

Russian

PAPER 3: Reading and understanding in Russian  
Higher tier

Total Marks
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Monday 3 June 2024 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 5 minutes

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

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**YOU MUST HAVE**

**Nil**

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN**

**Text Booklet**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**Questions in Section A and C are set in English.**

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

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

**You must NOT use a dictionary.**

**INFORMATION**

**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**

**– you should spend approximately 15 minutes on the translation 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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## SECTION A

**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 ☐.**

### The environment

- 1 Look at the text for Question 1 in the Text Booklet. Read the blog about the environment in a Russian town.**

**Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.**

- (a) What does the author say people think of his town now?  
(1 mark)**

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- (b) What does he consider the main reasons for changes in his town?  
(1 mark)**

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- (c) How do politicians plan to make things better for cyclists?  
(1 mark)**

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**(Total for Question 1 = 3 marks)**

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## Музыка и мой брат by A. Aleksin

- 2 Look at the text for Question 2 in the Text Booklet.  
Read the extract.**

**Zhenya describes her brother's and  
grandfather's achievements.**

**Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH. You do  
not need to write in full sentences.**

- (a) What instrument does Zhenya's brother play?  
(1 mark)**

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- (b) Where did Zhenya's grandfather work?  
(1 mark)**

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**(c) Why did Zhenya feel sorry for her grandfather?  
(1 mark)**

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**(d) What did Zhenya notice about the musicians?  
(1 mark)**

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**(Total for Question 2 = 4 marks)**

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## Local area

- 3 Look at the text for Question 3 in the Text Booklet.  
Read the chatroom posts.**

**Answer the questions IN ENGLISH. You do not need to write in full sentences.**

- (a) Who recommends going for walks where they live?  
(1 mark)**

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- (b) Why is Dima's town popular with tourists?  
(1 mark)**

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- (c) What does Katya not like about where she lives?  
(1 mark)**

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- (d) What issue does Maksim have about where he lives?  
(1 mark)**

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- (e) Who recommends not driving to their town?  
(1 mark)**

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

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**Ночной молочник by A. Kurkov**

- 4** Look at the text for Question 4 in the Text Booklet. Read this extract from a literary text. Dima and Valya are going to work.

Put a cross ☒ in the correct box.

**EXAMPLE:** The weather at the start of the extract was ...

☒ **A** snowy.

☐ **B** rainy.

☐ **C** foggy.

☐ **D** stormy.

**(i)** Dima and Valya decided to walk to work because ...

☐ **A** the bus was late.

☐ **B** the bus was expensive.

☐ **C** it was a 10-minute walk.

☐ **D** they enjoyed the fresh air.

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**(ii) Valya was thinking about her ...**

☐ **A work.**

☐ **B holidays.**

☐ **C studies.**

☐ **D home.**

**(iii) Dima was thinking about his ...**

☐ **A wife.**

☐ **B friends.**

☐ **C job.**

☐ **D garage.**

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**(iv) Valya suggested that Dima should ...**

- ☐ **A give up work.**
- ☐ **B change job.**
- ☐ **C take up sport.**
- ☐ **D learn how to drive.**

**(v) Valya told Dima that she ...**

- ☐ **A was going to get a new job.**
- ☐ **B needed some money.**
- ☐ **C was going to be a mother.**
- ☐ **D was feeling sad.**

**(Total for Question 4 = 5 marks)**

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## Healthy lifestyles

- 5** Look at the text for Question 5 in the Text Booklet. Read this online magazine article, where young people talk about their lifestyles.

Enter either **Sasha, Vera, Tolya** or **Ira** in the gaps below. Some names may be used more than once or not at all.

**EXAMPLE:** Sasha has little time to do sport.

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ only eats organic food.

(1 mark)

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ thinks exercise is the most important part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

(1 mark)

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ thinks a healthy lifestyle can help you feel happy.

(1 mark)

(d) \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't mind eating unhealthy foods.

