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10 класс

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На выполнение олимпиадных заданий отводится 150 минут. Вам предлагается выполнить четыре категории заданий.

При выполнении заданий внимательно читайте инструкцию к каждому заданию.

Максимальное количество баллов за ответы:

- Часть 1. (Reading) - 30 баллов;
- Часть 2. (Writing) - 30 баллов;
- Часть 3. (Grammar) - 20 баллов;
- Часть 4. (Cultural study) - 20 баллов.

Part 1. Reading

You are an editor of a magazine. You have come across an interesting article but some parts of the article have been mixed up. Use the headline and the initial paragraph of the article and put the parts to the title and in the right order so that you should receive the original article.

Tasks 001-010. (10 баллов, по 1 баллу за каждый правильно расположенный абзац текста)

Article 1.

MEN AND WOMEN: LONG LIVE THE DIFFERENCE

The relationship between men and women has been the subject of lively discussion and countless jokes for who knows how long. More poems, stories, and songs have been written about the love between a man and woman than about any other theme. Some of literature's most memorable characters are lovers; take, for example, Romeo and Juliet, Antony and Cleopatra, Tristan and Isolde, Lancelot and Guinevere and Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler. It would seem that men and women simply cannot live without each other. Yet, despite their passionate and irresistible attraction to each other, men and women have a hard time ignoring each other out.

A) No one can dispute the universal biological difference between males and females, without which none of us would be around, as well as the distinct anatomical variations in height, weight, build, physical strength, and so on. On a cellular level, all that differentiates one

gender from the other is the combination of two single chromosomes. A fertilized egg that contains two X chromosomes will develop into a female; if it has one X and one Y chromosome, it will become a male. Sex hormones - especially estrogen and progesterone produced by a female's ovaries and testosterone secreted by the testes in males - are responsible for girls maturing at puberty into women and boys into men. Oxytocin, another important hormone that is released during stress, induces strong emotional attachments in females, while in males high levels of testosterone minimize the effects of this "relationship drug." Women are designed by nature to become pregnant, to give birth, and to nurture. Men, on the other hand, are built to protect their dependents and to provide for them.

B) Just as we learn to use revolutionary new technology in our modern lives, we have the opportunity in the twenty-first century to transcend the patterns of the past and to redefine the way we interact. We cannot change our chromosomes, our hormones, or our brain structure, but we can change our habits, our behavior, and our attitudes toward the opposite sex. Instead of competing against each other, we can cooperate. Instead of showing disdain or ridicule, we can practice respect. Instead of striving for dominance, we can seek balance. We need not only to value the qualities that distinguish us as men and women, but also to maximize the resources that we share as human beings. Maybe men and women can't always live with each other, but they can't live without each other either.

C) Until recently, boys and girls were usually raised from early childhood to fulfil distinct roles in many cultures. These traditional gender roles of leader/hunter/protector and nurturer/ caretaker/homemaker have their roots in tribal, agrarian, or nomadic societies where survival depended on the specific functions that men and women performed. Human society, however, is not static, and as everyday living became less survival-oriented through economic, social, and technological progress, strictly denied gender roles that worked in the past were no longer necessary or appropriate. In the Western world, feminism and the women's liberation movement of the 1960s and 1970s, coupled with universally accessible birth control and legalized abortion, gave women the choice to reproduce or not and freed them from the stereotypes a largely male-dominated society had imposed on them. Social roles can change; biological roles cannot. As a result, men, who were generally comfortable with the status quo, and women, who began demanding more autonomy, equality, and opportunity, were finding themselves at odds. In the 1960s, the "battle of the sexes" began, and as divorce rates of around 50 percent in some countries would indicate, it is still raging.

D) Men and women have been regarded throughout human history as opposites. In Eastern philosophy, this dichotomy is characterized as yin, representing feminine energy, and yang, representing masculine energy. Yin stands for slowness, softness, coldness, wetness, tranquility, and night, while yang symbolizes dryness, heat, aggression, hardness, and daylight. For every typically female characteristic, the opposite is attributed to males. Women are emotional; men are rational. Women are intuitive; men are logical. Women tend to be passive and submissive; men tend to be aggressive and dominant. Women need to communicate; men clam up and withdraw. Women seek relationships and community; men seek independence and power.

