MIĘDZYSZKOLNY KONKURS JĘZYKA ANGIELSKIEGO

„BRAINSTORM”

(V edycja)

II etap

**LISTENING**

(opracowała Katarzyna Chomik)

**Part 1** (5 points)

*Listen to the radio programme and choose the best answer A, B or C.*

1. What type of solar eclipse occurred on December 25, 2000?

a) annular

b) total

c) partial

2. What made this eclipse so unique?
a) its location for viewing in the world
b) its timing on the calendar
c) its movement across the sky

3. Who is the most likely audience for this news report?
a) intermediate skywatchers
b) novice observers
c) avid astronomers

4. Which statement was NOT mentioned about viewing an eclipse?
a) Sunglasses block out only a limited amount of the sun's ultraviolet rays that can damage the eye.
b) Sunglasses can only filter harmful rays during total solar eclipses at their greatest magnitude.
c) Sunglasses tend to cause the center of the eye to enlarge allowing in more intense light.

5. What is one fact we do not learn from the final commentary of the video?
a) the date of an upcoming solar eclipse
b) where the next Christmas eclipse will occur
c) how to record an eclipse for your posterity

*/Adapted from:* [*http://www.esl-lab.com/sun/sunsc1.htm/*](http://www.esl-lab.com/sun/sunsc1.htm/)

**Part 2** (8 points)

*Listen to the news and mark the sentences true (T) or false (F).*

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| a. | Gangnam Style has had just over 825 million views on YouTube.  | T / F |
| b. | The video unusually has more dislikes than likes.  | T / F |
| c. | The video beat a previous record that was set in 2010. | T / F |
| d. | The article talks about a catchy dance and an iconic tune. | T / F |
| e. | The video was 2 years faster than the old record to reach 800 million. | T / F |
| f. | YouTube suggested the video’s popularity wasn’t so unique. | T / F |
| g. | The video still gets up to 10 millions views a day. | T / F |
| h. | The UN Secretary-General said he was jealous of the video’s singer. | T / F |

*/Adapter from: http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1211/121127-gangnam\_style.html/*

**READING**

(opracowała Anna Szewczyk)

**Part 1** (9 points)

*Match the sentences (A-I) to the given texts (1-4). The texts may be chosen more than once. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.*

**1**

Still waiting for a Stakeholder pension? The longer you wait, the less it will be worth when you come to retire. So the message is ‘start now’! But what happens if you are waiting for a new Stakeholder plan? Take a look at the new Equitable 2000 Pension Plan and see how you think it measures up.

*/*adapted from: *The Sunday Times* advertisement*/*

**2**

Career crossroads? Why work for someone else when you could work for yourself? Working in conjunction with the world’s largest Business Services and Network, you can build a secure and profitable business, create a fascinating and rewarding lifestyle and benefit from the massive growth of e-commerce.

*/*adapted from: *The Sunday Times* advertisement*/*

**3**

Most people don’t know what they are really looking for in life. But you do. Many accept second best all too easily. But you would never do that and nor would I. This much at least we have in common. 35 years old, good looking, professional male, slightly shy, dark hair, medium height and build, seeks the female who believes this could have been written especially for her.

*/*adapted from: *The Sunday Times Style* classifieds*/*

**4**

Wanted urgently: Show Bedrooms. Our beautiful new furniture designs are soon to be introduced. Prior to our launch we will fit a luxury bedroom in your home at a substantially reduced cost. All we require is that you allow us to take a photograph of your beautiful new bedroom and show it to 3 of our potential purchasers. Please note, this is a genuine offer, available only to a limited number of discerning clients.

*/*adapted from: *The Sunday Times Style* advertisement*/*

This text will be interesting to someone who…

a) has just retired …..

b) is looking for a partner …..

c) has already invested some money …..

d) wouldn’t mind his / her privacy being invaded …..

e) is interested in improving the quality of both professional and personal life …..

f) has some knowledge of financial markets …..

g) knows how to cope with electronic communications systems …..

h) wants to re-furbish his / her home …..

i) is rather determined and clear about his / her goals in life …..

**Part 2** (8 points)

*Read the text and decide if the statements (1–8 ) are false (F) or true (T).*

**South beats North**

The Little League Baseball team from Maracaibo, Venezuela, represented the Latin America region at the 2000 Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Right from the start, the team had to fight problems. Their plane to the United States was late more than 12 hours, so they arrived late and tired in Williamsport for the first game of the series.

Their opening game was with a team from Tokyo, Japan. The Venezuelans were exhausted, and so they lost 10-0. But with each passing day. The boys from Maracaibo got back their confidence and strength. They managed to win their next two games. In this way they qualified to play in the second series and met Tokyo again, this time for the International Championship. They shocked Japan by beating them 5-4. The next step was the World Series final in which the Venezuelans were to meet the United States South Team from Texas. In front of 40,000 people and a worldwide TV audience, the Venezuelans had an exciting game and won!

The team from Maracaibo proved that they knew how to fight. They managed to overcome great problems and returned to their home country as heroes. But in fact the World Series experience is all about such lessons in life which people remember for the rest of their lives. Let’s congratulate Maracaibo, Venezuela – Little League and World Series champions!

*/*adapted from: Bill Piszek, ‘South beats North,’ *The World of English/*

1) The team from Venezuela were the best Little League baseball players in Latin America. …..

2) The Venezuelans had a tiring journey to the United States which lasted nearly twelve hours. …..

3) The Venezuelans had to win two games to qualify for the International Championship. …..

