

Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 25. ročník, celoštátne kolo 2014/15, kategória 2A - úlohy**G R A M M A R****A. Complete the text below by putting the verbs in brackets into their correct tenses.**

I ¹ _____ (live) in Norway for well over ten years now. I first ² _____ (come) in 2004 and started working in a computer company. Three years later, I ³ _____ (offer) a job with a renowned international software company so I moved to Oslo. It was while I ⁴ _____ (work) there that I met my future wife and decided to stay in Norway. We ⁵ _____ (know) each other for about two years when we decided to get married. Now we ⁶ _____ (marry) for five years and have two children. ⁷ _____ (live) in Norway is enjoyable and I can easily communicate in English, but I wish I ⁸ _____ (know) Norwegian better. At the moment I ⁹ _____ (read) the Norwegian translation of Sherlock Holmes detective stories. I hope that reading ¹⁰ _____ (help) me to improve my grammar and vocabulary.

B. Complete sentences 1-5 by putting the correct modal into each gap.

can't have must have needn't have should have shouldn't have

1. The climbers _____ thought they heard strange noises in the mountains, when in fact they hadn't.
2. You _____ been able to see the top of the mountain from the valley below. I wonder why you couldn't.
3. The children _____ made the story up. It couldn't possibly be true.
4. They _____ made up after their quarrel – they are still not speaking to each other.
5. You _____ bought me that wonderful present to make up for forgetting my birthday. It really was not necessary.

Total Points:/15pts

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V O C A B U L A R Y

**Choose the best answer (a, b, c, or d) to complete the sentence or answer the question (1-10).
Write the letter of you answer in the space provided.**

1. The first letters of your names are your _____ .
a) starters b) beginnings c) initials d) capitals
2. What is the word for the metal wire inside an electric bulb? _____ .
a) filament b) fibre c) strip d) string
3. Which word do we use to describe a rather fat person? _____ .
a) round b) oval c) rotund d) circular
4. Finish this idiom: As right as _____ .
a) snow b) rain c) fog d) hail
5. Two people of completely opposite character are as different as _____ .
a) chalk and cheese b) wine and cheese c) cheese and pickles d) cheese and butter
6. Which word is the general word that includes all the others? _____ .
a) petrol b) fuel c) coal d) oil
7. Another way of saying *to cancel* is _____ .
a) to call down b) to call away c) to call off d) to call down
8. Which of these things do people **not** wear round their waists? _____ .
a) a stole b) a girdle c) a sash d) a belt
9. We park a car, but what do we do to a boat? _____ .
a) lodge it b) moor it c) deposit it d) pitch it
10. If a girl asks you to give her a ring, she wants you _____ .
a) to marry her b) to curl her hair c) to phone her d) to ring her doorbell

Total/10 pts

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READING COMPREHENSION

Read the article carefully. There are three (3) tasks to do on the next page.

WALK THE PLANK

The *Fitzgerald* is an iron-clad Norwegian island ferry formerly named the *Bjarkov*. It bears little resemblance to the 350-ton steamship Werner Herzog hauled through the jungle in his film about building an opera house in Amazonia, from which the old ferry gets its new name, except for the proportions of its voyage and the dreams which made it possible.

The ship sailed into the grey waters of Glasson Dock early in the New Year. The storms had been tremendous, the wait in the Caledonian canal long and expensive, but at last she arrived to dwarf every other vessel in the marina and capture the imagination of the small fishing village. **1.** _____ .

The *Fitzgerald* is the achievement of a dream of John Wassel and Liz Pugh and their company Walk the Plank, the “world’s first marine theatre contractors”. Their vision: to tour a theatre ship around the beaches and docks of Britain during the summer. There are two shows: one an extravagant fairy tale with a “green” environmental theme, written for them by Adrian Mitchell, the poet and playwright; the other a pyrotechnic spectacular for up to 2,000 people, combining music, magic, drama and dance with fireworks. The project has attracted arts departments around the coast, and the ship is booked from May to September, **2.** _____ says Liz. “And conventional arts departments know that people who wouldn’t necessarily buy tickets for the theatre or go to an art gallery might come and see our show.”

