

English Competition for Transcarpathian Schools with Hungarian as the Language of Instruction
Regional Level
8th form of Secondary Schools - 4th form of Grammar Schools

ID number

Reading

Read the text below and answer the questions (1 - 8).

VISIT THESE HISTORIC HOUSES IN NORTHERN IRELAND**Ardress House**

House tours of this elegant 17th-century farmhouse include the impressive drawing-room, fine furniture and paintings. The farmyard, complete with traditional farm implements, is very popular with children. A new programme of family events is arranged each year.

The Argory

This handsome 1820 house has remained unchanged since 1900. It demonstrates the decorative taste of the family who lived here at that time, and also includes a barrel organ that plays traditional Irish tunes once a month during house tours. There are horse carriages, a harness room, and a laundry in the imposing stable yard. As the house has no electric light, visitors wishing to make a close study of the interior and painting should avoid dull days early and late in the season.

Castle Coole

Castle Coole is one of the finest late 18th-century houses in Ireland. The guided tour shows the rich interior decoration, furnishing and furniture of the time, the state bedroom prepared for the visit of the King George IV in 1821, and the elegant hall, where evening concerts of classical music are often held.

Castle Ward

This mid-18th-century mansion is an architectural oddity of its time, the inside and outside having been built in two distinct architectural styles. In the surrounding estate there are many holiday cottages available for private lets as well as a caravan site.

Hezlett House

One of the few buildings in Northern Ireland surviving from before 18th century, this 17th-century thatched house is simply furnished in late 19th-century style. There is a small museum of farm implements. There are picnic tables outside the house, and for younger visitors a landscaped play area is prohibited.

Springhill

An atmospheric 17th-century home, in the most attractive setting. The house tour takes in the exceptional library, family furniture from the 19th century, the nursery, and the unusual and colourful exhibition of costumes, which has some fine 17th-century Irish pieces.

Task 1: Look at the following statements (1- 8) and the list of houses below. Match each statement with the correct house (A - F). Write the correct letter (A - F) in boxes on your Answer Sheet.

You may use any letter more than once.

List of houses

A. Ardress House

B. The Argony

C. Castle Coole

D. Castle Ward

E. Hezlett House

F. Springhill

1. This house contains furniture of the period when it was built. _____
2. This building is described as having an unusual appearance. _____
3. Clothes from the past can be seen here. _____
4. Children are permitted to play games here. _____
5. A musical instrument exhibited here can sometimes be heard. _____
6. Parents can take part in the same activities as their children. _____
7. Accommodation is available in the grounds of the house. _____
8. Visibility indoors depends on the weather conditions. _____

Points: 16

Task 2. Read the following passage.

Good news!

This is a special offer sent only to our most loyal customers. Click on the link below for full details on our exclusive price savings or call 0800 525 028. Our customer service staff is standing by.

If you wish to modify your profile or unsubscribe from this newsletter simply send us an e-mail requesting removal from our mailing list.

www.intersoft/specialoffers.co.uk

Now mark these sentences (9 - 15) **true (T)** or **false (F)**. Write the correct letter (T/ F) in boxes on your Answer Sheet.

9. This document is a greeting card. _____
10. You must send an e-mail to get details about the products. _____
11. Customers cannot change their profiles. _____
12. Customers have to send an e-mail to unsubscribe from the newsletter. _____
13. Customers have to call 0800 525 028 to stop receiving special offers. _____
14. By clicking on the link, customers can get more information. _____
15. This offer is sent to all customers. _____

Points: 14

Part II. Use of English

Task 3: Find the word, which should not be in the sentence. Write the unnecessary word next to the numbers. Transform your answers to your Answer Sheet.

0. Very few people can speak the Chinese.	0. <i>the</i>
16. Mark is very good at the painting landscapes.	16.
17. This film is as more exciting than the one we saw last week.	17.
18. On Saturday mornings I enjoy going for shopping.	18.
19. The city turned to be a very hot in the summer.	19.
20. There's a saying that the customer he is always right.	20.
21. You are not allowed it to enter that part of the building.	21.
22. Smell is probably the most undervalued of the five senses, the others of which are as taste, touch, sight and hearing.	22.
23. The man who I was talking to him is the owner of the company.	23.
24. She is more prettier than her sister.	24.
25. Thank you for your letter of 25 th March informing us of the faulty equipment we were sent you.	25.