E) In addition to playing a role in sexual development, hormones present in the mother's uterus during pregnancy influence the sexual differentiation of the brain. Men's brains are 11 percent larger, because they require more neurons to control their larger bodies and muscles. Men predominantly use the logical, rational left side of the brain, which makes them more skilled at mathematics and problem-solving. Their larger inferior parietal lobule accounts for their superior ability to orient and visualize three-dimensional shapes and to perform mechanical tasks. Women's more compact and efficient brains contain 4 percent more cells and cellular connections, a larger corpus callosum, and more developed Broca's and Wernicke's areas, which are related to language. Women use both hemispheres of the brain to process information, and they are more communicative and creative in their thinking. Women are able to multitask, to carry out preplanned tasks, and to tune into specific stimuli, such as a baby crying at night.

Article 2.

CONFLICTS AT WORK

It would seem that some people are simply incapable of settling scores amicably at work and practicing some good old-fashioned forgiveness. A high court judge was recently forced to order two doctors who were unable to settle a personal dispute to divide their surgery in two by building a wall right through their medical practice. You might think that doctors Anne Rodway, 65, and Paul Landy, 49, were old enough to know better but somehow the two could not manage to work alongside each other. The two set up their partnership three years ago in Sevenoaks, Kent, but stopped talking just three months after their business started. Both staff and around 3,500 patients have been asked to decide on which side their loyalties lie as the practice is formally divided – especially difficult for the staff, who have already had to become used to being paid separately by the warring doctors. Although an extreme case, it demonstrates just how bad things can get when communication and understanding breaks down between colleagues at work. Office feuds can be experienced in even the friendliest of environments. But what to do when faced with one?

A) Listening skills are vital. If the problem is between other colleagues, things can be a bit trickier. You may not be the gallant sort – practicing an unhealthy dose of denial is often what most people would prefer to do – but ignoring the situation will not make it go away. So what are your options? “If you feel you are up to it, try talking with the feuding parties individually and try to understand what the issue is”, advises Clarke. “Make it clear that it is not an acceptable state of affairs”.

B) Whether you are involved directly or an innocent bystander watching others curdle the workplace atmosphere, Jane Clarke, author of “*Office Politics*”, offers some sound advice. “On the whole, people do not like dealing with conflict, but it is very important to grab the bull by the horns. If you feel you are able to, you should try and sort it out. If not, the very least you can do is report it to a manager who should make sure that workers know that bad behavior in the workplace will not be tolerated.”

C) Disputes and ill feelings can arise both among employees or between employee and employer, a fact clearly illustrated by the record numbers of people who contacted the conciliation service ACAS over the past year. Reassuringly, however, 76% of cases were settled through mediation - an indication, perhaps, that rather than working on building walls in the workplace, we should be bringing them down.

D) But what causes acrimony in the first place? Reasons can be as diverse as a clash of personalities, jealousy, backstabbing or a simple misunderstanding. Whatever the cause, there has to be a strong desire to solve the problem if things are to get better. If you are personally involved – and almost all of us have been in one way or another – then the best thing to do, says Clarke, is to try to put yourself in the other person’s shoes. Easier said than done, since empathy is not an easy emotion to come by, even to the most virtuous“. Often it is easy to dump on the other person and blame them totally for the situation but remember it is your problem and you have a responsibility to try to resolve it”, says Clarke.

E) Mediation is another option; get the two parties to sit together and act as a buffer zone. You might have the urge to bash their heads together, but it won’t be terribly constructive. As Clarke says, “Sometimes it is a case of translating. People are often so different that it seems that they speak a different language”. Any meetings between disputing colleagues should have some follow-up. All involved should be made aware of the next steps – failing to do this could mean that the situation repeats itself. Negative energy between people need not produce bad karma. Harnessed creatively, it can actually become a positive force. So, if you are having problems with office dullards who insist on putting downers on any bright new ideas you might have, use their criticism and objections as a way of really testing a brainwave. Surely, if it can survive them, it can survive anyone. Try looking at people’s weaknesses as strengths: assign a pedant to research the finer details of a project; the loudmouth of the office can always be pushed forward when it comes to public speaking.

