

ЗАДАНИЯ второго этапа  
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**1. Понимание устного текста (LISTENING) (10 баллов)**

**Инструкция.** Внесите свои ответы в Бланк для ответов, который прилагается к тесту.

**You will hear someone giving a talk about the famous writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. For questions 1-10, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.**

The speaker remembers reading one of Conan Doyle's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ stories when he was young.

The first Sherlock Holmes story appeared in (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

Conan Doyle lived and worked in the south-east of (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

The person who had the most effect on Doyle's writing was his (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Sherlock Holmes is the hero in (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of Conan Doyle's short stories.

Recent TV series about Sherlock Holmes take place in the (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Sherlock Holmes dies in the story (7) \_\_\_\_\_.

Conan Doyle belonged to an organization called (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

Conan Doyle wrote a famous (9) \_\_\_\_\_ about a young girl who had supposedly photographed herself with fairies.

Initially, Conan Doyle's body was buried in the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ at his home.

**2. Чтение и понимание текста (READING) (10 баллов)**

**Инструкция.** Внесите свои ответы в Бланк для ответов, который прилагается к тесту.

**You are going to read an article about a cruise to Australia. For questions 1-10, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.**

### **Destination Australia**

*Forget long-distance flights and take the boat if you want to arrive in Australia full of energy. You might even enjoy the holiday of a lifetime on the way, says Jan Etherington.*

My son, Tom, made the announcement on New Year's Eve. 'Fran and I are getting married ... 'Hurrah!' ... in Australia.' Now, I've always wanted to go to Australia but like most people, I'm put off by the flight and the thought of arriving pale, exhausted and needing a week to recover. Even with a stopover, you face two long-distance flights. But it doesn't have to be like that. I found a way to arrive suntanned, refreshed, and ready for action. I went by boat, on the *Saga Rose* world cruise. If I'd had the time and money, I could have gone all the way round the world, but the great thing about this cruise is that you can embark and disembark wherever you wish. If you want to get to Australia or New Zealand, take a shorter flight somewhere, join the world cruise and arrive in civilized style. I picked it up in Valparaíso (the port for Santiago, Chile) and sailed on from there to Sydney.

The *Saga Rose* is a good-looking ship. Launched in 1965, she is highly regarded by maritime experts for her elegant lines. Passenger capacity is 587, but we were fewer than 400, with 350, largely Filipino, crew who were smart, efficient and full of good humour. It was the cleanest ship I'd ever seen and the variety and freshness of the meals was impressive, with a welcome freedom to dine in the evening at any time between 7.15 and 9 pm. I met lots of accomplished, funny, clever, attractive people on the ship. Good company and a well-run ship are important, because, on this stretch of the journey, we were together for a month – long enough to learn a skill. I took up salsa, inspired by dance teacher, Thabo, who made us believe we were good enough to perform in front of passengers and crew. Julia's jewellery-making classes were surprisingly popular. Even cynics (like me) were impressed as, using seeds and beads from local sources, students produced desirable costume jewellery. And the watercolour classes gave amateurs the tools to capture the passing scenes more imaginatively than with a digital camera.

Each day brought a once-in-a-lifetime experience. From Santiago, we sailed west, across the South Pacific. As we neared each island, usually at dawn, peering sleepily through binoculars, the dot on the horizon would slowly form a personality. There were no two alike. Easter Island was soft, undulating, like a huge, warm, green pillow. But the knowledge that the islanders had used up their resources and destroyed their environment, by their obsessive building of the giant *Wei* statues, lent it a terrible sadness and mystery. Tahiti looks as if it needs ironing. The volcanic hills are jagged and sharp. Lush and green, it is full of waterfalls and wild forests. A dramatic place, it seems conscious of its role as the most important island in French Polynesia.

Each Pacific island is a long way from its neighbour, which meant many 'sea days'. These proved a lovely way to catch up on reading and while away hours scanning the horizon, where every wave appeared to be a whale or a dolphin. I kept fit by walking the promenade deck every morning (seven circuits is a mile), swimming in the seawater pool and forgoing puddings and cakes (I had a wedding outfit to get into).

As we cruised into Sydney at sunrise, it was like sailing into a familiar postcard. We passed the Opera House, slid under the Harbour Bridge and, on the quayside, Tom and Fran waved banners of welcome. I leapt off, relaxed, fit and full of energy.

