

WRITING

Time: 50 minutes (20 points)

Comment on the following quotation.

"The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it"

чем больше

препятствие,

тем больше слава после.

Molière (French poet and playwright)

Write 200–220 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction;
- express your personal opinion and give two reasons to support it;
- give examples to illustrate your reasons, using literature or background knowledge;
- make a conclusion.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

ЛИСТ <u>1</u> ИЗ _____	АН-11-04
(листы по каждой задаче нумеруются отдельно)	ШИФР (заполняется оргкомитетом)

Participant's ID number _____

Listening

1.	Speaker 3	1
2.	Speaker 1	1
3.	No Speaker	1
4.	No Speaker	1
5.	Speaker 2	1
6.	Speaker 5	1
7.	Speaker 4	1
8.	No Speaker	1
9.	True	1
10.	True	0
11.	True	0
12.	False	0
13.	False.	1

Оценочные баллы: максимальный -13; фактический 10 баллов.

Подписи членов жюри _____

Reading

14.	True	1
15.	False	1
16.	False	1
17.	True	1
18.	False	1
19.	True	1
20.	Not Given	1
21.	False	1
22.	True	1
23.	False	1
24.	Not Given	0
25.	True	1
26.	c	1
27.	d	1
28.	c	1
29.	a	0
30.	b	1

ЛИСТ <u>2</u> ИЗ _____	<u>АН-11-04</u>
(листы по каждой задаче нумеруются отдельно)	ШИФР (заполняется оргкомитетом)

31.	<u>b</u>	<u>1</u>
32.	<u>b</u>	<u>1</u>
33.	<u>b</u>	<u>1</u>
34.	<u>c</u>	<u>1</u>
35.	<u>c</u>	<u>1</u>

Оценочные баллы: максимальный - 22; фактический 205 баллов.

Подписи членов жюри _____

ЛИСТ <u>3</u> ИЗ _____	AM-11-04
(листы по каждой задаче нумеруются отдельно)	ШИФР (заполняется оргкомитетом)

Use of English

1.	✓	1
2.	✓	1
3.	the	1
4.	does	0
5.	✓	0
6.	✓	1
7.	to	1
8.	will	1
9.	✓	0
10.	that	1
11.	whose	1
12.	✓	0
13.	does	1
14.	of	1
15.	✓	0
16.	did not arrive too soon	0
17.		
18.		
19.	wish I had called	1
20.	was not that easy as	1
21.		
22.	such a surprise how	1
23.	was not loud enough	1
24.	did not expected that	1
25.		
26.	advancements	0
27.	personal	0
28.	access	0
29.	unproductive	0

ЛИСТ <u>4</u> ИЗ _____	<u>АН-18-04</u>
(листы по каждой задаче нумеруются отдельно)	ШИФР (заполняется оргкомитетом)

30.	reversible. 0
31.	
32.	human 0
33.	mindful 1
34.	
35.	
36.	E 1
37.	N 0
38.	J 0
39.	I 1
40.	M 0
41.	B 1
42.	G 1
43.	L 1
44.	H 1
45.	F 1

Оценочные баллы: максимальный - 45; фактический 230 баллов.

Подписи членов жюри _____

ЛИСТ <u>5</u> ИЗ _____	АН-11-04
(листы по каждой задаче нумеруются отдельно)	ШИФР (заполняется оргкомитетом)

Writing

ANSWER SHEET

~~I would like to tell you about glory and obstacles. You know what ~~is~~ obstacle ~~is~~? Personally, I think it's like a something hard for people, something they ~~did~~^{are} not used to do everyday. But also I think what obstacle have some power ~~it~~. I ~~see~~^{can say} it's ~~as~~^{like} a level in video game, which is quite problematic. What's about "glory"? Well, it's like a reward for one's hard work.~~

I would like to tell you about ~~the~~ glory and obstacles. But firstly I want to tell what I personally think about it. What ~~is~~ obstacle? I think it's something hard, something people are not used to do everyday, like breakfast or teeth brushing. But also I think what ^{an} "obstacle" have some power. I can say, it's like, you know, a level in video game, which is quite problematic. You want to stop playing, but, still, you keep playing, even if it feels like hell. Why? Because ~~in end~~ at the end your reward is waiting for you to finish this level. ^{It's} Glory. I remember one ^{quotation} ~~comment~~, which can approved my words. Molière^s French poet and playwright, ~~have~~ said once: "The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it". And that's true! ~~There are~~ Many people on our planet have their own obstacles, but they becoming^e popular~~s~~ singers, dancers, ~~footballists~~ soccers after passing their own hard levels. That is all I wanted to say.