Tasks 011-020. (10 баллов, по 1 баллу за каждый правильный ответ)

Reread the two assembled texts. Choose the meaning the words and phrases in bold have in one of the texts.

011. The underlined word “**disdain**” means the same as:

- A. humiliation
- B. contempt
- C. disgrace
- D. reverence

012. The underlined word “**tribal**” means the same as:

- A. suburban
- B. rural
- C. immature
- D. ancestral

013. The underlined word “**finding themselves at odds**” means the same as:

- A. picking a fight
- B. settling disagreements
- C. soothing things out
- D. bringing into balance

014. The underlined word “**raging**” means the same as:

- A. reaching a standstill
- B. expiring
- C. proceeding
- D. suspending

015. The underlined word “**predominantly**” means the same as:

- A. intently
- B. mainly
- C. partly
- D. exclusively

016. The underlined word “**warring**” means the same as:

- A. reconciling
- B. coming together
- C. challenging
- D. fighting

017. The underlined word “**sound**” means the same as:

- A. peaceful
- B. reliable
- C. acoustic
- D. hostile

018. The underlined word “**acrimony**” means the same as:

- A. animosity
- B. complacency
- C. scrutiny
- D. adoration

019. The underlined word “loudmouth” means the same as:

- A. coward
- B. cheater
- C. chatterbox
- D. outcast

020. The underlined word “reassuringly” means the same as:

- A. in exasperation
- B. cheerfully
- C. scornfully
- D. encouragingly

Tasks 021-030. (10 баллов, по одному баллу за каждый правильный ответ)

Here is a summary of the article “Men and Women: Long live the difference”. However, it contains some vocabulary, grammar and factual errors. Decide which of the sentences contain an error if any. There can be more than 1 error in a sentence. Some sentences do not have errors at all. If there are no errors in the sentence choose “0”.

021. Men and women have regarded throughout human history as opposite.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4
- F. 5

022. For every typical female characteristic, the opposite is attributed to males.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4
- F. 5

023. No one can dispute the universal biological difference between males and females, without which none of us would be around, as well as the distinct anatomical variations in height, weight, build, physical strength, and so on.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4
- F. 5

024. Men predominantly use the logic, rational left side of the brain, which makes them more skilled at mathematics and problems-solving.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4
- F. 5

025. Women's more compact and efficient brains contain 4 percents more cells and cellular connections, women use both hemispheres of the brain to pass information, and they are more communicative and creative in their thinking.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4
- F. 5

026. Until recently, boys and girls were usually risen from early childhood to fulfil distinct roles in many cultures.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4
- F. 5

027. Human society is static, and as everyday living became less survival-oriented through economic, social, and technological progress, strictly demanded gender roles that worked in the past were no longer necessary or appropriate.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4
- F. 5

028. In the Western world, feminism and the women's liberation movement of the 1960s and 1970s, coupled with universally accessible birth control and legalized abortion, gave women the choice to reproduce or not and freed them from the stereotypes a largely male-dominated society had imposed on them.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4
- F. 5

029. In the twenty-first century people should learn how to change habits, behavior, and attitudes toward the opposite sex and to cooperate instead of competing against each other.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4
- F. 5

030. People need not only to value the quantities that distinguish them as men and women, but to maximize the sources that they share as human beings.

- A. 0
- B. 1

- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4
- F. 5

Part 2. Writing

Tasks 031-035. (10 баллов, по 2 балла за каждое правильно составленное предложение)

Use the following separate words in the order given to write coherent sentences, based on information in the article “Conflicts at work”. You may change the form of the given words. You may use your sentences as parts of your outline for your commentary on the article “Conflicts at work”.

- 031. disputes/ office/ occur/ number of reasons
- 032. diverse/ clash/ jealousy/ backstabbing/ misunderstanding
- 033. failure/ relationships/ serious consequences
- 034. mediation/ constructive/ option/ reconcile/ disputing
- 035. conflicts/ get resolved/ parties/ a solution

Task 036. (Максимальное количество - 20 баллов)

Write your commentary on the article “Conflicts at work”. Your commentary is to be between 180-200 words. You are not allowed to cite from the original text pieces longer than four words running. Your text should contain various points of view including your own.

To fulfill the task successfully you are:

- to briefly convey the content of the article;
- to mention various/possible views of the issue;
- to divide your text into logically connected paragraphs.