**1. In the first paragraph we learn that the writer**

- A does not like travel
- B was not in very good health
- C had not been to Australia before
- D had not seen her son for a long time

**2. By the phrase “I’m put off” (line 3, paragraph 1) the writer means that**

- A she was scared of flying
- B she postponed the travel because of the outcome of the flight
- C she dreamed of traveling by plane
- D her friends and family dissuaded her to go by plane

**3. What, according to the writer, is the main advantage of the *Saga Rose* cruise?**

- A it offers the traveller flexibility
- B it is more affordable than flying
- C it takes the traveller right round the world
- D it is more comfortable than other cruises

**4. The writer says she was pleased that**

- A the ship was not completely full
- B the crew was mainly Filipino
- C she could choose her evening mealtime
- D she had decided to travel alone

**5. The writer says she had not expected**

- A to have to spend so long on board the ship
- B to get on so well with her fellow travellers
- C to enjoy the organized activities so much
- D to see such good results from one of the classes

**6. What does the writer say about the islands in the South Pacific?**

- A she only ever saw them from a distance
- B they were all very different from each other
- C there were two that she did not particularly like
- D she would not choose to return to any of them

**7. She was sad because**

- A she had little sleep
- B she saw a volcano on one of the islands
- C some islanders totally damaged their surrounding nature
- D wild nature was in danger because of human activity

**8. Whilst sailing through the South Pacific, the writer says**

- A she spent a long time on board ship
- B she saw a wide variety of marine life
- C she was able to go swimming in the sea
- D she ate a large amount of sweet food

**9. The writer says that while travelling by ship she manages**

- A to make up for the lack of communications
- B to take up a new habit
- C to take a lot of pictures of the view
- D to keep in shape by doing some physical activities

**10. Which was one of the exciting activities mentioned by the writer?**

- A they made photos of islands
- B they painted pictures of the marine scenes
- C they saw whales and dolphins
- D they bought jewellery

**3. Лексико-грамматический тест (USE OF ENGLISH) (20 баллов)**

**Инструкция.** Внесите свои ответы в Бланк для ответов, который прилагается к тесту.

**PART I**

**Complete this text. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

## Elsa Schiaparelli (1896-1973)

The innovation of a top fashion designer (0) ....can..... greatly influence the public's taste (1) ..... dress.

Elsa Schiaparelli was a French designer (2) ..... ideas shocked the fashion world of the 1930s. Today she is mainly remembered for (3) ..... the padded shoulder popular and introducing (4) ..... the fashion world the colour 'shocking pink'.

Schiaparelli was Italian (5) ..... birth, but attended French, Swiss and English schools before working in the United States. In 1920 she went to Paris where she made friends with Salvador Dali, Jean Cocteau and other surrealist artists who influenced the design of the clothes she made for herself. As a result of wearing (6) ..... own striking black and white sweaters, Schiaparelli began (7) ..... orders from an American store.



In 1929 the store's managers were (8) ..... impressed that they decided to set her (9) ..... in business. Soon she was able to expand into jewellery, perfume, cosmetics, lingerie and swimsuits and to commission her artist friends to create further fashion ideas.

After the war, it was not clear what was going to happen to the fashion industry. But by 1947 Schiaparelli and others (10) ..... re-established Paris as the heart of the fashion world. She continued to spread the city's fashions across the world on a large commercial scale until her death in 1973.

## PART II

**Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

### Rainforest plants

It is estimated that there are 250,000 flowering plants in (0) ...*existence*... today, but thousands of these are still unknown. **exist**  
The (1) ..... rainforests are home to (2) ..... **tropics**  
half of the earth's plant species. Yet an area of rainforest the size of **approximate**

Austria is being (3) ..... destroyed every year. Every day five plants become extinct. This (4) ..... is worrying because many medicines are based on plants. For example, leukemia (5) ..... owe their (6) ..... to chemicals from the flower of the rosy periwinkle; and patients breathe (7) ..... during operations thanks to the thornapple. Even the (8) ..... people sometimes take something first found in willow bark and now known as aspirin. Who knows what as yet (9) ..... weapons against cancer, heart disease or AIDS are being (10) ..... by the ruin of the rainforests?

**thought**  
**destroy**  
**suffer**  
**survive**  
**ease**  
**health**  
**discover**  
**threat**

#### 4. Письменная речь (WRITING) (30 баллов)

**Инструкция.** Выполняйте данное задание на отдельных листах.

Write an opinion essay on one of the following topics (220-250 words).

- 1) "Science has created as many problems as it has solved." How far do you agree or disagree with this statement?
- 2) To what extent do you think psychological factors play a role in approaching important examinations?