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LISTENING

Time: 11 minutes (13 points)

Listen to five different people talking about communication in the digital world and complete the sentences with the correct options in Task 1. Then, do the true/false task. You will hear the text twice.

Task 1.

Speaker 5	No speaker	Speaker 1	Speaker 4	Speaker 2	Speaker 3	No speaker	No speaker
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1. 3 has recently learned about some of the negative effects of excessive online communication.
2. 1 has witnessed great changes in the way we communicate over recent years.
3. ~~2~~ ~~3~~ thinks that the amount of time teens spend online is alarming.
4. ~~2~~ is quite happy for any photos of themselves to be posted online.
5. 2 wishes people would talk more in person.
6. 5 enjoys being able to contact all friends with the same message at once.
7. 4 thinks limiting teenagers' access to technology is unfair.
8. ~~2~~ ~~3~~ is suffering from the fear of missing out.

Task 2.

*For statements 9–13, choose **TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; **FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information given in the text.*

9. Speaker 1 likes to know as soon as they get a new message.

- a. True
 b. False

10. Speaker 2 thinks that the most annoying thing is when people use their phones in meetings.

- a. True
 b. False

11. Speaker 3 says that FOMO, or fear of missing out, is more common among teens.

- a. True
 b. False

12. Speaker 4 thinks that young people today are aware of the drawbacks of online communication.

- a. True
- b. False

13. Speaker 5 has made a lot of new friends thanks to online communication.

- a. True
- b. False

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

READING

Time: 30 minutes (20 points)

Read the text and do the tasks after

In recent years, the concept of a staycation has emerged as a novel alternative to the traditional holiday away from home. Conjuring up a vacation within the comforting embrace of one's own residence or nearby surroundings, individuals are now exploring creative ways to unwind and rejuvenate without venturing too far. Tapping into local attractions can unearth hidden gems and provide day-trips full of discovery, avoiding the tedious airport traipses. Visits to nearby museums, galleries, or historical sites can offer a taste of culture and education, without the burden of packing suitcases.

For the more active soul, a staycation presents the perfect opportunity for embracing local trails for hiking or cycling. Immersing oneself in the serenity of nature on these outings can offer a sense of escape, promoting physical and mental well-being. Local parks also afford a host of recreational activities, from improvised picnics to casual sports encounters with friends. Moreover, staycationers can cultivate the art of leisure right at home, with garden projects or the comfort of a good book in a cozy backyard hammock.

The culinary enthusiast can delight in the kitchen with newfound time to experiment with elaborate recipes or to embark on the savory journey of a 'restaurant at home' night. With no concern for restaurant reservations, one can host intimate dinner gatherings, or simply enjoy the pleasure of unhurried meals with loved ones. The home entertainer might even transform the living space into a personal cinema, theater or concert hall, showcasing a selection of films, plays, or music to enjoy with family.

For those who seek relaxation, a home spa day could be the perfect antidote to stress, equipped with aromatic oils, soothing music, and homemade beauty treatments. Crafting, from knitting to painting, allows for creative expression and the satisfaction of producing something tangible with one's own hands. As a boundary between home life and a holiday blurs, the crucial element is the intentionality behind every activity, infusing each moment with a sense of occasion and novelty.

Ultimately, a staycation emphasizes the rejuvenation of the self and the nurturing of relationships with others within a comfortable and familiar environment. It is an invitation to slow down and savor the subtle beauty in everyday surroundings, an approach perhaps more important than ever in our fast-paced modern lives. Whether it's through exploring local culture, embarking on outdoor adventures, indulging in culinary exploits, or simply enjoying the sanctity of one's own space, staycations underscore the potential for joy and relaxation that lies right at our doorsteps.

Task 1.

For items 14–25 read the text about staycation and decide whether the statements (1–10) are **TRUE**, **FALSE** or **NOT GIVEN** according to the text.