Part 3. Use of English

Tasks 037-046. (20 баллов, по 2 балла за каждый правильный ответ)

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **DO NOT CHANGE** the word given. **DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS.** The number of words you should write is specified in the sentence.

The example (0) is done for you.

0) I consider him my worst enemy.

look

I.....my worst enemy. (4 words)

I **look upon him as** my worst enemy.

037. I had spent every last penny of my money.

absolutely

I had _____ whatsoever. (4 words)

038. Brenda didn't worry at all about her exams.

bit

Brenda wasn't the _____ about her exams. (3 words)

039. The accident happened because someone was very careless.

caused

Sheer _____ happen. (5 words)

040. Whale strandings are often caused by illness or injury.

lead

Illness _____ whale strandings. (5 words)

041. Harry swore he would stand by his promise.

back

Harry swore that he would not _____ his promise. (3 words)

042. You have to pay your son's debts, as he is under age.

liable

You _____ your son's debts, as he is under age. (3 words)

043. I think Mark has forgotten about the meeting.

appears

Mark _____ about the meeting. (4 words)

044. The children agreed they would each tidy the playroom on alternate days.

turns

The children agreed _____ the playroom. (7 words)

045. When I tried to make changes to the school timetable, I was faced with a lot of opposition.

against

When I tried to make changes to the school timetable, I _____ a lot of opposition.
(3 words)

046. Reading a thriller is far more enjoyable if you don't know the ending.

nowhere

Reading a thriller is _____ fun if you already know the ending. (4 words)

Part 4. Cultural Study

Tasks 047-056. (20 баллов, по 2 балла за каждый правильный ответ)

Now show how well you know English-speaking countries. Read the article and choose the correct option to complete the text.

Although the island of Britain is sometimes referred to geographically as *Great Britain*, it is mostly a political term. *Great Britain* has been used as an identity that transcends that of English, Welsh, and Scottish, uniting all the peoples of the island in a common loyalty. It was first used as a title by (**047.** _____) of Scotland, who inherited the English throne upon the death of Queen Elizabeth I in 1603. By calling himself "King of Great Britain," James tried,

(048. _____) much success, to dissolve the centuries-long animosities of his English and Scottish subjects.

In 1707 the Kingdom of England and Wales and the Kingdom of Scotland were joined together in (049. _____) to form a new Kingdom of Great Britain. The English and Scottish parliaments each passed an Act of Union. The new kingdom had its capital at the English capital of London, and its institutions, such as (050. _____), were basically continuous with those of England, so many Scots viewed it as an English (051. _____) rather than a union of equals. So did many English. While any hopes for the cessation of English and Scottish identities and enmities were (052. _____) to disappointment, the term *British* did catch on for some things, most important - the British Empire, a common creation of the island's peoples. However, there are some indications that the dissolution of the British Empire has had a corresponding impact on British identity. In the 21st century, British identity seems to be increasingly (053. _____) to the older identities of English, Scots, and Welsh.

The *United Kingdom* is a (054. _____), not a geographical, term. It was originally the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, founded by the Act of Union between Great Britain and Ireland in (055. _____). The Act of Union (056. _____) Ireland's separate parliament, incorporating Irish members in the British parliament as the 1707 act had incorporated the Scots, but with far less success. The term *United Kingdom* was meant to emphasize unity. After most of Ireland became the Irish Free State and eventually the Irish Republic, dissolving its ties with Britain, the remaining realm became known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

047.

- A. James VI
- B. Edward VIII
- C. George VI
- D. Charles III

048.

- A. over
- B. with
- C. above
- D. without

049.

- A. the Act of the Parliament
- B. the Act of Settlement
- C. the Scotland Act
- D. the Act of Union

050.

- A. the Treasury
- B. Parliament
- C. community councils
- D. parish councils

051.

- A. takeover
- B. liberation
- C. release
- D. termination

052.

- A. sent
- B. given
- C. doomed
- D. made

053.

- A. giving way
- B. contradicting
- C. objecting
- D. denying

054.

- A. special
- B. local
- C. political
- D. legitimate

055.

- A. 1810
- B. 1801
- C. 1800
- D. 1790

056.

- A. abolished
- B. transformed
- C. included
- D. separated

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