



**Олимпиада для учителей английского языка  
общеобразовательных организаций  
Вологодской области**

Task 1. You will hear five short extracts in which college students are talking about being a member of a club.

Task A. For questions 1-5, choose from the list (A-H) what made each speaker decide to join the club.

- A. the advice of a friend
- B. seeing an advertisement
- C. wanting to meet people
- D. a desire to try something new
- E. hoping to learn a skill
- F. a need for exercise
- G. wishing to please someone else
- H. going along with a group decision

Speaker 1 - 1

Speaker 2 - 2

Speaker 3 - 3

Speaker 4 - 4

Speaker 5 - 5

Task B. For questions 6-10, choose from a list (A-H) the main disadvantages of being a club member which each speaker mentions.

- A. the cost
- B. the regular commitment
- C. the attitude of other members
- D. the location
- E. the way it's organised
- F. the level of challenge
- G. the timing of sessions
- H. the lack of feedback on progress

Speaker 1 - 6

Speaker 2 -7

Speaker 3 - 8

Speaker 4 -9

Speaker 5-10

Task 2. *Read the text and the questions below. For each question choose a, b or c.*

I was born in 1927, the only child of middle-class parents, both English, and themselves born in the grotesquely elongated shadow, which they never rose sufficiently above history to leave, of that monstrous dwarf Queen Victoria. I was sent to a public school, I wasted two years doing my national service, I went to Oxford; and there I began to discover I was not the person I wanted to be.

I had long before made the discovery that I lacked the parents and ancestors I needed. My father was, through being the right age at the right time rather than through any great professional talent, a brigadier; and my mother was the very model of a would-

be major-general's wife. That is, she never argued with him and always behaved as if he were listening in the next room, even when he was thousands of miles away. I saw very little of my father during the war, and in his long absences I used to build up a more or less immaculate conception of him, which he generally—a bad but appropriate pun—shattered within the first forty-eight hours of his leave.

Like all men not really up to their job, he was a stickler for externals and petty quotidian things; and in lieu of an intellect he had accumulated an armoury of capitalized key-words like Discipline and Tradition and Responsibility. If I ever dared—I seldom did—to argue with him, he would produce one of these totem words and cosh me with it, as no doubt in similar circumstances he quelled his subalterns. If one still refused to lie down and die, he lost, or loosed, his temper. His temper was like a red dog, and he always had it close to hand.

The wishful tradition is that our family came over from France after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes—noble Huguenots remotely allied to Honore d'Urfe, author of the seventeenth-century best-seller *L'Astree*. Certainly—if one excludes another equally unsubstantiated link with Tom Durfey, Charles II's scribbling friend—no other of my ancestors showed any artistic leanings whatever: generation after generation of captains, clergymen, sailors, squirelings, with only a uniform lack of distinction and a marked penchant for gambling, and losing, to characterize them. My grandfather had four sons, two of whom died in the First World War; the third took an unsavoury way of paying off his atavism (gambling debts) and disappeared to America. He was never referred to as still existing by my father, a youngest brother who had all the characteristics that eldest sons are supposed to possess; and I have not the least idea whether he is still alive, or even whether I have unknown cousins on the other side of the Atlantic.

During my last years at school I realized that what was really wrong with my parents was that they had nothing but a blanket contempt for the sort of life I wanted to lead. I was “good” at English, I had poems printed pseudonymously in the school magazine, I thought D. H. Lawrence the greatest human being of the century; my parents certainly never read Lawrence, and had probably never heard of him except in connection with *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. There were things, a certain emotional gentleness in my mother, an occasional euphoric jolliness in my father, I could have borne more of; but always I liked in them the things they didn't want to be liked for. By the time I was eighteen and Hitler was dead they had become mere providers, for whom I had to exhibit a token gratitude, but could muster very little else.

I led two lives. At school I got a small reputation as a wartime aesthete and cynic. But I had to join the regiment—Tradition and Sacrifice pressganged me into that. I insisted, and luckily the headmaster of my school backed me, that I wanted to go to university afterwards. I went on leading a double life in the Army, queasily playing at being Brigadier “Blazer” Urfe's son in public, and nervously reading *Penguin New Writing* and poetry pamphlets in private. As soon as I could, I got myself demobilized.