Bringing the dream to life has been hard work. Their success in selling the tour, raising a £40,000 grant and an £82,000 bank loan – no mean achievement – has been dulled somewhat by the extra costs of the delays en route from Norway and of converting ship to UK marine specifications.

But enthusiasm has not dimmed, The bank manager was persuaded (with difficulty) to extend the loan, the decks and sides of the ship were transformed with riotous paintwork, the rear deck has been converted into a seating area for an audience of 150 and the company of performers and musicians is ready for anything the seas can throw at it. **3.** _____ said Liz Pugh.

Her experience of boats was limited to the Norfolk Broads until three years ago, when she and John Wassell bought a wooden launch which proved the starting point for the *Fitzgerald* project. They spent the summers of 1989 and 1990 touring the Scottish islands with the Boat Band, literally singing for their supper. “That was the springboard for this idea, to expand it into a show on a ship, although it was a leap of the imagination from a 50ft boat to the 120ft ship with a 28ft beam.”

4. _____ *e* _____. Having organised large, site-specific events for an arts company and experienced the immense cost of touring, he realised that keeping everything on board ship would cut costs.

Glasson Dock is a small village but it has taken Liz and John to its heart. Over the last three years the couple have made a name for themselves by turning the traditional Bonfire Night of November 5 into a community event for 1,500 people, **5.** _____. Word about the *Fitzgerald* project spread like wildfire.

“They all knew the ship was coming because we sold them sea miles to raise funds and make ends meet,” Liz said, “**6.** _____, that when it arrived it was very exciting. We were inundated with offers of anything from carpets to welding equipment, and all offers of help (there was a constant stream of willing helpers) were accepted.”

Money may be tight indeed, but when the ship sailed at the beginning of May there was a distinct feeling that, if nothing else, the goodwill of the community alone would keep it afloat.

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A. Six statements (a-f) have been removed from the text (1-6). Put the letter of each statement into the correct gap in the text. Number 4 has been done for you (e). (5pts)

- a. "The project has a momentum that can't be stopped"...
- b. "and then it took so long, two months instead of two weeks ...
- c. "I think people like the spirit of adventure; the romance of it appeals"...
- d. The adventure had begun.
- e. For John, a former builder of wooden narrow boats, it was a smaller leap.
- f.with a children's lantern procession and a 30-strong organising committee.

B. Complete each sentence with the best ending (A, B, C or D). (4pts)

1. The ship bought by the theatre company was originally ...
 - A. used in the film *Amazonia*.
 - B. built in the Caledonian Canal.
 - C. used for touring the Scottish Islands.
 - D. employed as a passenger ferry.
2. The productions presented by *Walk the Plank* include ...
 - A. an appealing romantic drama.
 - B. a tale of adventure set in the countryside.
 - C. an art exhibition on board.
 - D. a legendary tale to encourage conservation.
3. Despite their initial success with the project, the company owners ...
 - A. failed to raise the necessary finance.
 - B. failed to persuade enough people to book their shows.
 - C. had to cope with later unexpected expenditures.
 - D. were unable to comply with UK marine specifications.
4. Since John and Liz went to live in Glasson Dock ...
 - A. they have found accommodation in the centre of the village.
 - B. they have transformed a local celebration into a spectacular event.
 - C. they have had to sell most of their possessions to make ends meet.
 - D. they have run out of funds for their project.

C. Short answer question: Do Liz and John see the future of their project in optimistically or pessimistically?

(1pt)

Total _____/15pts

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L I S T E N I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

You will hear someone talking about sports. Listen carefully and do the three (3) tasks on this page.

A. Based on what you hear, decide if statements 1, 2 and 3 are true, false or not stated (T, F, or NS). Circle your answer.

1. Being good at any sport helps one get in “High Society”.

T

F

NS

2. The “Snobocracy” are rich football and cricket fans.

T

F

NS

3. Horse racing is the king of all sports.

T

F

NS

B. Choose the best answer. Circle your answer.

4. The speaker says the most prestigious sport is _____ .

a. horse riding

b. polo

c. hunting

d. shooting

C. Short answer question: Why doesn't the speaker go hunting?

5. _____

Total Points:/5pts