(1 mark)

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**Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.**

- (e) In what way does Tolya believe schools can help us be healthy?  
(1 mark)**

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- (f) Why does Ira say you need a sport that you like to stay healthy?  
(1 mark)**

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

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## VK festival

**6** Look at the text for Question 6 in the Text Booklet. Read the internet article about the VK music festival.

**(i)** What does the article tell us?  
(3 marks)

Put a cross ☒ next to the **THREE** correct sentences.

☒ **EXAMPLE:** VK Fest is a popular music festival.

☐ **A** Various types of celebrities take part in the festival.

☐ **B** The festival lasts for 5 days.

☐ **C** The list of performers at the festival is kept secret until it starts.

☐ **D** All performances are on the same stage.

☐ **E** You can find discounts for events at the festival.

☐ **F** Prizes are quite easy to win at the festival.

☐ **G** A prize can be won by voting for your favourite photo online.

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**Answer the following questions IN ENGLISH.**

- (ii) Apart from its size, why is the festival's venue chosen?  
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- (iii) Why do organisers recommend checking the social network page before attending the festival?  
(1 mark)**

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

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 28 MARKS**



## SECTION B

### Каникулы

- 7 Look at the text for Question 7 in the Text Booklet.  
Прочитай блог Кати об отпуске.

Поставь крестик ☒

**ПРИМЕР:** Катя была в Испании в ...

☐ A мае.

☐ B июне.

☒ C июле.

☐ D августе.

(i) Катя была в Испании с ...

☐ A друзьями.

☐ B родителями.

☐ C бабушкой.

☐ D сестрой.

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**(ii) Катя больше любит проводить каникулы ...**

☐ **A в городе.**

☐ **B в деревне.**

☐ **C в горах.**

☐ **D на берегу моря.**

**(iii) Каждое утро они ...**

☐ **A загорали.**

☐ **B посещали город.**

☐ **C покупали сувениры.**

☐ **D плавали.**

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**(iv) В ресторане в гостинице было ...**

☐ **A    дёшево.**

☐ **B    дорого.**

☐ **C    шумно.**

☐ **D    не очень вкусно.**

**(v) В последний день они были на пляже и ...**

☐ **A    спали.**

☐ **B    читали.**

☐ **C    ужинали.**

☐ **D    играли.**

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

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## Школа

8 Look at the text for Question 8 in the Text Booklet.

Ты читаешь эти мнения о школе.

Кто что думает? Пиши: Саша, Ира, Миша или Вика.

ПРИМЕР: Ира думает, что в школе  
есть хорошие учителя.

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ не любит школьную форму.  
(1 mark)

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ любит спорт в школе.  
(1 mark)

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ интересуется языками.  
(1 mark)

(d) \_\_\_\_\_ думает, что не надо работать  
всё время.  
(1 mark)

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(e) \_\_\_\_\_ думает, что трудно  
изучать науки.

(1 mark)

(Total for Question 8 = 5 marks)

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## Талантливая девочка — Белла Девяткина

- 9 Look at the text for Question 9 in the Text Booklet.  
Прочитай эту веб-страницу.

Ответь на следующие вопросы ПО-РУССКИ.  
Не обязательно писать полные фразы.

- (a) Как русские узнали о Белле Девяткиной?  
(1 mark)

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- (b) Какой у Беллы уникальный талант?  
(1 mark)

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- (c) Как она показала своё знание немецкого языка?  
(1 mark)

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**(d) По мнению мамы, почему Белла не устаёт от изучения языков?**

**(1 mark)**

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**(e) По мнению мамы Беллы, какое главное преимущество знания иностранных языков?**

**(1 mark)**

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**(Total for Question 9 = 5 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 15 MARKS**

## SECTION C

# Translation

**10 Look at the text for Question 10 in the Text Booklet.  
Translate the passage into ENGLISH.**

**Answer space continues on the next page.**

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**(Total for Question 10 = 7 marks)**

**TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 7 MARKS**

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 50 MARKS**

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