**Олимпиадные задания по английскому языку 8 класс**

**Part А. Read the text and do the tasks.**

Board Games Past and Present

Прочитайте текст Board Games Past and Present установите соответствие между заголовками a-f и частями текста A1-A5. Один заголовок лишний.

1. A popular family game.
2. A way to compete.
3. How to play Senet.
4. The oldest board game.
5. Different versions.
6. The purposes of Monopoly.

A1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

People around the world enjoy playing games. Games are a way for people to compete using both skill and luck. One of the most common types of game is the board game, which is any game played on a board and uses dice and (A6) counters.

A2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Possibly the oldest example of a board game is Senet. This game comes from ancient Egypt and its name is believed to mean «passage». It was played from as early as 3,500 B.C. and was popular with kings and (A7) nobles. Although the actual rules of Senet are still a mystery, it is thought that it was a kind of race using lucky dice rolls to move pieces across the board.

A3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Modern board games are similar to Senet in some ways, but have different (A8) purposes. In Monopoly, players move around the board to buy (A9) properties using play money. Its name means (A10) exclusive control of an item or service.

A4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Monopoly is very popular with families all over the world. Many say that it is similar to the actual buying, selling and (A11) rental of properties. Just like in real life, there is a bit of luck involved. Players need to poll a dice to move around the board, and if they (A12) land on another player`s property, they need to play rent. If they land on a property, they need to pay rent. If they land on a property without an (A13) owner, they can buy it.

A5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Over the years, different (A14) versions of Monopoly have appeared. There is a special version for younger players. There are also versions in different (A15) themes, such as the Disney Monopoly and Star Wars Monopoly.

Установите соответствие между выделенными в тексте словами А6-А15 и приведенными ниже словами a-k . Одно слово лишнее.

1. a person of high position in society
2. arrive
3. different from original
4. very special
5. small objects for board games
6. buildings
7. clothes
8. the main idea
9. a person who has got something
10. using something for money during a period of time
11. the reason to act

**Part В. Lexical-Grammar Test.**

1. **Put in the articles *the, a* or *an* where necessary (16 points)**

When I was on holiday, I read a lot. I read some fiction and detective stories, \_\_\_\_\_\_ short stories and historical novels. In general, I prefer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prose to poetry, as poetry seems \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ little bit boring to me. However, I like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_limericks very much. They are quite popular in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Britain, in (5) Ireland in particular. A limerick is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_kind of humorous little poem. It has only five lines. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_first line rhymes with the second, the third with the fourth, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last one with the first and the second again. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_rhyme of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ limerick is like this: AABBA. I even wrote \_\_\_\_\_\_\_limerick myself. It’s about a holiday at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_seaside:

Lay in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sun as long as you can

No doubt, you'll get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wonderful tan.

At contests of beauties you'll get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ first prize

And even your doctor will say in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_surprise

That he is forever your fan.

1. **Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions (10 points)**
2. He couldn't make \_\_\_\_\_ his mind about what to do with the money.
3. She is ill \_\_\_\_\_ a tropical disease.
4. What about dinner \_\_\_\_\_\_ my place next week?
5. He was \_\_\_\_\_ such a hurry that he missed breakfast.
6. The church tower is \_\_\_\_\_ need of repair.
7. My aunt brought \_\_\_\_\_\_ four children.
8. Milk is very rich \_\_\_\_ calcium.
9. The house is surrounded \_\_\_\_\_ woods.
10. The floor was covered \_\_\_\_\_\_ dust.
11. She can't manage\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her child.
12. **Use the words in the correct form (7 points)**
13. Danger comes from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ places. (expect)
14. Jo hit him with all her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (strong)
15. His career would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ruin)
16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the museum is free. (enter)
17. He gave me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ information. (value)
18. Tim plays for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ volleyball team. (nation)
19. He became very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when we had to leave. (emotion)
20. **Complete the text. Use the words in brackets (13 points)**

The relations between dolphins and human beings long (1 — surprise) people. These relations (2 — last) for thousands of years. Pictures of dolphins (3 — use) to decorate the coins of ancient Greeks. Sailors (4— consider) the presence of dolphins near ships to be good luck. Now dolphins (5 — train) and they (6 — take) part in performances that both children and grown-ups (7 — like). When you (8 — spend) your holiday on the Black Sea coast you (9 — can) see dolphins (10 — play) near the shore. They usually (11 — come) early in the morning and before sunset. They (12 — consider) to be our friends. No one ever (13 — see) a dolphin attack human beings.

1. **Complete the second sentence using the word given so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence (8 points)**

1.It is the worst headache she has ever had.

Bad

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.What a sweet melody is!

How

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3.She can play the violin well.

Good

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4.She doesn’t let her children play by the river.

Allowed

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5.Kate is too short to play basketball.

Enough

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6.Jim isn’t punctual as Mike.

Than

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7.I think John has taken my jacket.

I think my jacket\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_John.

8.They were using hot water to wash all the cars.

All the cars \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_hot water.

1. **Choose the right variant (10 points)**
2. Mrs White ... Mary that she was going away. a) said, b) told, c) talked, d) spoke.
3. This is ... very important news.

a) a, b) the, c) — , d) an.

1. They ... yet.

a) didn't arrive, b) haven't arrived, c) don't arrive, d) won't arrive.

1. How old ... when you got married?

a) are you, b) will you be, c) were you, d) have you been.

1. I am not very good ... learning languages.

a) at, b) in, c) of, d) while.

1. 1 don't know if she ... to the party.

a) comes, b) will come, c) had come, d) would come.

1. You ... work hard to pass the exam.

a) must, b) can, c) may, d) might.

1. Don't worry. All your expenses ... .

a) will pay, b) will be paid, c) had been paid, d) are paying.

1. Is there ... strange in what she is saying?

a) some, b) anything, c) any, d) no.

1. This time she has ... mistakes in her test.

a) fewer, b) less, c) fewest, d) little.