

Grade 9 – English Test

Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____

TASK 1 משימה (7x3=21 points)

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| Listen to the radio broadcast. Before you listen to the broadcast, read the questions for task 1. You will hear the broadcast twice. | הקשיבו לתשדיר הרדיו. לפני שתשמעו את התשדיר, עיינו בשאלות של משימה 1. התשדיר יושמע פעמיים. |
| Answer the questions in English according to the broadcast you heard. | ענו באנגלית על השאלות על פי התשדיר ששמעתם. |

Questions

1. Why is Jack Hanson talking to Mark?

- a to ask about next week's program
- b to get information about Dina's new CD
- c to get information about Mark's songs
- d to ask about the music festival

2. Why did Mark and his friends come to the park every Thursday?

- a to listen to music
- b to write about the festival
- c to sing their songs
- d to talk to Jack Hanson

3. What is special about tonight's musicians?

Give **one** answer. _____

4. What do you know about Mark?
Tick (✓) the **two** correct answers.

- He plays the guitar.
- He writes his own songs.
- He is a teenager.
- He is a famous singer.
- He will record a CD.



5. How often can people listen to Jack's radio program?

- a every day
- b every week
- c every month
- d every year



6. Choose a name for the festival.

- a The Desert Festival
- b Musical Families on Stage
- c Musical Summer Evenings
- d The Guitar Festival

TASK 2 משימה (6x5=30 points)

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| Read the following text. Answer the questions in English according to the text. | קראו את הטקסט שלפניכם. ענו באנגלית על השאלות לפי הטקסט. |
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The Animal Lover

Gerald Durrell was a writer and an animal lover. When he was a child, he kept lots of animals in his house. When he was older, he wrote many books about animals. His most famous book, "My Family and Other Animals", tells about his family and their experiences*. He wrote it in 1955 and it is still popular today.

As an adult, Durrell devoted** his life to animals. In 1947, he traveled from England to Africa and South America to find animals. Durrell sold the animals to zoos. In those days, zoos were just places for people to look at animals. But Durrell wanted zoos to do more.

Durrell had a dream to open a special zoo. He wanted to save animals in danger of extinction***. Durrell's dream came true in 1958 when he opened a zoo on the island of Jersey near England. Durrell saved many kinds of animals in his zoo.

Durrell's ideas about zoos became popular all over the world and today there are many zoos that follow his ideas. Durrell died in 1995 but people still visit his zoo today to see animals and learn about the importance of saving them.

* experiences – חוויות

** devoted – הקדיש

*** extinction – הכחדה

Questions

7. Fill in the missing information in the table below.

| Year | What happened? |
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| a. _____ | Durrell visited some countries to look for animals. |
| 1955 | b. _____ |
| 1958 | c. _____ |



8. Where is Durrell's special zoo?



9. What is Durrell famous for? Give **two** answers from the text.

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10. The topic of the text is ____.

a Durrell's travels

b Durrell's life

c the history of zoos

d how to save animals

TASK 3 משימה (29 points)

HI-TECH GRANDMOTHRRES

I

Blogs, chats and YouTube – any computer lover from the Net generation can tell you what these are. The Net generation was born after 1980. Surfing the Internet is very easy for them. However, these surfers are not alone because their grandparents are now discovering that they can also enjoy the Internet world.

II

“Silver surfers” are Internet users over the age of 65. They play virtual games and visit chat rooms regularly. One silver-surfer grandmother, age 73, said that she loved playing bingo with people from all over the world because it was a great way to meet new friends.

Her grandchildren call her “cybergran”.

III

Oliver Riley of Australia was born in 1899, but her age didn't stop her from becoming the world's oldest blogger until she died at the age of 108. She had a remarkable memory and her blog was full of unusual and amazing stories from her long life. Thousands of Internet surfers of all ages enjoyed reading Olive's blog.

IV

The most famous cybergran is Queen Elizabeth of England. When her grandson, Prince William, received a computer game as a present, the Queen was very interested and asked if she could join in. She liked playing the game so much that apparently her grandson couldn't get his present back.

V

Although she is in her eighties, Queen Elizabeth enjoys using new technology. She set up her own special Royal Channel on the Internet, because the British people always love to know more about the lives of the Royal family.

VI

The Queen understands that she must adapt to the 21st century if she wants to reach more people, especially the younger generation. She even sent SMS birthday greeting to her other grandson, Prince Harry. The Queen, like other silver-surfer grandmothers, may have found a good way to bridge the generation gap.

11. What is the Net generation? (paragraph I) 3 p. _____

12. What information is given about silver surfers? (paragraphs I - II) 3 p.

- a. They are part of the Net generation.
- b. All Internet users are silver surfers.
- c. They are not alone.
- d. They are grandparents of the Net generation.

13. Why is being a silver surfer fun? – Give ONE reason (paragraph I) 3 p.

14. a. Silver surfers were the only fans of Olive Riley’s blog. (paragraph III)
YES / NO 2 p.

b. Copy the words from the text that helped you answer. 3 p.

15. Prince William probably wasn’t happy because... (paragraph IV) 3 p.

- a. he didn’t like playing with his presents.
- b. he didn’t have a chance to play with his presents.
- c. he didn’t do well on the game.
- d. his grandmother didn’t like his present.

16. Queen Elizabeth is a cybergran. Write TWO examples that show this.
(paragraphs V - VI) 2x3=6 p.

a. _____

b. _____

17. Complete the sentence. (paragraph VI) 3 p.

People in England watch the Royal Channel because _____

18. The Queen “may have found a good way to bridge the generation gap”
(paragraph VI) means... 3 p.

- a. she built a new bridge.
- b. she wants to communicate with young people.
- c. she said “Happy Birthday” to Prince Harry.
- d. she wants to communicate with other silver surfers.

TASK 4 משימה (20 points)

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| <p>19. Many parents complain that their children spend too much time on the computer.</p> <p>What do you think? Is using the computer a waste of time?</p> <p>Explain your opinion.</p> <p>Write 45-70 words in English.</p> <p>Pay attention to grammar, spelling and punctuation.</p> | <p>הורים רבים מתלוננים שילדיהם מבליים זמן רב מדי בשימוש במחשב.</p> <p>מה דעתכם? האם שימוש במחשב הוא בזבוז זמן?</p> <p>הסבירו את דעתכם.</p> <p>כתבו באנגלית 45-70 מילים.</p> <p>שימו לב לדקדוק, לכתוב ולסימני הפיסוק.</p> |
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