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ПИСЬМЕННАЯ РАБОТА

TOTAL: 80 points

I. For questions 1-15, read the text below and decide which word A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Fairy tales

A fairy tale is a story characterized by the (0)... of fantastical figures. Fairies, witches and giants are just some of the characters which appear. It is interesting to note that it makes no (1)... from which country or age the tales come; they tend to contain (2)... ideas and themes. The most important part of the tale itself is the narrative. Many incredible things happen, animals and inanimate (3)... speak, magical events (4)... and wishes come (5)... Traditionally, however, in most fairy tales the ending (6)... the triumph of good over evil, (7)... of what tragedy had gone before. Fairy tales have existed in oral, picture and even song form ever (8)... people started telling stories. However, from a European point of view they did not (9)... part of literature until the 16th century when William Shakespeare (10)... such dramatic fairy tales as *A Midsummer Night`s Dream* and *The Tempest*. Some of the most popular written fairy tales in Europe have come (11)... the Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen. In many cases the stories have become much (12)... famous than the writers. For example, very (13)... fans of the (14)... *Mother Goose`s Tales* know that they were written (15)... the Frenchman Charles Perrault.

0	A function	B presence	C entrance	D appearance
1	A change	B alteration	C difference	D variety
2	A similar	B alike	C likely	D like
3	A bodies	B objects	C pieces	D items
4	A occur	B arise	C appear	D suggest
5	A alive	B real	C true	D false
6	A provides	B proposes	C consists	D involves
7	A instead	B regardless	C despite	D because
8	A for	B since	C from	D after

9	A become	B come	C get	D be
10	A designed	B thought	C imagined	D wrote
11	A at	B by	C from	D of
12	A greater	B more	C bigger	D less
13	A little	B small	C rare	D few
14	A modern	B notorious	C popular	D current
15	A near	B from	C by	D with

II. For questions 16-30, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

Robberies

The only stories I ever heard about robberies or burglaries were those broadcast (16) _____ television or printed in the newspaper. The stories, although momentarily shocking, really meant very little (17) _____ me because they involved neither me (18) _____ anyone I knew. As I (19) _____ older, I began to hear people's personal experiences (20) _____ such crimes. However, no matter (21) _____ much you sympathize with a victim, you cannot put yourself in their shoes (22) _____ it happens to you.

The first time I was robbed was on the (23) _____ to the beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. I didn't even see the thief (24) _____ stole my purse from my bag! People attempted to rob me several (25) _____ times on the streets and buses in Rio, even with the aid of a knife, (26) _____ they didn't succeed. In London, my flat was (27) _____ into. Luckily, the burglar only took the money from the electricity meter. The worst time, (28) _____, was when I lived in Holland. I came back from a lovely holiday in Greece to find everything gone from my flat. In the last two cases, although losing my personal belongings was upsetting, the fact that a stranger (29) _____ been in my house was the (30) _____ disturbing part of it.

III. For questions 31-40, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given and other words to complete each sentence. You must use between two and five words. Do not change the word given. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write only the missing words in the answer boxes provided.

0. Your house needs to be decorated.

Have

You need to have your house decorated.

31. Can you take care of my cat while I'm away?

after

Can _____ while I'm away?

32. He would rather be paid by cheque.

prefer

He _____ by cheque.

33. The idea is more of a success than I thought.

such

I didn't think the _____ a success.

34. I can't decide what to wear to the party.

mind

I can't _____ what to wear to the party.

35. They'll have sent all the invitations by Monday.

have

All the _____ by Monday.

36. It is not possible to buy a new car.

possibility

There _____ a new car.

37. He started his own business five years ago.

set

He _____ five years ago.

38. Take my phone number; you may need to call.

case

Take my phone _____ to call.

39. Can you dispose of the rubbish?

rid

Can you _____ rubbish?

40. She didn't make any comments.

avoided

She _____ comments.

IV. In the text below some lines are correct but some have a word that should not be there. Indicate the correct lines with a tick (✓). For the incorrect lines, write the words that should not be there. There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).

350,000 Richer after Clear-out

0	✓	It had been a very upsetting year for Marian Barnes.
00	been	First her husband Jim had been died suddenly at
41		the age of seventy-four and then she discovered he had
42		left huge debts. It seemed like that Marian would be
43		forced to sell the 17 th century farmhouse in where she
44		had lived all her life. She was struggling for to live on
45		the charity of friends when her fortunes had changed.
46		As being part of the moving process, Marian had found
47		it necessary to have a massive sort out. When she had
48		finished, she took out a couple of boxes of old junk to a
49		local antiques dealer, who she hoped to would give
50		her a few pennies for the items. Included in among
51		them was her husband's collection of butterflies which
52		she had always disliked. To her then amazement, the boxes of
53		'junk' were to sold for 350.000 at auction last week and
54		so now Marian will be able to stay in with her family home
55		for the rest of her life should she wish to.

V. For questions 56-65, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Tennis

<p>Today, tennis is one of the most popular (0) competitive summer sports, in the world. (56) _____ from many countries take part in international tournaments, (57) _____ and amateur. The most (58) _____ of British tennis tournaments is Wimbledon. The tennis that we play today is a (59) _____ of 'Lawn Tennis', a (60) _____ game played in the 19th century, the father of which is (61) _____ said to be Walter Clopton Winfield. Each player's (62) _____ is to strike a ball into the court of his/her (63) _____ so that it cannot be returned. The (64) _____ for scoring is peculiar to the game. The (65) _____ is the player who wins the most games in a certain number of sets.</p>	<p>compete play profession fame descend popularity tradition object oppose proceed win</p>
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VI. Choose the correct item.

- 66. He.....a curse under his breath.
- 67. Ann was very.....about her figure and was always on a diet.
- 68. If you.....your gloves there, you'll never remember to pick them up.
- 69. The baby tried to walk, but it kept.....
- 70. The sun is too hot –let`s sit in the.....

66	A shouted	B mentioned	C muttered	D told
67	A self-confident	B self-conscious	C self-centered	D self-controlled
68	A leave	B misplace	C forget	D lose
69	A throwing up	B falling off	C dropping off	D falling down
70	A shadow	B darkness	C shade	D obscurity

VII.Fill in correct articles.

Juan Perez was 71. ____Spanish navigator who explored 72 . ____ northwest coast of 73 ____North America. He sailed from 74 ____Mexico, up 75 ____ coast of 76 ____North America in 1774, in 77.____ ship named 78.____ Santiago. He had been ordered to sail as far north as Alaska, but only made it to what is now 79.____ British Columbia, because of 80.____ bad weather.