

**Материалы для промежуточной аттестации по английскому языку для обучающихся 8 класса**

**Progress check 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**ДЕМОБЕРСИЯ**

**LISTENING**

**History of Tea**

People first drank tea in China about 5000 years ago. Originally it was used as a medicine, then as a daily drink. It spread to Japan in the 3rd century A.D. Dutch and Portuguese traders brought tea from eastern Asia to Europe in the 1600s.

In 1657 the beverage was sold for the first time in coffee houses in Great Britain. When the English started a tradition of tea drinking in the afternoon it became England's national drink. In the 17th and 18th centuries tea spread to British colonies overseas.

In 1767 Great Britain placed a tax on tea imported by American colonists. During the Boston Tea Party of 1773 they were so angry that they threw a ship full of British tea into the harbour to protest British rule. Two years later the American Revolutionary War started.

Today about 3.3 million tons of tea are produced. India, with its famous tea growing regions like Darjeeling and Assam, and China produce about half of the world's tea. It also grows in many other parts of Asia, especially in Sri Lanka and Indonesia. In the course of time growing tea has spread to countries in Eastern Europe, Africa and South America.

**READING**

**THE ARAL SEA**

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The Aral Sea is one of the most ancient lakes on Earth, with a history of 3,500 years. It was also the fourth largest lake in the world until the late 1950s.

It is dying now. The sea has dropped by 16 metres and the water has become too salty. There are now three million hectares of land which were once covered by water. The climate has been affected and changed this land into desert.

The Amu Darya and Syr Darya rivers feed the Aral Sea. They travel through Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. In the 1920s new irrigation technologies were introduced and larger-scale cotton cultivation was begun. Water from the rivers was diverted for agricultural and population needs.

Until the 1950s, between 50 and 60 cubic kilometres of water reached the Aral Sea each year. Since the 1960s the Aral Sea has lost almost 75 per cent of its volume, and has shrunk to 50 per cent of its size. In some dry years in the 1980s no water flowed into the sea at all. The water has become over-salty and lost most of its natural plant and animal life. The low quality of water has caused many diseases.

**Read the text, find and translate the following phrases**

1. one of the most ancient lakes on Earth \_\_\_\_\_

2. the water has become too salty \_\_\_\_\_

3.changed this land into  
desert. \_\_\_\_\_

**Read the text and answer the question**

1.How old is the Aral Sea

\_\_\_\_\_

2.Why has the water in the Aral Sea become over-salty?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**GRAMMAR TEST**

**1. Put in «the» where necessary.**

1. Many people dream about travelling in ... space.
2. .... Russia is situated in ...Europe and ... Asia.
3. .... Moscow is the capital of ... Russia
4. I have never been to ... Lake Baikal.
5. There are 4 countries in ... UK.

**2. Choose the right answers.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ television last night when my friend rang.  
a)have been watching b)have watched c) watchedd) was watching
2. There was a robbery at the bank last night and all the money \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) is stolen b) was stolen c) has stolend)was being stolen
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ to Africa on Business.  
a) am being sentb) am send c)am sent d) be send
4. Unless \_\_\_\_\_ hard he'll fail the exam.  
a)he'll work b) he worked c) he worksd) he'd work
5. If I were you \_\_\_\_\_ to a doctor.  
a)I went b) I'll go c)I go d) I'd go
6. She liked the film \_\_\_\_\_?  
a)isn't it b)won't she c) didn't shed) doesn't she
7. I worked hard \_\_\_\_\_ my exam.  
a) to passb) for passing c) for pass d) to passing
8. When I arrived at the station the train \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a)had already leftb)was already left c)already left d)would already leave
9. After \_\_\_\_\_ his homework he went to bed.  
a)finish b)finished c)to finishd) finishing
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ go to Spain next year.  
a)would like b)like toc)like d)would like to

**3.Choose the preposition.**

1. What did your teacher write (in. on. into) the blackboard?
2. Our children will see many interesting animals (in. on. into) the Zoo.
3. Do you have anything (in. on. into) your pockets?
4. Mary doesn't want to sit (in. on. into) this chair.
5. Our granny is not (in. on. into) the house. She is (in. on. into) the garden.

## WRITING

**Imagine you are making friend in Internet. Write a letter telling about you (you may use as a plan):**

1. name / age / birthday
2. country / town / nature
  3. where you study/ your favourite subject at school
  4. your interests / favourite books, sports, music
  5. Where did you go last summer

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#### ДЕМОБЕРСІЯ(keys)

## READING

**Read the text and find if these words and phrases mean the following:**

1. one of the most ancient lakes on Earth - одноиздревнейшихозерпланеты
2. the water has become too salty- водасталаслишкомсоленой
3. changed this land into desert – превратилаэтиземливпустыню

**Read the text and answer the question**

1. How old is the Aral Sea? The Aral Sea about 3,500 years.
2. Why has the water in the Aral Sea become over-salty? . The sea has dropped by 16 metres and the water has become too salty.

## GRAMMAR TEST

**2. Put in «the» where necessary.**

6. Many people dream about travelling in - space.
7. . -... Russia is situated in ...-Europe and -... Asia.
8. .... Moscow is the capital of ... Russia
9. I have never been to **the**... Lake Baikal.
10. There are 4 countries in **the**... UK.

**3. Choose the right answers.**

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| 1 D | 6 D  |
| 2 B | 7 B  |
| 3 B | 8 A  |
| 4 C | 9 D  |
| 5 B | 10 D |

**4. Choose the preposition.**

1. On.

2. In.

3. In.

4. On.

5. In, in.