English Competition for Transcarpathian Schools with Hungarian as the Language of Instruction **Regional Level** 9th form of Secondary Schools - 5th form of Grammar Schools

Part I: Reading

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Task 1: Read the text carefully and choose the only possible correct answer (A, B, C or D) according to the text. Write the letter on the separate Answer Sheet.

THE STORY OF MY TROUBLES

From my childhood I was an easily taught and obedient boy. My kindness was so noticeable that my friends made fun of me. I was especially fond of animals and had a great number of pets. With these I spent most of my time, and never was so happy as when feeding and playing with them. My character didn't change much when I grew up.

I married early, and was happy to find in my wife a character very much like my own. Seeing my love for pets she never lost a chance of getting the most pleasant animals. We had birds, gold-fish, a fine dog, rabbits, a small monkey and a cat.

This cat was a remarkably large and beautiful animal, quite black and surprisingly clever. In speaking of his cleverness, my wife, who was a superstitious woman, often mentioned the old popular belief, which considered all black cats to be witches in disguise.

Pluto – this was the cat's name – was my favourite pet and playmate. I alone fed him, and as a result he followed me everywhere about the house. It was even with difficulty that I could prevent him from following me through the streets.

Our friendship lasted for several years, during which my character (I blush to confess it) had changed for the worse. I became day by day more moody and more irritable. It often happened that I hurt the feelings of others. I suffered myself as I was rude to my wife.

My pets, of course, could feel the change in my character. In fact, I began to treat them cruelly. As for Pluto, I held back from cruelty as I did treat cruelly the rabbits, the monkey, or even the dog when they came in my way. But my illness took hold of me – for what other illness is like alcohol! – and at last even Pluto, who was now becoming old, even Pluto began to feel the effects of my ill temper.

1. In his childhood the boy was laughed at as _	·
A he was too kind	B he liked animals very much
C he spent a lot of time with animal	D he was obedient
2. The story-teller liked the fact that his wife _A always tried to bring home pleasant animalsC married him early	
3. The wife thought that the cat was smart as _	
A it was remarkably large and beautiful	B it was an evil spirit turned into a cat
C she was a superstitious woman	D all black cats were clever

- 4. The cat followed the master everywhere because _____
- A he was the only who feed him **B** it was difficult to prevent him from doing that
- \mathbf{C} it felt the master's preference and loved him in return \mathbf{D} he was his favourite playmate

5. Over the years the story-teller's character changed. He ______.

A didn't mind his change

B enjoyed his change

C was ashamed of this change

D discussed the change with his wife

6. The reason for the story-teller's illness was _____

A his cruelty **B** his bad temper **C** his pets **D** his drinking habits

Points: 12

Task: 2 Decide, which of the hotels has the following characteristics. Match the letters to the numbers. You need to choose which statement best describes which hotel. Write the letter of a paragraph next to the number of the statement 7–12 on the separate Answer Sheet.

LONDON HOTELS

- 7. has rooms not fitted with tubs;
- **8.** has rooms with individual names;
- 9. is close to the well-known sights of London;
- **10.** provides meals only in the morning;
- **11.** gives its guests an opportunity to admire London from its windows;

12. was opened in the 18^{th} century.

A. Braemar House, 2 Womersley Road, N8. Tel. 340 0205

Victorian hotel with pleasant views over the city. Minutes on the tube to Oxford Circus. Cooking facilities available. 7 rooms, all with baths. No credit cards.

B. La Gaffe, Heath Street, Hampstead, NW. Tel. 435 4941

Small hotel situated on Hampstead Heath, close to the underground station. Meals available. 11 rooms, no private baths.

C. *London House Hotel*, 80 Kensington Gardens Square, W2. Tel. 727 0696 Very cheap but friendly and comfortable bed and breakfast hotel in a pleasant location, close to public transport. 73 rooms, 26 with bath.

D. Hazlitts, 6 Frith Street, W1. Tel. 439 1524

One of London's oldest houses, dating from 1718, unusually located in the heart of Soho. 24 rooms, 9 with bath.