4) The Japanese team couldn’t believe that they lost to the Venezuelans. …..

5) 40,000 Venezuelans who came to the stadium didn’t expect their team to win. …..

6) The Venezuelans showed everybody how to win. …..

7) The Venezuelans’ experience was different from the usual World Series Little League experience. …..

8) Winning the World Series Little League is something you will never forget. …..

# USE OF ENGLISH

(opracowała Katarzyna Kulasza)

**Part 1** (10 points)

*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.*

*Example:*

Jack and his father are exactly alike in appearance.

**LOOKS**

Charles *looks just like* his father.

1. This book will take me two years to write.

**HAVE**

 In two years’ ...................................................this book.

1. There is a definite improvement in your work.

**HAS**

 Lately .............................................................improved.

1. This matter is none of your business.

**CONCERN**

 This matter ..........................................................you.

1. I didn’t have the money so I didn’t buy a new suit.

**WOULD**

 If I ................................................................................a new suit.

1. It’s a pity you aren’t going to Ann’s party.

**WISH**

 I ....................................................................to Ann’s party.

1. I’m sure that Peter won’t be late.

**BOUND**

 Peter.................................................................on time.

1. You are not allowed to use mobile phones in school.

**PROHIBITED**

 The use..............................................................is school.

1. It was unfair that Sue was dropped from the swimming team.

**DESERVE**

 Sue didn’t .....................................................................the swimming team.

1. Thomas didn’t ask permission before borrowing his brother’s bicycle.

**WITHOUT**

 Thomas borrowed his......................................................permission first.

1. Sue has a very good relationship with her boss.

**GETS**

 Sue ..........................................................................her boss.

**Part 2** (13 points)

*Complete the text with a suitable preposition in each space.*

Davis Peters, the Scottish long-jumper, has been awarded a knighthood in recognition **(0)** *of* his services to charity and the world of athletics. Sir David, as he will be known, will be knighted by the Queen in a ceremony next week. Mr Peters, who retired from athletics last year, had a talent which was, quite simply, **(1)...................** of the ordinary. All his performances were, **(2)....................** exception, characterized by great effort and determination. He seemed to thrive on difficult situations, and it was when **(3).....................**pressure, that he produced his greatest performances. In later years, he became increasingly prone **(4).....................**injury, and last year, his talents evidently **(5)........................**decline, he failed to regain his Olympic long-jump title, and promptly retired. At his best, however, his jumping was sometimes **(6).......................**belief, and in his greatest year, 2000, he broke the world record no fewer than four times. In the late 1990s he was single-handedly responsible **(7).........................**bringing British athletics out of a severe slump with the inspirational performances and personal charisma. Perhaps was capable **(8)........................**great generosity, and once, famously, failed a jump deliberately in order to let his great rival, Aravan Sijipal, win on his farewell appearance. When being interviewed, Peters has also an exception to the rule, for he always tried to praise others rather than blow his own trumpet. A deeply religious man, he was **(9).....................**dispute with the athletics authorities on more than one occasion for his refusal to compete on Sundays. His anti-drugs campaign had a great effect **(10).................** young athletes all over Britain, and throughout his career, he remained very conscious **(11)....................**what he saw as his public duty in this respect. Many charitable organization have reason to be grateful **(12).....................**him for the time he devoted **(13) .....................** raising money for their causes.

**Part 3 (**10 points)

*Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the word in brackets.*

This year, **(1)**...................................................(PRODUCT) in the factory has suffered because of a lack of expert technical knowledge. As a result we have made very substantial **(2)**....................................................(INVEST) in sending employees on training courses. The fact remains that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get skilled labourers with the right **(3)**...................................................(QUALIFY), experience, and above all, **(4)**....................................................(EXPERT). The company has also suffered this year from the industrial **(5)**......................................................(ACT) in November, which saw 340 union members walk out in a pay dispute. Union **(6)**.................................................(REPRESENT) eventually sat down with management and negotiated a 4 per cent pay rise, but not until 5 working days had been lost to the strike. As a result of such problems we recognize the need to **(7)**.....................................................(ECONOMY) in certain areas, and, on the advice of our external **(8)**.............................................................(CONSULT), Prior and Young, we have identified the need for at least 3 departments to be **(9)**................................................... (STREAMLINE). It is thought that this will mean the loss of between 6 and 10 jobs, though the exact figures and nature of the redundancies will be **(10)**.................................................... (CLEAR) in the next report.

**Part 4** (10 points)

*Choose the correct option: A, B, C or D*

1. The government .................major changes to the education system today.

A warned B declared C announced D expressed

1. I’ve just taken...................sailing and I’m going to do the course next month.

A to B over C up D on

1. The leading actor gave the......................of his life and the audience cheered him.

A performance B rehearsal review D show

1. The ..........................fumes created by cars cause huge problems in cities.

A pollution B acid C exhaust D waste

1. In many countries, education is ......................until the age of sixteen.

A necessary B essential C compulsory D legal

1. The police dropped the case because they had insufficient ....................to prosecute.

A evidence B proof C clue D fact

1. If you have .......................outside your windows, you don’t need curtains inside.

A shutters B fences C hedges D gates

1. I was trying to be quiet but the door.....................as I opened it.

A hissed B creaked C whistled D croaked

1. I’ve ......................down on salt and fat in my diet because they’re not good for me.

A cut B put C got D gone

1. The crowd ........................as the team came onto the pitch.

A grunted B roared C hummed D barked