуски полученными словами. Каждый пробел соответствует отдельному заданию из группы 19–25.

A phone call

19. Among the e-mails waiting for me at work one morning was one from a member of my staff. It was sent from his personal e-mail address and there was only his home phone number. Thinking something was wrong, I immediately called _____ HE

20. A sleepy female voice answered and told me he was at work and _____ home late in the evening. COME

21. The _____ moment was when I remembered that I had recently asked staff members to give me their home numbers. I went right down to the employee’s office to apologize for my call. BAD

22. _____, however, he thanked me. I had awakened his daughter, who had an exam that morning but had forgotten to set her alarm. Thanks to my call, she hadn’t missed the exam. LATE

23. In English-speaking countries they celebrate Valentine’s Day and Mother’s Day. In Russia we celebrate the International Women’s Day. Though it _____ ‘International’, it is observed only in Russia and some CIS countries. CALL

24. Boys and _____ bring flowers and small presents to girls and women they work or study with. MAN

25. It _____ a tradition for husbands to do all house work on that day. There are many jokes about it being the only day of the year when they do this. BECOME

Прочитайте приведённый ниже текст. Образуйте от слов, напечатанных заглавными буквами в конце строк, обозначенных номерами 26–31, однокоренные слова так, чтобы они грамматически и лексически соответствовали содержанию текста. Заполните пропуски полученными словами. Каждый пробел соответствует отдельному заданию из группы 26–31.

Entertaining guests

26. The most usual way to entertain friends at home is to invite them for a meal, either in the evening or at lunch–time on a Sunday. When guests are invited for a meal, they often sit and chat while they have a drink before the meal, and coffee is _____ served afterwards. USUAL

27. Several close friends are sometimes invited at once to make a small party to celebrate a birthday, a child’s coming of age or some special _____ . ACHIEVE

28. These parties are almost always _____ , there is no dress code and in summer, when the weather is fine, people may hold a barbecue in the garden. FORMAL
29. Formal occasions, official receptions for foreign visitors, when written _____ are sent, rarely take place in people’s homes, although they did in the past. **INVITE**

30. The host often provides _____ kinds of entertainment, or at least entertains guests with interesting stories and merry jokes. **VARY**

31. The _____ meal is often followed by party games or dances which are intended to amuse or interest people in a way that gives them pleasure and make them enjoy the party. **TASTE**

A trip to Thailand

I have always been interested in various cultures especially those completely alien to us. Thus, imagine my delight when my father **32** me that he was taking us on a holiday to Bangkok and from there to visit a remote tribe that lives about 200 kilometers north of the capital city. As my father explained, the tribe lives an isolated life and the members are cut **33** from the rest of the world in terms of their unique and even weird cultural practices.

During our trip I have noticed that the Thai people are very friendly and their greetings are very **34** to the Indians’. For example, when they meet you they bring their palms together in a prayer-like position and bend their bodies a little as a way of welcoming and acknowledging you. It would definitely **35** you feel as an honored guest. At first, I was rather **36** by these greeting traditions which seemed so unusual and respectful to me. Surprisingly, soon I got used to doing that myself and **37** this procedure during my entire trip to Thailand. We spent only two fantastic days in Bangkok before heading **38** the remote village which was going to be the most exciting time of our lives, dad promised. We were excited and could not wait seeing everything with our own eyes!

Задание 32
Вставьте пропущенное слово:
1) spoke
2) said
3) talked
4) told

Задание 33
Вставьте пропущенное слово:
1) out
2) back
3) off
4) down

Задание 34
Вставьте пропущенное слово:
1) equal
2) near
3) similar
4) alike

Задание 35
Вставьте пропущенное слово:
1) hold
2) take
3) keep
4) make
Задание 36
Вставьте пропущенное слово:
1) attached
2) influenced
3) related
4) impressed

Задание 37
Вставьте пропущенное слово:
1) enjoyed
2) preferred
3) amused
4) pleased

Задание 38
Вставьте пропущенное слово:
1) against
2) towards
3) besides
4) within

Задание 39
You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Nicole who writes:

...When I think about leaving school it is clear I’m going to miss my school friends, classes and teachers very much. They’re so important to me. We seem to be very friendly and enthusiastic about participating in all the school events. What does school mean to you? Do you feel the same about it? Do you think you will miss school? Are you going to meet your school friends after you finish school?

I have lived in London most of my life but I’d really love to travel to other countries...

Write a letter to Nicole. In your letter answer her questions, ask 3 questions about her plans for travelling. Write 100—140 words. Remember the rules of letter writing.

Структура письма

Обращение, 

В начале письма автор обычно а) б) 

Подпись автора (имя)
Dear Nicole,
Thank you for your letter, and sorry I didn’t write you back earlier. I spent time preparing to school exams.
I totally understand your mood and thoughts about leaving school. Last days at school are very sad: I’m thinking a lot about not seeing closest people like friends or teachers every day. For me school is a second home, though I had and I still have some problems with my studies it doesn’t change my attitude toward it. I’m not going to miss the school cause we always have to move forward and not look back. I’m 100% sure that after leaving school friends from my class and I will meet quite often. Our company is very friendly.
Anyway, you’ve mentioned travelling. Would you like to travel before going to university? What countries would you like to visit? Do you want to take your parents with you?
I’ve got to go as my dad is asking me to help him with his car.
Write back soon.
Best wishes,
Alina

Задание 40
Выберите только ОДНО из двух предложенных высказываний и выразите своё мнение по предложенной проблеме согласно данному плану.
Comment on one of the following statements.
1. Some people think that to be a success you need talent; others believe that hard work can compensate for the lack of it.
2. Virtual Internet communication results in losing real-life social skills.
What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement? Write 200–250 words. Use the following plan:
- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- explain why you don’t agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

Задачи:
- Во вступлении перефразировать проблему;
  - Задание 1: ________________________________;
  - Задание 2: ________________________________;
  - Задание 3: ________________________________;
  - Задание 4: ________________________________;
  - Задание 5: ________________________________;
  - Задание 6: ________________________________;
There are many people who think that to be a success you need talent. However, there are others, who think that hard work can compensate for the lack of it.

As far as I am concerned, talent is more important than a hard work. There are many things to be said in favour of this point of view. First of all, talent is your natural ability. You should develop it, because your talent could be useful for a society. What is more, when you do something what are you talented in, work becomes easier and more pleasant. Another advantage of being talented is that talent determines your place in life. You know exactly what you should do and in area you can gain a success.

However, there are people who think that hard work can compensate for the lack of talent. These people are convinced that when you work hard you can develop necessary skills and achieve more than just a talented person.

I cannot agree with this point of view. Development of some skills can take much time if you have no talent. It is rather better to do kind of things that you can do well.

To sum up, every person is talented in something. You should find your gift and develop it, if you want to be a successful person.