E. *Airway Hotel*, 29 St George's Drive, SW1. Tel. 834 0205 Pleasant little hotel close to Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abby and Harrods. Friendly service. 32 rooms, 19 with bath.

F. *Duke's Hotel*, 35 St James's Place, SW1. Tel. 491 4840 Small (only 53 rooms) traditional hotel. The yard is still lit by gas-lamps, and every room is named after a duke. Recently refurnished and upgraded. **Task3:** Below you will find three headings. Each heading describes the contents of one of the paragraphs in the passage. However, since there are eight paragraphs and only three headings, four of the paragraphs will not fit any of the headings below.

You need to choose which heading best describes which paragraph. Write the letter of a paragraph next to the number of the heading 13–15 on the separate answer sheet.

The Green House Effect

(A) Saving the world begins at home. The energy we use to power our daily domestic lives and drive our cars produces almost half of our output of carbon dioxide, the gas which is the main contributor to the problem of global warming. The way in which we use energy is not only polluting but also incredibly wasteful. But there is nothing to stop us greatly reducing our energy consumption and creating a more comfortable world.

(B) Redesigning the home to bring our lifestyles more into balance with what the environment can cope with need not involve expensive or painful changes. Most of the technology to make the changes is already available. When the changes have been made, the home of the future will be a better place to live in. So what will it be like?

(C) We will have switched from 'fossil fuels' –coal, gas and oil –to sources of power which are non-polluting such as windmills or using the power of tides. Houses will be heavily insulated and heating systems made much more efficient. In addition, our future homes will use low-energy light bulbs.

(D) With water costs rising enormously, most houses will trap rainwater and store it in a large, wellinsulated tank in the cellar. This tank also serves to save energy: heat is recycled from other parts of the house to maintain a high water temperature for washing and central heating.

(E) Recycling waste will be much more common than it is today. Tins, bottles, plastic, and paper will be put into vents in the wall from where they will fall into divided bins for collection. All vegetable matter will go straight on to a compost heap in the garden.

(F) The home will be a cleaner place. Air conditioning will do much more than keep you cool. It will improve air quality by filtering out contaminating dust mites and by controlling moisture and condensation.

(G) Outside the home as well, life will have become more pleasant. The car will no longer be the threat to our health that it is today: it will run on hydrogen or a mixture of battery and safer petrol. It won't be allowed to clog up our cities: people will use the tram, a clean, fast, and quiet form of city transport which many cities are already reintroducing.

(H) This picture of the future is one which should appeal to all of us. It's one that our grandchildren could take for granted, not believing that people lived any other way, that people went around polluting, destroying, wasting resources, and apparently not caring. But if we want our grandchildren to have a world which is cleaner and safer, we have to start to change our ways. The picture of the future can become a reality but only if we do something about it. And we should do something about it soon.

- 13. Homes of the future will be more hygienic.
- 14. We ought to change the way we live.
- 15. The way we live now damages the world.

Points: 6

Part II: Use of English

Task 4: Read the following text below and decide which answer **A**, **B**, **C**, or **D** fits best each space (16 - 25). The first one has been done for you. Transfer your answers to your Answer Sheet.

A TAXI EXPERIENCE

As a journalist, I'm asked to travel around the globe to all sorts of (0) <u>C</u> countries. Over the years, I've used different means of transport. Of course, for long (16) ______flying is the fastest and safest way to (17) ______a far-off destination.

Unfortunately, I'm not a very organised traveller and despite my travel agent's best efforts, (18) ______always goes wrong. Last week, while I was heading for the airport, I realised I had left my passport at home. Obviously, I had to go back so I asked the taxi driver to turn around and take me home. In the meantime, I crossed my fingers and hoped that I wouldn't miss my (19)_____.

All the (20)_____home, the driver was speeding in and out of traffic. He got even more carried (21)_____when he got on the motorway, (22) _____at speeds of up to 150 kilometres per hour.