Points: 20

Task 4: Fill in the gaps with the words from the box below. Write the correct word next to the numbers in the text. Transfer your answers to your Answer Sheet.

attitude, long, best, cope, relief, However, hope, taken, generous, Also, fabulous
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Dear Harry,

I'm sorry I haven't written to you for so *e.g. long*. I've been terribly busy since I got back from my holiday in Tamos. **26)** , it was well worth taking such a long holiday.

Tamos is a beautiful little island and life there is very simple. During my four-week stay there, I had a wonderful time and enjoyed simple things which I had never **27)** notice of before. I was fascinated by the place and the people. Everyone there was so **28)** ; they were always ready to help. I have travelled a lot, but I had given up **29)** of ever finding the perfect holiday destination. When I arrived in Tamos, I knew I had found the ideal place. First of all, to my **30)** , there were no groups of tourists. **31)** , the food there was delicious. I've never tasted better seafood in all my life.

Spending a month on Tamos was a(n) **32)** experience that I'll never forget. Now I'm back, I feel much more energetic and cheerful. I've got a more positive **33)** and I feel as if I can **34)** with anything. It was definitely the **35)** holiday I've ever had.

Well, that's all for now. Please write soon and tell me all your news.

Points: 5

Task 6: Read the text carefully and choose the correct word next to the numbers. Circle the correct words. *Transform the correct word to your Answer Sheet.*

Are animals intelligent?

Rats can learn (36) to perform/performing tricks, cats seem (37) sense/to sense what we are feeling. Dogs (38) know/knew when their owners are coming home and anyone who has swum with (39) a/ the dolphin will tell you that these animals are (40) more/most intelligent (41) of/than most people think. Clearly, animals can (42) to learn/learn and (43) remember/to remember. However, they lack language and (44) a/the ability to understand what they are and they therefore can't really (45) be/being considered "intelligent" creatures. Studies carried out on chimpanzees and gorillas (46) suggested/suggesting that they are able (47) to learn/learn symbols and sounds. But are they actually using them (48) communicate/to communicate? No one knows. In (49) the/a late 1960s, (50) an/the American scientist tried (51) to find/finding out if various animals understood what they actually were. He painted (52) a/there dot on their faces and put them in front of a mirror. If an animal touched (53) a/the red spot, it was, according to (54) a/the scientist, actually recognizing itself in (55) a/the mirror. Besides humans, only chimpanzees and orangutans passed this test.

Points: 15

Part III. Writing

Task7: *Your English teacher has asked you to write a story. The story must begin with this sentence: **Just as the film began, I received a text message on my mobile phone.***

Don't forget to mention in your story:

- who you were with;
- what kind of film it was;
- who sent you the message;
- what had happened;
- what you did.

Write about 120 – 150 words.

Points: 20

Part IV. LISTENING

Task 8: Listen to Kelly and Jason's conversation. Decide if each question 1 – 10 is TRUE, FALSE or the information is NOT STATED in the text. Write T (for True), F (for False) or NS (for Not Stated) next to the numbers (56-65). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

56. Kelly thinks that people's diets now are less healthy than in the past.
57. Jason thinks there are a lot of people now who do not know how to relax.
58. Jason and Kelly share the same opinion about people not sleeping enough.
59. In Jason's opinion some people go to bed late as they enjoy dancing at night.
60. Kelly believes that cycling to school is becoming more popular.
61. According to Jason there are more cyclists in the cities today as they care about pollution.
62. Kelly says that air pollution in the cities is getting worse.
63. Jason says that Kelly is often ill.
64. Kelly thinks that teens suffer colds for a couple of days only.
65. In the end, Jason and Kelly agree about young people's health.

Points: 10