

**Russian**

**PAPER 1: Listening and understanding in Russian**  
**Higher tier**

**Thursday 8 June 2023 – Morning**

**Time: 40 minutes and 5 minutes' reading time**

**In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.**

<b>Surname</b>					
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**YOU MUST HAVE**

**Nil**

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN**

**Text Booklet**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer ALL questions in Sections A and B.**

**Questions in Section A are set in Russian.**

**Questions in Section B are set in English.**

**Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.**

**You must NOT use a dictionary, but in some questions translations are provided for a few words that were not included in the Specification vocabulary lists.**

## **INFORMATION**

**You have 5 minutes to read through the paper before the first extract starts.**

**You may make notes during these 5 minutes.**

**You will hear the extract twice. You may write at any time during the tests. There will be a pause between each question.**

**The total mark for this paper is 50.**

**The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.**

## **ADVICE**

**Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.**

**Try to answer every question.**

**Check your answers if you have time at the end.**

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**Answer ALL questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☐. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☐.**

## SECTION A

### Я буду волонтером

#### 1 Вадим говорит о будущем

Look at the list of words for Question 1 in the Text Booklet. Поставьте пропущенные слова в подходящие места. Внимание! Не все слова нужны.

#### GLOSSARY

достойная – worthy

ПРИМЕР: Вадим думает о

\_\_\_\_\_ будущем \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) Вадим будет изучать

\_\_\_\_\_.

(1 mark)

(b) Как волонтер он будет помогать

\_\_\_\_\_ людям.

(1 mark)

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**(c) Как волонтер, у него не будет**

\_\_\_\_\_ .  
**(1 mark)**

**(d) Он хочет работать с группой**

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**(1 mark)**

**(e) Он думает, что это будет**

\_\_\_\_\_ .  
**(1 mark)**

**(Total for Question 1 = 5 marks)**

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## «Зелёный» клуб

2 Наташа говорит о «Зелёном» клубе.

Выберите одно из следующих имён — Дима, Павел, Степан, Эдик. Можно поставить одно имя несколько раз.

### GLOSSARY

экстремальной – extreme

бензиновых – petrol

ПРИМЕР: \_\_\_\_\_ Павел \_\_\_\_\_ считает, что надо думать о климате.

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ считает, что все должны думать о планете.  
(1 mark)

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ хочет лучший воздух. Когда нужно, он ходит пешком.  
(1 mark)

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ хочет экономить воду.  
(1 mark)

(d) \_\_\_\_\_ говорит об энергии.  
(1 mark)

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- (e) \_\_\_\_\_ хочет работать на фестивале для учеников.  
(1 mark)

**(Total for Question 2 = 5 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 10 MARKS**



## SECTION B

### A learning opportunity

3 You hear about a podcast by a school in Novgorod.

Listen to the recording and complete the sentences by putting a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

#### GLOSSARY

удивительные – surprising

EXAMPLE: The podcast is for...

☒ A students of English

☐ B complete beginners

☐ C teenagers only

☐ D languages teachers

(i) You can first hear it...

☐ A on Saturday

☐ B tomorrow morning

☐ C in the evening

☐ D next week

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**(ii) You can find out about...**

- ☐ **A where to stay**
- ☐ **B language courses**
- ☐ **C available qualifications**
- ☐ **D finding work**

**(iii) There will also be an item about...**

- ☐ **A sport**
- ☐ **B cinema**
- ☐ **C pop music**
- ☐ **D school life**

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**(iv) Every new podcast will cover...**

☐ **A politics**

☐ **B culture**

☐ **C geography**

☐ **D history**

**(Total for Question 3 = 4 marks)**

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## A day out

- 4 While on a trip to Moscow you get some information for the next day from your tour guide.

What does she mention?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in each one of the **THREE** correct boxes.

### GLOSSARY

Ребята! – Guys!

Царицыно – Tsaritsyno (name of a park in Moscow)

☒ **EXAMPLE:** When to meet

☐ **A** What to bring

☐ **B** Transport

☐ **C** Sport

☐ **D** Eating

☐ **E** Weather

☐ **F** Music

☐ **G** Shopping

(Total for Question 4 = 3 marks)

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## A weather report

5 You hear the weather report for the Moscow region.

What does it say?

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

### GLOSSARY

Московской – Moscow

переменчивая – changeable

такая же – the same as

ухудшается – getting worse

EXAMPLE: The weather report is for...

- ☐ A the next day
- ☒ B the next three days
- ☐ C the next week
- ☐ D the next month

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**(i) In the south the weather is likely to be...**

☐ **A wet**

☐ **B windy**

☐ **C calm**

☐ **D cold**

**(ii) There will be some improvement in conditions in the...**

☐ **A north**

☐ **B east**

☐ **C west**

☐ **D centre**

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**(iii) The weather in Moscow might lead to...**

- ☐ **A cancelled flights**
- ☐ **B traffic diversions**
- ☐ **C closure of bridges**
- ☐ **D rail disruption**

**(Total for Question 5 = 3 marks)**

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## A school club

- 6 Your Russian friends are telling you about an after-school club they attended.**

**Listen to the conversation and answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.**

### GLOSSARY

кинематографии – film making

профессионала – professional

короткометражный – short

Круто! – Cool!