By the time we arrived home, I was (23)_____ a state of shock and it took me a while to (24)_____ my breath. So, before driving off again, I decided to pay him (25) _____ extra, so that he would go slower as we were bound to have an accident.

0.	A. curious	B. peculiar	C.foreign	D. strange	
16.	A. travels	B. excursions	C. tours	D. trips	
17.	A. arrive	B. reach	C. get	D. approach	
18.	A. anything	B. something	C. everything	D. nothing	
19.	A. flight	B. cruise	C. trip	D. journey	
20.	A. road	B. way	C. route	D. direction	
21.	A. away	B. out	C. on	D. along	
22.	A. moving	B. travelling	C. transferring	D. transporting	
23.	A. at	B. under	C. on	D. in	
24.	A. hold	B. catch	C. keep	D. find	
25.	A. many	B. a little	C. a few	D. some	
				Points:10	

Task 5: For questions 26-35, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the sentences to form a word that fits in the gap in the same sentence. Transfer your answers to your Answer Sheet.

Hollywood forever?

Apart from television, the cinema is the most popular form of entertainment for most people because it is still relatively (26) (EXPENSE). Hollywood is the capital of the (27) (NATION) cinema industry. Hollywood movies make up (28) (ROUGH) 75% of all the films we watch at our local cinemas. Although we may find it difficult to remember the names of (ITALY) and French film stars, Hollywood stars, such as Sylvester Stallone and Meryl (29) Streep are (30) (HOUSE) names all around the world. Moreover, only Hollywood seems to (SUCCESS). (32) make certain kinds of films (31) (MUSIC) are one example but we can also include westerns, although for a time "spaghetti westerns" (made in Italy) were quite (FASHION) with cinema goers. But cowboys and Indians are really a Hollywood (34) (33) (SPECIAL) and they are still going strong after all these years. Such films, however, have not remained (35) (TOUCH) by time and changes in attitudes. The cowboys are no longer always the goodies as they were in the 1940s.

Points: 20

Task 6: For questions 36 - 45, read the sentences and fill in the gaps with suitable words from the table below, corresponding equivalents are given in the brackets. There are some extra words in the table. Match numbers (36-45) with the appropriate numbers (1-18) from the box and transfer your answers to your Answer Sheet. The first has been done for you (36 - 4).

1) till	4) in	7) its	10) having	13)-	16) greater
2) to be made	5) up	8) were	1 l)to make	14)the fifteenth	17) know
3) to have	6) their	9)are known	12) using	15) used	18) fifteenth

We know the water transport (36) ancient times (37) been developing most rapidly on great rivers. The ancient Romans used vessels to carry (38) armies and supplies to colonies. These ships, usually (39) called galleys, continued to be (40) in the Mediterranean (41) 1750.

The introduction of the magnetic compass allowed long voyages (42) with much (43) safety. At the end of the (44) century, sailing vessels (45) to have carried men from Europe to America and round Africa to India.

Points:10

Part III. Writing

Task7: Comment on the following statement. Some people think that computer games are better than life.What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement? Write 150-200 words. Remember to -make an introduction

- express your personal opinion and give reasons for your opinion
- make a conclusion.

Part IV. Listening

Task 8: You will hear an interview with four young people talking about their family lives. Listen to this interview and choose the best answer A, B or C for each speaker. Before you listen, read the questions carefully. Transform your answers to the Answer Sheet.

46. In Patrick's opinion, why does his mother help him?

A. She enjoys it.

B. She worries about him.

C. She has plenty of time.

47. What is Tracey's family doing to the house at the moment?

A. Extending it.

B. Cleaning it.

C. Painting it.

48. How often do Vicky and her father take exercise together?

A. Regularly, once a week.

B. Occasionally.

C. Only in summer.

49. How does Kostas feel about family celebrations?

A. Bored.

B. Embarrassed.

C. Amused.

50. Does Tracey consider DIY to be.....?

A. Useless.

B. Boring.

C. Effective

Points: 10