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**Part 1**  
**Listening**

**Time: 10 minutes**

**Maximum points – 4**

*Прослушайте аудиофайл: <https://statgrad.org/download/226993.mp3>*

*Listen to the text. Then put four tales in the order that they are mentioned in the text.  
There is one extra fairy tale which is not mentioned in the text.*

1	1	The Frog Princess
2	2	Ivan the Fool and the Magic Pony
3	3	Kolobok (The Gingerbread Man)
4	4	The Cat and the Rooster
		Teremok (The Fly's Castle)

## **Part 2**

### **Reading**

**Time: 20 minutes**

**Maximum points – 10**

Read the text and decide if sentences are True, False, or this information is not mentioned in the text – Not Stated.

### **Easy Writing**

Have you ever heard of Lazlo Biro? He invented the ballpoint pen (the biro). His invention has made writing a lot easier for everyone.

In the 1930s Lazlo Biro worked for a newspaper in Budapest in Hungary. While writing his articles he used an ink pen which left a lot of ink stains on paper. He often watched the newspaper being printed by huge printing machines. Biro noticed that the ink used in the printing machines dried very quickly. He wondered if this quick-drying ink could be used in pens. He had the idea of using a tube of quick-drying ink with a ball at the end. He found that when you wrote with it, the ball allowed ink to flow out of the tube and on to the paper. Because it dried quickly it did not smudge like ordinary ink.

Biro was very excited by his discovery. His pen was much easier and smoother to write with. It was especially helpful to left-handed people. With the pen, it was possible to write up to 200,000 words before the ink ran out. It was even possible to write on rough surfaces. Another advantage of the ballpoint pen was that it was cheap. You just threw it away when the ink ran out and got another one!

Unfortunately, before he was able to patent\* his invention, the Second World War broke out. Biro went to Brazil. There, he and his brother George began to improve the design of the pen. In the early 1940s they began to manufacture a new pen, but they did not have enough money to start a big company.

In 1944 he sold his business to an Englishman named Henry Martin. Martin produced thousands of Biro pens. He sold many to the men and women in the American and British armies. People liked the pens very much. They were convenient and easy to carry around and they could be used anywhere. They were cheaper than fountain pens. Later, Martin sold the business to a French company called BIC. This company now sells twelve million pens a day.

Biro was pleased that his pen was so popular, but he did not make a lot of money from his invention. He died quite a poor man in South America. However, his name is not forgotten. It has become an everyday word.

\*When an inventor patents something, this prevents others from using the invention without permission.

1. Biro was a Hungarian journalist.

☐ True

☒ False

☐ Not Stated

2. Biro's birthday is celebrated in some countries as Inventors' Day.

☒ True

☒ False

☐ Not Stated

3. Biro invented his pen without seeing a printing machine at work.

☐ True

☒ False

☐ Not Stated

4. The ink used in printing machines was different from ordinary ink.

☐ True

☒ False

☒ Not Stated

5. You can write longer with a ballpoint pen than with an ink pen.

☒ True

☐ False

☐ Not Stated

6. The new pen could write not only on paper.

☒ True

☒ False

☐ Not Stated

7. In the 1940s Biro brothers' business was rather successful.

☐ True

☒ False

☐ Not Stated

8. Biro sold his business to BIC.

☐ True

☒ False

☒ Not Stated

9. Fountain pens were cheaper and easier to use.

☐ True

☒ False

☐ Not Stated

10. Biro's name is still honored by his relatives in South America.

☐ True

☒ False

☐ Not Stated

**Part 3**  
**Use of English**

Time: 30 minutes  
Maximum points – 50

**Task 1**

*Read the text below. There is one mistake in each line: it can be a wrong word or a missed word. Find the mistake and write the proper word in the box.*

1	At 12 <sup>th</sup> April, 1961 Yuri Gagarin, a Russian Cosmonaut,	on	+
2	became first human to travel into space. Although his flight	a	—
3	lasted only 108 minute, its success made him	minute	+
4	national hero. He also became the first person	a	+
5	ate and drank in zero gravity, and he was able	who	+
6	view the Earth in a way that no one had done before.	to	+
7	Unfortunately, a plane crash in March 1968 made Gagarins'	Gagarins'	—
8	desire of revisiting space impossible.	impossible	+
9	After his dead, his hometown and the Cosmonaut Training	death	+
10	Center at Star City, Russia, was named after he.	him	+