14. Local attractions can be as rewarding as distant destinations. T
15. People must travel long distances to truly disconnect and relax. F
16. Staycations require one to seek activities outside their immediate living space. F
17. Staycationers have the chance to take pleasure in arranging a home-based cinema experience. T
18. For a relaxing time at home, one needs to invest in professional spa equipment. F
19. One of the benefits of a staycation is cultivating interpersonal connections. T
20. Going on a local cultural excursion exclusively offers academic benefits. NS
21. Local parks only offer opportunities for passive leisure activities. F
22. The growth of the staycation trend has been influenced by modern life's accelerated pace. T
23. A staycation offers no alternative to those who typically enjoy an active vacation. F
24. The intention behind each staycation activity is inconsequential to the experience. NS
25. Embarking on outdoor adventures is seen as a possible way to enjoy a staycation. T

Task 2.

Choose the correct option to answer questions 26–35.

26) What is a primary reason the text gives for considering a staycation over a traditional holiday?

- a) Tapping into local attractions offers more thrilling experiences than distant travel.
- b) There's a legal restriction on international travel.
- c) Local activities can avoid the hassle of airport travel and still provide discovery.
- d) Staycations are less expensive than traditional holidays.

27) Why does the text mention 'picnics' and 'casual sports encounters' in relation to staycations?

- a) To highlight the requirement for outdoor activities during staycations.
- b) To suggest that outdoor activities are only fulfilling during staycations.
- c) To denote the limited options available during staycations.
- d) To illustrate the variety of recreational activities available in local parks during a staycation.

28) According to the text, what benefit can local museums, galleries, and historical sites offer during a staycation?

- a) They facilitate international travel without leaving the city.
- b) They are typically less crowded than usual during staycations.
- c) They can provide enriching cultural and educational experiences.
- d) They are the only places to visit when on a staycation.

29) What is the text suggesting when it refers to the 'art of leisure right at home'?

- a) Crafting is the most significant form of leisure available at home.
- b) One should redesign the entire living space during a staycation.
- c) Relaxation and leisure can be pursued through activities like gardening or reading at home.

- d) Professional home decoration is required for a successful staycation.
- 30) How does the text describe the advantage of cooking at home during a staycation?
- a) Cooking at home is a faster option than dining out.
 - b) Home-cooking allows for creativity and the pleasure of sharing meals without the rush and need for reservations.
 - c) It's impossible to get restaurant-quality food during a staycation.
 - d) Restaurants are less enjoyable than home-cooked meals.
- 31) In what way does the text suggest a staycation promotes well-being?
- a) By offering a distraction from work-related stress with intensive activities.
 - b) Through the engagement in outdoor activities such as hiking or cycling that promote physical and mental health.
 - c) Solely through the change in environment, staycationers feel better.
 - d) By enforcing a strict regimen of exercise and diet.
- 32) What intention behind staycation activities does the text emphasize as important?
- a) The intention to save money by avoiding expensive outings.
 - b) The intention of experiencing activities as if they were novel and special.
 - c) The intention to eventually transition back to traditional holidays.
 - d) The intention of competing with friends to have the best staycation.
- 33) Why might someone choose to create a 'restaurant at home' night during a staycation according to the text?
- a) Because making reservations at real restaurants is too complicated.
 - b) To mimic the experience of dining out and enjoy the creativity and personal touch of home cooking.
 - c) To save money by not wasting it in expensive restaurants and eating cheaply at home.

- d) Because it is a widely accepted cultural practice during staycations.
- 34) How does crafting contribute to the staycation experience as illustrated by the text?
- a) Crafting is essential to keep the brain active and prevent boredom at home.
- b) It promotes social interaction by requiring people to craft in groups.
- c) Crafting encourages self-expression and the satisfaction of creating something by hand.
- d) It's a way to avoid spending money on other staycation activities.
- 35) What aspect of 'slowing down' is particularly valued in the text's portrayal of a staycation?
- a) It is a way to reduce expenses by doing less.
- b) Slowing down is practically the only benefit of a staycation.
- c) By slowing down, one can appreciate the beauty in everyday surroundings and emphasize self and relational care.
- d) There is an assumption that people with fast-paced lives cannot enjoy the benefits of travel.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 50 minutes (45 points)

Task 1. Items 1-15 (15 points)

For questions 1–15, read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct put a tick. Use letter "V" as a tick. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in a given space. There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).

