

**Завдання III етапу Всеукраїнської учнівської олімпіади  
з англійської мови (9 клас)**

**Тип I (40 балів)  
Аудіювання**

My idea of a city of the future is really just the same as a city of the present day – except there'll be lots more people, more cars and fewer green places to escape to. I honestly don't think that 100 years into the future we will be driving flying cars or living in underwater cities. However, I think the spaces we live and work in will definitely change.

I live in Dallas, which is already a very modern city. Of course, lots of things will be changing between now and the 22<sup>nd</sup> century, mostly because of new technologies that we can't even imagine yet. However, I think that many things will be pretty similar to the way they are now. I'm going to talk about three areas: entertainment and going out, architecture and transportation.

I'm starting with architecture because this relates to the whole appearance and life of the city. We already have lots of skyscrapers in downtown Dallas, and I believe those buildings will still exist in the next century because they're very functional. I mean, there are lots of buildings still around from the last century, right? I think the main change will be that more and more people will want to live in the city, and as a result, the downtown area will get much bigger. Rural areas will practically disappear, there will be just a lot of mega-cities with suburbs between them. The new buildings will probably all be built from environmentally friendly materials. I think they'll renovate old buildings, so they will be much greener. I'm sure that houses and apartments will all be «green» and «smart» by the 22<sup>nd</sup> century, but apart from that, I don't think there will be any huge changes in architecture.

The area that I imagine may have the least changes is entertainment and going out. The main changes in this area will definitely be related to new technologies. For example, movies might be holograms so that you feel that you're actually in the movie instead of just watching it on a screen. Sort of like 3D but even more real! In spite of the new technologies, I don't think people are really going to change what they like to do for entertainment. People will still be going to the movies, going out to eat and go dancing or to listen to music.

The area of transportation is where I believe the biggest changes may happen. We already have a light rail system in Dallas, but I think it will grow to cover a larger area, and it will become much faster. Nevertheless, I think people will still have cars; people in Texas love their cars! But I imagine that car designs are going to change a lot. The other day I saw a prototype of a car that can fold up to fit into a very small parking space! I'm also sure that cars will be completely automatic by then, so drivers won't actually drive. They'll just programme their destination and the car will drive itself. Finally, there will be no need for oil or gasoline because all vehicles will run on natural resources.

### Listening Comprehension Test for 9<sup>th</sup> Form Students

*In this section you will hear a text twice. After the first reading of the text you are to read 10 statements, decide, which of them are true and which are false and mark the corresponding answer (T or F) on your answer sheet next to the number of the sentence (1-10). After the second reading of the text you are to read 10 multiple-choice statements or questions (11-20), decide, which of the answers (A, B, C or D) best corresponds to what you have heard and mark the answer on your answer sheet.*

**Remember:** you are not allowed to take notes or talk to others at any time while the text is being read out to you – this may result in your getting disqualified from the contest.

1. According to the speaker, a lot of things will be the same in the 22nd century.
2. More people will live in the suburbs.
3. Restoration processes will go on actively.
4. The entertainment will mainly include the same kinds.
5. New technology will make huge changes in cinematography.
6. Eating out will become less popular.
7. Railroads will disappear.
8. Cars will be totally self-driving.
9. Parking places will be even more difficult to find.
10. Cars will become more environmentally friendly.

<b>Stop and wait for the second reading of the text</b>
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11. There will be more skyscrapers because they...
  - a) are beautiful in their appearance;
  - b) are functional in their character;
  - c) demand new materials to be used;
  - d) relate to the modern appearance of the city.
12. By describing old building as 'green' the speaker means:
  - a) restored;
  - b) with parks around;
  - c) eco-friendly;
  - d) with modern conveniences.
13. The area that will develop more and will become bigger will include...
  - a) outskirts;
  - b) Chinatown;
  - c) uptown;
  - d) downtown.
14. The new developments in architecture will include new...
  - a) types of dwelling;
  - b) ways of renovating;
  - c) building materials;

d) ways of planning.

15. Which of the types of entertainment the speaker does not mention?

a) cinemas;

b) theatres;

c) restaurants;

d) discotheques

16. New technologies will make it possible ...

a) to watch holograms from home;

b) to make screen unnecessary;

c) to watch films in 3D format;

d) to make films less expensive.

17. New kinds of entertainment...

a) are unlikely to appear;

b) may appear;

c) will certainly appear;

d) are likely to appear.

18. A network of light railroads will...

a) develop mainly within the existing area;

b) cover the whole country;

c) develop near big cities;

d) cover a larger territory.

19. The speaker mentions seeing the prototype of a car that can...

a) transform into a smaller one;

b) develop a much higher speed;

c) be programmed to reach a destination;

d) use natural resources.

20. The speaker believes that in future cars will use...

a) gas more often;

b) oil-saving technologies;

c) natural materials;

d) electricity.