**Task 2**

*For questions (1-20) choose the correct verb form for each gap. (0) – is done for you as an example.*

**He Didn't Laugh**

Mark Twain, the famous American author, (0) was well known (to know) as a lecturer, and literary clubs often (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (to invite) him to speak. Before one of his lectures a club member (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (to come) up to him and said,

“Mr. Twain, people (3) invited (to say) that you can tell very funny stories. I hope that during your lecture you (4) make (to make) my uncle (5) laughed (to laugh). He (6) hasn't (not to laugh) for ten years.”  
“I'll do my best”, Mark Twain said.

At the beginning of his lecture, Mark Twain (7) noticed (to notice) the club member who (8) was sitting (to sit) in front of him with an old sad man.

Mark Twain (9) began to tell (to begin) (to tell) jokes, one after another, long jokes and short jokes, new jokes and old jokes. Soon everybody (10) was crying (to cry) with laughter. Everybody – but not the old man. He (11) was looking (to look) at Mark Twain with his cold blue eyes. Mark Twain (12) was ashamed (to be ashamed).

After the lecture, the club member (13) was (to thank) Mark Twain because he (14) wasn't (never to hear) so many funny stories.

“They (15) were not (not to be) funny enough for your uncle. He (16) didn't even (not even smile)!” Mark Twain (17) answered (to answer).

“I'd like to thank you and say again my uncle (18) hasn't laughed (not to laugh) for ten years. I want you to know he (19) hasn't heard (not to hear) anything for ten years. He (20) was deaf (to be deaf).”

0	was well known	is well known	has been well known
1	invites	invited	invite
2	come	comes	came
3	say	will say	are said
4	made	make	will make
5	laughed	laugh	to laugh
6	hasn't laughed	don't laugh	didn't laugh
7	notice	notices	noticed
8	was sitting	is sitting	were sitting
9	had begun telling	began to tell	began to telling
10	were crying	will cry	was crying
11	was looking	would look	had looked
12	was ashamed	was ashamed	is ashamed
13	thanks	thank	thanked
14	had never heard	never had heard	have never heard
15	is not	were not	was not
16	haven't even smiled	hadn't even smile	didn't even smile
17	answered	answer	answers
18	didn't laugh	hasn't laughed	haven't laughed
19	hasn't heard	didn't hear	doesn't hear
20	were deaf	was deaf	is deaf

### Task 3

Complete the e-mail. For questions 1–10 write ONE word for each space. There is an example for you (0).

From: Parveen  
To: Marta

Hi Marta,

I hope (0) you are well. I was trying (1) to call you yesterday but you didn't answer. Is your phone broken, (2) or have you lost it again? Anyway, I wanted to ask (3) if you could come to my birthday party next Saturday. My birthday was actually two weeks (4) ago but I couldn't have the party then (5) ago lots of people were (6) on holiday. I've invited (7) a few people from our swimming club, as well as my friends from school. (8) did you think your brother (9) is free that day? Please invite (10) him to come too. The party's at my house and starts at 8 p.m.

Parveen

Example: (0) you

### Task 4

Classify all these nouns and fill in the table. Mind your spelling. There is an example (0) for you.

0	car	coach	bike	plane	transport
1	apple	orange	banana	pear	fruit
2	Egypt	France	Russia	India	country
3	table	chair	sofa	bed	close
4	trousers	shirt	hat	socks	insect
5	beetle	ant	bee	spider	vegetables
6	potato	carrot	onion	peas	relatives
7	aunt	uncle	niece	cousin	furniture
8	London	Moscow	Paris	Washington	capitals
9	violin	flute	guitar	trumpet	musical
10	daisy	rose	tulip	iris	flower

Максимум за работу – 64 балла

Аудирование – 8  
чтение – 11  
грамматика – 30