- (a) Which year group was involved in the club?  
(1 mark)**

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- (b) What was unusual about this method  
of filmmaking?  
(1 mark)**

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**(c) How did the pupils feel about the homework?  
(1 mark)**

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**(d) What for the speaker was potentially a negative aspect of joining the club?  
(1 mark)**

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**(e) What has been the effect of the club on many of the group?  
(1 mark)**

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**(Total for Question 6 = 5 marks)**

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## Yulia Kuznetsova

- 7 While in Russia you hear a radio broadcast about a Russian writer.**

**Listen to the introduction and answer the following questions in ENGLISH.**

### **GLOSSARY**

**одарённый – gifted**

**весьма – highly**

**родном – native**

**сегодняшняя – today's**

**поразительную – striking**

- (a) For whom does Yulia mainly write?  
(1 mark)**

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- (b) At what age did she write her first story?  
(1 mark)**

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- (c) What is her particular appeal as a writer?  
Mention TWO things.  
(2 marks)**

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- (d) According to the broadcast, what is the main  
theme of Yulia's book "First job. Spain"?  
(1 mark)**

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**(Total for Question 7 = 5 marks)**

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## Exams

- 8 You hear a podcast about the Russian school leaving exam.

Listen to the recording and put a cross ☒ in the correct box for each question.

### GLOSSARY

Что такое? – What is?

грамматику – grammar

коррупции – corruption

бывают – are

действительно – really

плюс – plus, advantage

ВУЗе – Institute of Higher Education

EXAMPLE: The podcast provides...

☒ A an insight into the exams system

☐ B coping strategies

☐ C healthy eating recipes

☐ D advice on physical wellbeing

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**Part (a)**

**(i) Denis, a recent school leaver explains...**

- ☐ **A there are compulsory exams in only 2 subjects**
- ☐ **B exams are available to sit twice a year**
- ☐ **C taking a foreign language exam is not compulsory**
- ☐ **D there are exams available in all subjects**

**(ii) Foreign language exams place emphasis on...**

- ☐ **A writing activities**
- ☐ **B communication**
- ☐ **C grammar**
- ☐ **D cultural knowledge**

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**(iii) He is puzzled about the biology exam because...**

- ☐ **A the subject is popular but grades are average**
- ☐ **B few pupils now opt to sit it**
- ☐ **C it is to be phased out in the near future**
- ☐ **D it has too many questions for the time given**

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### Part (b)

(i) Elena Petrovna, a headteacher says the exam system...

☐ A encourages independent thought

☐ B has recently been introduced

☐ C has been welcomed by all

☐ D is fairer to pupils than previously

(ii) The system has...

☐ A cost schools a lot of money

☐ B made classroom teaching easier

☐ C simplified applying for university

☐ D proved more stressful to pupils

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**8(b) continued.**

**(iii) She feels that the system...**

- ☐ **A reflects negatively on teachers**
- ☐ **B benefits the wellbeing of pupils**
- ☐ **C helps pupils see the importance of school**
- ☐ **D is good preparation for further study**

**(Total for Question 8 = 6 marks)**

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## A good cause

- 9 While visiting a friend in Ekaterinburg you see an item on local TV.

Listen to the item and answer the following questions in ENGLISH.

### GLOSSARY

уральском – Urals

Доброжелательный – Benevolent

придумал – thought up

открытия – opening

рекламировать – to advertise

инвесторов – investors

центральном – central

Ура! – Hurray!

обожаемый – adored

### Part (a)

- (i) When did this charity shop open?  
(1 mark)

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**(ii) What was special about this charity shop?  
(1 mark)**

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**(iii) How much money did the shop receive before  
it opened?  
(1 mark)**

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**(iv) What did the management team do first and why?  
(2 marks)**

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**Part (b)**

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- (i) What are the TWO main aims of the shop for the people of Ekaterinburg?  
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- (ii) What additional benefit of the shop opening is there? Mention TWO details.  
(2 marks)**

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**(iii) How does Svetlana, the manager, feel about the shop opening?**

**(1 mark)**

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**(Total for Question 9 = 10 marks)**

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## Gaming

- 10 You hear a podcast on gaming involving your Russian friends Vika and Petya.

Put a cross ☒ in each of the TWO correct boxes for each question.

### GLOSSARY

любитель – lover, fan

знаток – expert

крайне – extremely

занимательно – entertaining

оказалось – it turned out

дружиться – to make friends

Благодаря – Thanks to

появилось – appeared

Кстати – Incidentally

геймер – gamer

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- (i) What does Vika say about her own experience of gaming?  
(2 marks)**

- ☒ **EXAMPLE:** She is a great fan of video games
- ☐ **A** She was too young when she started gaming
- ☐ **B** She is an experienced gamer
- ☐ **C** Her parents encouraged her to play
- ☐ **D** Gaming is a good way to make friends
- ☐ **E** Her interest in gaming is diminishing

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**(ii) How does Petya look upon the hobby?  
(2 marks)**

- ☐ **A Some people have the wrong impression of gamers**
- ☐ **B Gaming has affected his studies**
- ☐ **C Gaming should be done in moderation**
- ☐ **D Gaming has left him isolated**
- ☐ **E Gaming is a passing interest**

**(Total for Question 10 = 4 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 40 MARKS**  
**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS**  
**END OF PAPER**