**Тип II (30 балів)**  
**Читання**

**Task 1. Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.**

Someone once said that there are three kinds of people who are (1).....in sport: people who (2).....part, people who watch, and people who watch (3).....television. It's very easy to make fun of stay-at-home sports (4)....., but on the other hand, television does enable us to enjoy all kinds of (5).....events. We can watch a racing car (6).....another, see a cyclist (7).....the finishing line, or enjoy the goals of our favourite football (8).....The first time I watched a tennis (9).....was on television, and I found it (10).....interesting. It's not always easy to (11).....long distances to football (12)....., and television is a good solution. Of course, you can (13).....used to sitting indoors all the time, and this is dangerous. We should all try to (14).....fit, and have other interests and (15)..... .

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| 1) A playing   | B really        | C interested   | D succeed      |
| 2) A take      | B have          | C make         | D get          |
| 3) A on        | B with          | C by           | D from         |
| 4) A people    | B centers       | C programmers  | D fans         |
| 5) A the       | B future        | C sports       | D athlete      |
| 6) A cross     | B overtake      | C or           | D from         |
| 7) A overtake  | B and           | C cross        | D professional |
| 8) A group     | B class         | C band         | D team         |
| 9) A match     | B it            | C which        | D that         |
| 10) A valuable | B imaginatively | C unexpectedly | D real         |
| 11) A trip     | B tour          | C pass         | D travel       |
| 12) A areas    | B grounds       | C teams        | D fans         |
| 13) A or       | B which         | C get          | D is           |
| 14) A keep     | B make          | C do           | D have         |
| 15) A customs  | B habits        | C pastimes     | D leisure      |

**Task 2. Complete the following text with the words below.**

*piece, background, reason, matter, however, recognizing, check, cope, disappointment, fuzzy*

If the claims of the camera makers are to be believed, then every picture taken should be a winner. Automated film transport takes the film into the camera and then winds it on between frames; autoexposure ensures 'living colours and a perfect balance of tones' no <sup>1)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ what the lighting conditions; while autofocus means you will never have to look at a <sup>2)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ photograph ever again in your life.

Strange, then, that so many people express <sup>3)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ when they see their prints back from \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ processor. The <sup>4)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ for this is that good photography has little to do with the type of camera you use. It's just as easy to take a bad picture with an excellent camera as it is to take a good picture with even the most basic <sup>5)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of equipment. The tendency of many automated camera systems is to encourage users to confine their photography to the types of situation the automatics <sup>6)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with best. This often means centrally placed subjects the autofocus cannot confuse, with the sun positioned directly behind the photographer. <sup>7)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, taking good photographs means <sup>8)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and then making the most of whatever it is your subject has to offer. The first part of this magic formula means really looking at your subject before pressing the shutter. Look out, for example, for features to the side or in the <sup>9)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ that would be better included or, just as important, excluded. <sup>10)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ whether your subject is looking directly into the sunlight and is squinting as a result. A slight change of camera position might be all that is needed to improve your composition or finding some shade might be the answer.

### Task 3. Read the text and do the tasks.

A famous English writer, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, travelled in France. A French taxi- driver once played a joke on him. The man drove Sir Arthur from the station to a hotel. After receiving the pay he said, "Thank you, Mr. Conan Doyle." Sir Arthur was surprised.

"Why, how did you guess my name?" asked Sir Arthur.

"Well, sir, I saw in the papers that you were coming from the south of France to Paris. From your appearance I understood that you were English; the barbers of the south of France use to cut hair in the style you have: not long. I put two and two together and came to the conclusion it was you"

"That is very clever. Well, but how did you know my name?"

"Well," said the man, "it was very simple: your name is on your suitcases."

### Choose the right answer:

1. What country did the taxi driver live in?
  - A) England
  - B) Germany
  - C) France
2. How did A. Conan Doyle get to the hotel?
  - A) by bus
  - B) by underground
  - C) by car
3. Where did A. Conan Doyle come to Paris from?
  - A) Ukraine

B) the south of France

C) the north of France

4. How did the driver learn the nationality of A. Conan Doyle?

A) by appearance

B) from TV news

C) from newspapers

5. How did a taxi driver know the writer's name?

A) it was on a suitcase

B) he saw it a passport

C) he just guessed

**Тур III (30 балів)**  
**Творча письмова робота**

1. TV reality shows are becoming more and more popular in a lot of countries. What do you think the secret of their popularity is? What are their target audiences like? Do you like watching reality shows? What kind of? Would you like to participate in one of them? Give reasons for your answers.

2. Some people think that happiness is a matter of good luck. Others think it is something you can create and control, or that money is the key to happiness. For some, family and friends are more important. What do you think? How important are these things for you? Explain why and supply examples to support your answer.

