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Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)

Total Marks

Russian
PAPER 3: Reading and
understanding in Russian
Higher tier

Monday 3 June 2024 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 5 minutes

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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.

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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.

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.**

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

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

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

(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)**

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

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

(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)**

- (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)**

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

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

(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.

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(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.**

(ii) Valya was thinking about her ...

- ☐ **A work.**
- ☐ **B holidays.**
- ☐ **C studies.**
- ☐ **D home.**

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(iii) Dima was thinking about his ...

- ☐ **A wife.**
- ☐ **B friends.**
- ☐ **C job.**
- ☐ **D garage.**

(iv) Valya suggested that Dima should ...

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

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(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)

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)

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**(c) _____ thinks a healthy lifestyle can help you feel happy.
(1 mark)**

**(d) _____ doesn't mind eating unhealthy foods.
(1 mark)**

**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)**

(Total for Question 5 = 6 marks)

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.**

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- ☐ **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?
(1 mark)**

**(iii) Why do organisers recommend
checking the social network page
before attending the festival?
(1 mark)**

(Total for Question 6 = 5 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 28 MARKS

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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.

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(i) Катя была в Испании с ...

☐ **A друзьями.**

☐ **B родителями.**

☐ **C бабушкой.**

☐ **D сестрой.**

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

☐ **A в городе.**

☐ **B в деревне.**

☐ **C в горах.**

☐ **D на берегу моря.**

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(iii) Каждое утро они ...

- ☐ **A загорали.**
- ☐ **B посещали город.**
- ☐ **C покупали сувениры.**
- ☐ **D плавали.**

(iv) В ресторане в гостинице было ...

- ☐ **A дёшево.**
- ☐ **B дорого.**
- ☐ **C шумно.**
- ☐ **D не очень вкусно.**

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

☐ **A спали.**

☐ **B читали.**

☐ **C ужинали.**

☐ **D играли.**

(Total for Question 7 = 5 marks)

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)**

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(c) _____
интересуется языками.
(1 mark)

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

(e) _____ думает, что
трудно изучать науки.
(1 mark)

(Total for Question 8 = 5 marks)

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.**

**(а) Как русские узнали о
Белле Девяткиной?
(1 mark)**

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

**(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)**

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

(Total for Question 9 = 5 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 15 MARKS

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SECTION C

Translation

- 10 Look at the text for Question 10 in the Text Booklet. Translate the passage into ENGLISH.
(7 marks)**

Answer space continues on the next 2 pages.

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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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