0	Learning a second language has long been regarded as both a challenging and rewarding endeavor, one that requires dedication, patience, and consistent effort.	V
00	Although many people believe that mastering a foreign language is only possible during childhood, research has been shown that adults can achieve high proficiency if they immerse themselves fully and practice regularly.	been
1	When students begin their language-learning journey, they often find that understanding grammar rules and memorizing vocabulary can be overwhelming, especially if their native language differs significantly from the target language.	V
2	However, those who persevere and expose themselves to various contexts—such as reading literature, watching films, or engaging in conversations—tend to improve far more quickly than those who rely solely on formal instruction.	solely V
3	It's interesting to note that while some learners acquire conversational skills within the months, attaining fluency in writing or understanding idiomatic expressions can take years of persistent practice.	the
4	This is partly because language learning does not simply involve memorizing words but also brings understanding cultural nuances and subtle language patterns that native speakers use instinctively.	does

5	Furthermore, individuals who have learned more than one foreign language often report that acquiring additional languages becomes very easier over time.	✓
6	This phenomenon occurs because the brain develops enhanced cognitive flexibility, allowing learners to switch between languages and grasp new linguistic concepts more rapidly.	✓
7	Teachers who have observed their students closely to agree that motivation plays a vital role in language acquisition.	to
8	If learners will set realistic goals and celebrate small achievements, they remain encouraged even when progress seems slow.	will
9	Conversely, those who have become discouraged may abandon their studies prematurely, thus losing the opportunity to reap the long-term benefits.	✓
10	The advent of technology has also transformed that how languages are learned today.	that
11	Thanks to language apps, online courses, and virtual exchange programs, whose students can practice listening and speaking with native speakers worldwide without leaving their homes.	whose
12	Although these tools are hardly valuable, they cannot completely replace face-to-face interaction, which offers spontaneous feedback and cultural immersion.	✓
13	While many people assume that language proficiency is solely about communication, it does also opens doors to better career opportunities and deeper cross-cultural understanding.	does
14	For example, individuals who are bilingual or multilingual often find themselves more of competitive in global job markets and better equipped to navigate multicultural environments.	of
15	In conclusion, although the path to mastering a second language is often being fraught with difficulties, those who commit themselves to sustained practice and authentic engagement ultimately discover that the rewards extend far beyond linguistic competence. The process fosters	✓

intellectual growth, empathy, and a broader perspective on the world, enriching personal lives in ways that go well beyond language itself.	
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Task 2. Items 16–25 (10 points)

For items 16–25, 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. Use from three to five words. The number of words is specified in the brackets. Do not use short forms. Please mind both grammar and spelling. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0. The pool isn't deep enough to swim in.

too

The pool _____ swim in. (4 words)

0 is too shallow to

16. I started learning French one year ago.

for

I _____ learning French _____. (5 words)

17. She didn't arrive early enough to get a ticket.

too

She _____ to get a ticket. (5 words)

too late

did not arrive too soon.?

18. I don't like spicy food at all.

liking

I _____ spicy food. (4 words)

19. I'm sorry I didn't call you yesterday.

had

I _____ you yesterday. (4 words)

wish I had not

20. The exam was harder than I expected.

as

The exam _____ I expected. (5 words)

was not ^{that} easy as

21. They delayed their trip because of the weather.

to

Their trip _____ the weather. (4 words)

22. I was surprised at how quickly he solved the problem.

such

He solved the problem, such a surprise quickly. (4 words)

23. They couldn't hear the announcement because it was too quiet.

loud

The announcement was not loud enough to hear. (4 words)

24. I was surprised to find out she speaks six languages.

did

I did not expect she speaks six languages. (4 words)

25. Don't forget to lock the door before you leave.

make

_____ the door before you leave. (4 words)

Task 3. Items 26-35 (10 points)

For items 29–38 read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a new word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0. advancements

In today's increasingly digitalized world, the overdependence on technology has become a problematic phenomenon. While technological (0) _____ undeniably facilitate communication and productivity, their inappropriate or excessive use may lead to various undesirable consequences that society must confront.	ADVANCE <i>advancements</i>
One of the most undeniable drawbacks is the gradual deterioration of face-to-face communication skills, which are becoming noticeably undervalued in contemporary interactions. Individuals who excessively rely on digital devices often experience a lack of genuine (26) _____ connection, resulting in an unfortunate sense of isolation despite being constantly online. This paradoxical situation is unquestionably worrying for mental health experts.	PERSON <i>personal</i>