- 1) Reading the first paragraph we learn that the narrator felt
  - a) disappointed in his life.
  - b) sorry for his parents.
  - c) hatred for Queen Victoria.

- 2) While his father was absent the narrator
  - a) thought very highly of him.
  - b) imagined him to be better than he was.
  - c) remembered what kind of person he was.
- 3) If the father and the son argued the father
  - a) immediately lost his temper.
  - b) had a lot of arguments to prove he was right.
  - c) always used the same arguments.
- 4) What is not true about the narrator's family?
  - a) He comes from an artistic family.
  - b) His uncle fled to America.
  - c) His uncle was a black sheep of the family.
- 5) The narrator
  - a) respected his parents.
  - b) wished he got on well with his parents.
  - c) depended on his parents for a living.
- 6) What does the phrase "I led two lives" mean?
  - a) The narrator has different tastes in literature.
  - b) The narrator was both a soldier and a poet.
  - c) The narrator had his life and the life his parents thought to be the right one.

Task 3. *Complete each sentence with the appropriate form of SAY, SPEAK, TALK or TELL.*

- 1) The old woman looked at Glen's palm and began to ... his fortune.
- 2) I can't understand a word you are saying. Stop mumbling and ... properly.
- 3) Now that we've got to know each other, I think it's time we ... business.
- 4) It's so hot. I wouldn't ... no to an ice cream, would you?
- 5) Something ... me we haven't heard the last of him.
- 6) The two women are so similar that only their husband can ... them apart.
- 7) She doesn't want to go to the party but I am sure I can ... her round.
- 8) Right, I've ... my piece, so now you know what I think.
- 9) Nobody listens to John but he is actually ... a lot of sense.
- 10) The minister's silence on this matter ... volumes.

Task 4. *Complete the sentences with the appropriate part of the body.*

- 1) I tried not to laugh, but I couldn't keep a straight ... .
- 2) Is that true or are you pulling my ... .
- 3) He won the final ... down.
- 4) I just can't get my ... round these instructions.
- 5) Oh no! I've dropped it. I am all fingers and ... today.
- 6) It was a ...-rending speech – everyone was very moved.

- 7) Everything in her garden grows beautifully: she has green ... .
- 8) I offered her some biscuits but she turned her ... up at them.
- 9) It was a ...-raising experience: I was terrified!
- 10) 'How is your lovely wife?' I asked David and remembered they'd just got a divorce. I'd put my ... in it as usual.

Task 5. Use the words given below to form words that fit in the spaces (the words are not in the right order).

Ear, under, cover, consult, collect, mean, conscious, speak, penetrate, hydrate.

A 72-year-old London woman has survived three days in the Sri Lankan jungle after falling down a cliff while chasing exotic butterflies.

Delphine Czartoryska - a Polish princess through marriage - is now making a good (1) ... in hospital in Colombo. Mrs Czartoryska was only a day into her holiday when she went on a walk alone to admire the plants. She was just half a mile from the hotel when she fell and hit her head, losing (2) ... as a result of her injuries.

In the (3) ... , her friends were becoming increasingly worried, and eventually alerted the holiday company, who instigated a full-scale search involving police, hotel staff and guests. After more than 72 hours, Mrs Czartoryska was found almost within (4) ... of the hotel, lying in dense (5) ... at the foot of a cliff. She was suffering from (6) ... and concussion, but otherwise unharmed.

Grace Hall, a (7) ... for the holiday company, said, 'Mrs Czartoryska's (8) ... of what happened is hazy. The area where she was found is almost (9) ... jungle, and she is very lucky to have survived. The (10) ... says she is in remarkably good condition considering what she has been through, and should soon be able to leave hospital.'

Task 6. Choose the underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct.

- 1) The lion has long been a symbol of strength, power, and it is very cruel.
- 2) Most people would not be happy without a television, two cars, and working at an extra job.
- 3) In 1927 Charles Lindbergh was the first to fly solo nonstop from New York to Paris in such short time.
- 4) Patrick was very late getting home last night, and unfortunately for him, the dog barking woke everyone up.
- 5) He has been hoped for a raise for the last four months, but his boss is reluctant to give him one.
- 6) The Nobel prize winning candidate, accompanied by his wife and children, are staying in Sweden until after the presentation.

Task 7. In the word square find the surnames of 10 American presidents and then write them in chronological order (according to their term of office).

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