3. Cultures may treat the same things differently. In Europe and North America, for example, bats are thought to be scary, dangerous and spread diseases. In China bats are believed to bring good luck, they symbolize a happy, prosperous and long life. What are common beliefs in your culture? What animals have the most positive or unlucky associations? How much do you share these beliefs?

**Typ IV (30 балів)**  
**Speaking Comprehension Test for 9<sup>th</sup> Form Students**

1. Vegans are people who do not eat meat, dairy, or any animal products at all, including eggs.

- What reasons might a person have for becoming vegan?
- Do you think veganism is a good lifestyle choice? Why or why not?
- Imagine a vegan friend is coming to dinner. What would you serve?

2. One of the main reasons people study foreign languages is so they can travel around the world.

- What word or phrase do you think is the most important to know when traveling in a foreign country? Why?
- What is the biggest challenge for a traveler who does not speak the local language?
- How do people communicate when they don't speak each other's language?

3. Young people play computer games now more than ever. Some people say that computer games can be bad for a child's development.

- Do you agree with this opinion?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of playing computer games?
- Do you think parents should limit the amount of time their children play on the computer?

4. Most scientists around the world believe that global warming is caused by the actions of humans. However, there are a few people who say global warming is not caused by humans.

- What would you say to those people?
- Are you convinced that global warming is a serious problem?
- What do you think caused global warming, and why?

5. A foreign visitor has only one day to spend in your country.

- Where should this visitor go on that day?
- What dishes should he or she eat?
- What souvenirs should the visitor take back to his or her country?

6. Many parts of the world are losing important natural resources, such as forests, animals, or clean water.

- Choose one resource that is disappearing and explain why it needs to be saved.
- How have humans affected this natural resource?
- Can the situation be improved or has too much damage been done already? Defend your opinion.



7. Characters like Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy, and the Easter Bunny are popular among children in the United States.

- What magical creatures did you believe in as a child?
- Who told you these creatures weren't real, and what was your reaction?
- Is it good for children to believe in magical creatures? Why or why not?

8. «Look before you leap» is a popular saying.

- Is it important to think before you act in every situation?
- In which situations is it most difficult to think before you act?
- Describe a time in your life when you did not follow this advice, and explain the consequences.

9. Many people have exotic animals as pets – everything from birds to tigers.

- Are the dangers of owning exotic pets greater than the danger of keeping ordinary pets?
- Is it cruel for people to own exotic animals as pets?
- Should there be laws limiting the types of animals that people can own as pets?

10. Many people dream of being famous musicians.

- If you could be a famous musician, what instrument would you play?
- What genre of music would you play?
- What kind of audience would you write your music for?

11. People often wish to be someone else.

- Have you ever wanted to be someone else, even for one day? Who and why?
- Do you think that other people ever want to be you? Explain.
- Does wishing to be someone else make your life better or worse? Explain.

12. Some would say it is important to have many friends, while others would argue that it is better to have a small group of friends.

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a large group of friends?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a smaller group of friends?
- Do you feel it is more important to have many friends or few? Why?

13. Imagine that Ukraine has decided to colonize a new planet and you have been selected as one of five Ukrainians to go into space.

- If you could take only five things with you, what would you take?
- What would you miss most about Ukraine?
- What are the first three things you would do on the new planet?

14. Imagine you are in possession of a time machine that allows you to travel ONLY back in time.

- To what period of history would you travel?
- What would you do there?
- If your presence could change the course of events, what would you want to change and why?

15. School uniforms are becoming more popular in both Ukrainian and American schools, but students don't always seem to like them.

- In your opinion, why are more and more schools requiring uniforms?
- What effects do uniforms have on students, teachers, and education?
- Why do people in certain professions have to wear uniforms? Is this a good or bad thing and why?

16. Many people play sports because they are fun and help us stay in shape.

- What do you think are the two best reasons to play sports?
- What can we learn from playing sports, either on a team or individually?
- What life lessons have you learned from playing sports?

17. Talk about a holiday that is celebrated in another country.

- What are the most important or interesting parts of this holiday?
- Is the holiday celebrated in Ukraine as well? How is it the same or different?
- If not, why? Is there a similar holiday in Ukraine?

18. Books have a positive influence on many peoples' lives.

- What childhood books influenced you most?
- What do you think are the most important elements of a good story?
- If you could be any character from literature, who would you be and why?

19. Many school subjects are considered more important than others.

- What do you think they are, and how do students benefit from taking these classes?
- Are physical education and art considered to be important? Why or why not?
- What new subjects would you like to have introduced at your school?

20. Many young people have role models they admire.

- Who do you think is a good role model for young people in your country? Why?
- Would you consider yourself to be a role model? Explain.
- Do you consider your role model to be successful? Does success depend on individual effort or on luck? Why?

