

Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 23. ročník, celoštátne kolo 2012/2013, kategória 1A - úlohy**GRAMMAR**

Complete the article by putting the verbs in brackets into their correct forms.

Mrs Twit was no better than her husband. She **1.**, of course,**(not have)** a hairy face. It was a pity she didn't because that at any rate would have hidden some of her fearful ugliness. Take a look at her. **2.** you ever **(see)** a woman with an uglier face than that? I doubt it.

But the funny thing is that Mrs Twit **3.** **(not be born)** ugly. She `d had a quite a nice face when she was young. The ugliness had grown upon her year by year as she **4.** **(get)** older. Why would that happen? I'll tell you why. If a person **5.** **(have)** ugly thoughts, it **6.** **(begin)** to show on his or her face. And when that person has ugly thoughts every day, every week, every year, the face gets uglier and uglier until it **7.** **(get)** so ugly you can hardly bear to look at it.

A person who has good thoughts **8.** ever**(not can be)** ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and teeth that stick out, but if you **9.** **(have)** good thoughts they **10.** **(shine)** out of your face like sunbeams and you **11.** always**(look)** lovely.

Nothing **12.** **(shine)** out of Mrs Twit's face.

In her right hand she carried a walking-stick. She **13.** **(use, tell)** people that this was because she had warts growing on the sole of her left foot and walking was painful. But the real reason she carried a stick was so that she **14.****(can, hit)** things with it, things like dogs and cats and small children. And then there was the glass eye. Mrs Twit had a glass eye that **15.** always **(look)** the other way.

Total/15 pts

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V O C A B U L A R Y

Read the story below. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in capitals.

“You are growing too fast. Boys who grow too fast become stupid and lazy.”

“But I can't help it if I'm growing fast, grandma,” George said.

“Of course you can,” she snapped. “Growing's a nasty **1**.(**CHILD**) habit.”

“But we have to grow, grandma. If we didn't grow, we'd never be grown-ups.”

“Rubbish, boy, rubbish,” she said. “Look at me. Am I growing? **2**.(**CERTAIN**) not.”

“But you did once, grandma.”

“Only a very little,” the old woman answered. “I gave up growing when I was **3**.(**EXTREME**) small, along with all the other nasty childish habits like **4**.(**LAZY**) and disobedience and greed an sloppiness and untidiness and **5**. (**STUPID**). You haven't given up any of these things, have you?”

“I am still only a little boy, grandma.”

“You are eight years old,” she snorted. “That's old enough to know better. If you don't stop growing soon, it'll be too late.”

“Too late for what, grandma?”

“It's ridiculous,” she went on. “You're **6**. (**NEAR**) as tall as me already.”

“Daddy says it's fine for a man to be tall,” George said.

“Don't listen to your daddy,” grandma said. “Listen to me.”

“But how do I stop myself growing?” George asked her.

“Eat **7**. (**FEW**) chocolates,” grandma said.

Complete each group of words with only one word which has the same meaning.

8. colossal, big, enormous, gigantic, huge,

9. baggage, bags, cases, suitcases, trunks,

10. chief, director, employer, head, leader, manager, supervisor,

Total / 10 pts

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READING COMPREHENSION

Read the article carefully first. According to the article, decide if the statements below are true (T) or false (F). Circle your answers.

The Game of Chess.

Chess must be one of the oldest games in the world. Though no-one knows for sure, an Arab traveller in India in the year 900 wrote that it was played "long, long ago." Chess has been played everywhere from Japan to Europe since 1400. The name "chess" is interesting. When one player attacking the other's King, he says in English "check" when the King has been caught and cannot move anywhere he says "check mate." These words come from Persian "shah mat" means "the king is dead." That is when the game is over, and one player has won.

It is a game for two people that is played on a board with sixty-four black and white squares. Each player has sixteen pieces which can be moved according to fixed rules. The rules have not always been the same as they are now. The aim of the game is to use one's army to capture the enemy king. There is a White army and a Black army. Both armies have the same pieces. The King is the most important piece. It moves only one square in any direction. Any number of squares in any direction is only for the most powerful piece - the Queen. Castles or Rooks can move any number of squares but not diagonally. But Bishops move only diagonally, and they always stay on the same colour square that they started on. Knights have the ability to jump over other pieces. And they move in an "L shaped" pattern - two squares forward (or back) and one square across; or two squares across and one square forward (or back). The eight Pawns can never move backwards. These foot soldiers gradually advance on the opposing army, but also need to defend the King.

Every game of chess has its own story. Some are long-drawn out strategic affairs; others can be quick, but complicated, tactical battles. The winner is the player who can out-think his or her opponent, and make the best plans for attack and defence. It is not always played by two people sitting at the same table. The first time the Americans beat the Russians was in a match played by radio. Some of the chess masters are able to play chess by post. This must make chess the slowest game in the world. Chess takes time and thought, but it is a game for all kinds of people. You don't have to be a champion in order to enjoy it.

T / F 1. Chess was played in India a thousand years ago.

T / F 2. According to the rules of the game the Queen can move no more than one square at a time.

T / F 3. Chess is always played by two people at the same table.

T / F 4. Playing chess helps to improve strategic thinking, logic and it is fun.

T / F 5. Not everyone can play chess.

T / F 6. Armies are black or white.

T / F 7. The Knights are called foot soldiers.

T / F 8. To play chess you do not need to be in front of a chess board.

T / F 9. You have won the game when the other player's King cannot move.

T / F 10. When you are attacking the King, you say "check" or "shah."

Total / 10 pts

Participant's number:

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

(You will hear talking about some British tourist attractions. Fill-in the chart below, use the adjectives which are given. Answer the next two questions.)

not the best
elegant

iconic
pathetic

wonderful
a bit slow

| LONDON EYE | STONEHENGE | STONEHENGE VISITOR'S CENTRE |
|------------|------------|--------------------------------|
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..... / 3 pts (half for each)

4. Which is Jake's favourite tourist attraction?

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5. Which of these attractions was not mentioned, circle it:

Hadrian's Wall

Nelson's Column

Salisbury Plain

Big Ben

Buckingham Palace

Houses of Parliament

..... / 2 pts

Total / 5 points

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