**SECTION 1 Listening**

You will hear five different people talking about their use of modern communications technology. For Questions 1 –5 choose from the list (A-F) the opinion each person expresses. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use. You will hear the recording twice.

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| Speaker 1   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **1** |   Speaker 2   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **2** |   Speaker 3   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **3** |   Speaker 4   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **4** |   Speaker 5   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **5** | | **A** spends a lot more money on text messages than on voice calls  **B** feels that people should write more letters  **C** doesn’t think text messages are fast enough  **D** feels more at ease communicating with people online  **E** thinks the fact that you can be contacted at all times is stressful  **F** thinks that sending one personal email to lots of different people is lazy |

**SECTION 2** Reading

1. **Read the text and answer the questions.**

Once Mark Twain was invited to the opera. All through the opera his friend's wife was talking to her husband. She talked so much and so loudly that Mark Twain could hardly hear anything. After the performance she said to Mark Twain, "Dear Mark Twain, may I invite you to the opera again next Friday? The opera will be 'Carmen' you are sure to like it." — "Thank you very much," said Mark Twain, "that will be fine. I haven't heard you in 'Carmen' yet."

**Questions:**

1. Why couldn't Mark Twain enjoy the opera?

2. Was the lady going to sing in "Carmen"?

**2. Put the question to the underlined word.**

All through the opera his friend's wife was talking to her husband.

**SECTION 3 Grammar**

**1.**

1. Who ... you English at school?

a) taught, b) is taught, c) was taught, d) have taught.

2. When ... you last... to the theatre?

a) did you go, b) have you gone, c) will you go, d) were you going.

3. This money ... not enough to buy the book.

a) is, b) are, c) has, d) have.

4. The newspapers ... .

a) have brought, b) will bring, c) have been brought, d) was brought.

5. ... Tom ... Eric are good players.

a) as... as..., b) and... and..., c) both... and..., d) like... so... .

6. There are ... days in February than in other months.

a) more, b) less, c) few, d) fewer.

7. Martha is ... in English Literature.

a) interest, b) interesting, c) interested, d) interests.

8. I don't know any American songs. — ... .

a) So do I, b) So am I, c) Neither do I, d) Neither am I.

9. Do you know ... man that lives next door?

a) — , b) a, c) an, d) the.

10. They ... to return next Monday.

a) are sure, b) was sure, c) are not sure, d) weren't sure.

11. By the time we got to the party, most of the guests... .

a) left, b) have left, c) will leave, d) had left.

12. What are you going to do after you ... school?

a) finish, b) finished, c) will finish, d) will have finished.

13. The Dnieper is not ... long as the Volga.

a) such, b) so, c) that, d) — .

14. Must I do this work today? — No, you ... .

a) mustn't, b) can't, c) may not, d) needn't.

15. We shall wait until they ... .

a) come, b) don't come, c) will come, d) won't come.

**2.**

1. Говорят, что британцы имеют хорошее чувство юмора.

2. Это самая красивая картина, которую я когда-либо видел.

3. В США очень много праздников, не так ли?

4.Я ненавижу ветреную погоду.

5. Вы слышали последнюю новость?

6. Предполагается, что русские гордые и гостеприимные.

7. Англичане никогда нe опаздывают, правда?

**SECTION 4 Socio-cultural competence**

**Answer the following questions about the culture of Great Britain and Ireland:**

1. The Irish Sea is ... .

a) to the west of England, b) to the east of England, c) to the north of England, d) to the south of England.

2. The official language of Canada is ... .

а) English, b) French, c) English and French, d) English and Spanish.

3. The capital of the US is ....

a) New York, b) Washington, c) Boston, d) Philadelphia.

4. On the whole the climate of Great Britain is ... .

a) dry, b) frosty, c) mild, d) tropical.

5. Elisabeth II lives in ... .

a) No 10, Downing Street, b) the Tower of London, c) Buckingham Palace, d) Westminster Palace.

**8 класс ответы.**

1. **Аудирование**

**1**

Can you believe that I didn’t even have an email address before I started my latest job a few months ago? I suppose I’m suspicious of technology in general – and I’ve never owned a computer. Now that I’ve got email at work, I’m just starting to get a few personal emails from friends that I’ve given my address to. I really don’t like it when I get a message that’s been copied to lots of other friends – it seems as if they’re saying ‘this is important information, but I can’t be bothered to contact you all personally’. It’s like sending a photocopied letter to lots of different friends at the same time – who would ever do that? Sure, it would be easier – but so impersonal.

**2**

Sending text messages can be really addictive – especially if, like me, you always want to have the last word. Now that we use text, my friends and I hardly ever send emails to each other. What’s the point? They just sit there, waiting for you to access your email account. Text messages are instant, and you can receive them anywhere. They aren’t too expensive either – mind you, if you send enough messages, the bill really starts to add up. I reckon I spent about £on my mobile last month, and only about £0f that was on voice calls. The rest went on text messages.

**3**

I know it isn’t fashionable these days, but I really like sending letters. Emails are great for work, or for keeping in touch with people, but they don’t have the same personal feel as letters. Which would you rather receive: a love letter or a love email? If you get a letter, you know that somebody has taken the trouble to write it by hand, address the envelope, buy a stamp and then post it. You can type a quick email in a few seconds and click ’send’ without any effort at all. These days, most people never write anything linger than a postcard – and you’re lucky if you get one of those rather than just a text message saying ‘I’m on holiday’.

**4**

I like to visit chat rooms whenever I’m on the Internet. It’s a great way to find people who have similar tastes in music and who want to swap tracks. I tend to come across the same people quite often, and I suppose I think of them as my friends now, even though we’ve never actually met face to face. And in some ways, I’m more open and honest in a chat room than I am when, for example, I send an email. I reckon it’s easier to really be yourself when you don’t know the other person, and you don’t have to worry about what they’ll think of you. So whatever I’m worried about, I share it with other people in that chat room. It’s reassuring.

**5**

I used to send a lot of text messages, but recently, I’ve completely switched to instant messaging. My friends and I have all got the same software on our mobiles, and it lets us swap messages with each other instantly, and not just two people at once$ three or four of us can all take part in the same conversation. Whenever I have to use text messages now – if I want to get in touch with somebody who hasn’t got the instant messaging software – it seems so slow! I don’t know how we used to put up with it! Maybe something even faster than instant messaging will come along soon, and then the software we’ve got now will seem really old-fashioned.

**1 – F, 2 – A, 3 – B, 4 – D, 5 – C**

**5 баллов**

**2. Чтение.**

**I.**

1. He couldn't enjoy the opera because the lady was talking loudly.

2. No,she wasn’t.

**II.**

Who was the friend's wife talking to?

**3 балла**

**3.Грамматика.**

1. 1 - a, 2 - a, 3 — a, 4 — с, 5 — с, 6— d, 7 — с, 8 — с, 9 — d, 10 — а, 11- d, 12- а, 13 - b, 14- d, 15- а.

**15 баллов**

2. The British are said to have a good sense of humour.
3. It is the most beautiful picture I have ever seen.
4. There are a lot of holidays in the USA, aren’t there?
5. I hate windy weather.
6. Have you heard the latest news?
7. The Russians are supposed to be proud and hospitable.
8. The English are never late, are they?

**7 баллов**

1. **Социо-культурный компонент.**

1 — a, 2 — с, 3 — b, 4 — с, 5 — с.

**5 баллов**

**ИТОГО: 35 баллов**