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<p>Moreover, the widespread misuse of technology can contribute to considerable inefficiencies in work environments. For instance, the constant (27) _____ to emails and social media may cause unavoidable distractions, thus reducing overall productivity</p>	<p><u>ACCESS</u></p>
<p>Employers have increasingly become concerned about the irresponsible use of office technologies that are deemed (28) _____ and unsatisfactory for achieving organizational goals.</p>	<p><u>PRODUCTIVE</u> un</p>
<p>In addition to social and professional complications, technology overuse is often unequivocally detrimental to physical (29) _____.</p>	<p><u>BE</u> ?</p>
<p>Sedentary lifestyles, exacerbated by the habitual use of digital entertainment, encourage unhealthy behaviors such as irregular sleeping patterns and insufficient physical activity. The health consequences resulting from such lifestyles are undeniably unfavorable and potentially (30) _____.</p>	<p><u>REVERSE</u> id e</p>
<p>Another less obvious but equally significant issue relates to cybersecurity vulnerabilities. The indiscriminate sharing of personal information and the underestimation of sophisticated cyber threats have made users inadvertently vulnerable to unauthorized data breaches and identity theft. This unfortunate reality necessitates an uncompromising (31) _____ to digital literacy and online safety measures.</p>	<p><u>COMMIT</u> ?</p>
<p>Furthermore, an overreliance on artificial intelligence and automation poses a potential risk of (32) _____ various industries. Jobs that require creativity and emotional intelligence are frequently considered irreplaceable; however, the mistaken assumption that machines can replicate all human tasks could lead to widespread job displacement and social inequality.</p>	<p><u>HUMAN</u> ful</p>
<p>Despite these challenges, the solution is not to reject technology outright but rather to seek a balanced and responsible approach. Encouraging (33) _____ usage and implementing clear boundaries can significantly mitigate the unfavorable effects mentioned above. Educational institutions and organizations alike should promote awareness regarding the indispensable skill of self-regulation in an increasingly connected world.</p>	<p><u>MIND</u> ful</p>
<p>Importantly, the unintended consequences of technological dependence highlight the necessity for critical thinking and adaptability—qualities that cannot be fully automated or</p>	<p><u>ADVANTAGE</u></p>

standardized. While technology is unquestionably indispensable in modern life, an uncritical acceptance without conscious evaluation may prove to be (34) _____ in the long run.	
In conclusion, although technology offers extraordinary opportunities for development and convenience, its overdependence has led to multifaceted negative repercussions. Addressing these issues requires a judicious and proactive approach, emphasizing both the advantages and limitations of modern innovations. Only through such balanced perspective can society navigate the complexities of the digital age (35) _____.	SUCCESS

Task 4. Items 36-45 (10 points)

For items 39-48, match the items 1-10 to the phenomena A-N. There are some extra phenomena which do not match.

36. Abraham Lincoln	E	A. This idea promotes that happiness and success can be achieved through excessive buying and debt.
37. "I is another."	N	B . A pivotal leader in the American civil rights movement, He is best known for his advocacy of nonviolent protest to end racial segregation and discrimination.
38. Madison, Wisconsin	J	C. Rimbaud's credo conveys that the poet's self is fragmented, and poetry is a means to express transcendent, often mysterious states beyond the poet's ordinary identity.
39. "Give me liberty or give me death!"	I	D . It reflects the idea that we relate to each other as authentic beings, without judgment, qualification, or objectification
40. Seattle, Washington	M	E . His political philosophy balanced deep convictions with practical pragmatism. He believed strongly in preserving the Union and was guided by a mix of idealism rooted in abolitionism and a pragmatic approach to politics.
41. Martin Luther King Jr	B	
42. "Birds of a feather flock together."	G	
43. "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."	L	

44. Harriet Tubman H

45. Materialism F

F. the value system that considers possessions and physical comfort to be more important than spiritual, intellectual, or cultural values.

G. It reflects the natural tendency of individuals to seek out companions who are like themselves, highlighting the social aspect of human nature.

H. Known for her courageous work as a conductor on the Underground Railroad, helped dozens of enslaved African Americans escape to freedom.

I. This powerful declaration from Patrick Henry's 1775 speech became a rallying cry for American independence, emphasizing the value of freedom at any cost.

J. This city is named after a prominent Native American leader of the Duwamish and Suquamish tribes.

K. He is known for his image as a champion of the common man, his polity emphasized populism, nationalism rooted in the southwestern frontier, and strong executive authority.

L. Spoken during the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, this quote underscores the importance of unity among the American revolutionaries facing great risk.

M. This city is named after the fourth President of the United States and the "Father of the Constitution" for his pivotal role in drafting and promoting the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

N. the idea that a person's inherent nature or character is unlikely to change, even if they try to appear different.

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