English Olympiad (the 11th form)

Олимпиада по английскому языку (11 класс)

ВАРИАНТ 1

READING

1. Прочитайте текст. Определите, какие из приведенных утверждений 1 - 8 соответствуют содержанию текста (Т - True), а какие не соответствуют (F - False). Поставьте в таблицу слово "True" или "False" под номером утверждения.

This is the recipe which formed Wisbech

Place a small community in an isolated position, surround it with a hostile environment, stir in two invasions, watch and wait. Certain traits will develop.

The earliest recorded reference to the town was made in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle of 656 and listed Wisbech as a small settlement not five miles from the coast. As such, it was battered by North Sea gales and, after heavy rains, threatened by floods which resulted when the rain drained from the surrounding counties into the low-lying fenland basin which encompassed the colony.

In those early days Wisbech was besieged by swamps, which made travel to and from the community slow and treacherous. None but the most determined made the journey. The struggle to exist in trying conditions becomes a community affair, and the basis of such a tightly unit group is the family. So, moulded by isolation and the fight against adversity, Wisbech developed a community spirit, a faith in the family and an independent outlook.

In the beginning, the River Ouse flowed through the town – the name Wisbech is a combination of the old English word "Wisse," which means Ouse, and "Beck" meaning a brook or stream. But sediment built up in the Ouse, and around 1300 the course of the river changed to run, through King's Lynn; a tributary of the Ouse, the River Nene, now runs like a vein through the town.

Most coastal towns fight a continued battle against the sea, with the spoils equally divided, but in Wisbech's case it is the land which is winning.

- 1. Development of a small community depends on its location and history.
- 2. Wisbech was mentioned in the Chronicleafter the Norman invasion.
- 3. There are strong winds and lots of rains in that settlement.
- 4. There were few visitors in that place because the journey was hard.

- 5. Isolation lead to the family problems.
- 6. Wisbech developed many strong features to survive.
- 7. The town still stands on the river Ousse.
- 8. Wisbech stands on the land safely.

A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н

- 2. Прочитайте текст. Установите соответствия между заголовками 1-5 и текстами A-E. Занесите свои ответы в таблицу. Используйте каждую цифру только один раз.
 - 1. No place for beauty
 - 2. Change of social conditions
 - 3. The beginning of industrial revolution
 - 4. Nostalgia
 - 5. Loss of traditions

English villagers

- **A.**The early years of the nineteenth century saw English villagers crossing oceans, and many others drifting into the industrial districts at home. Here, with the "age of coal and iron" come in earnest, a new order of life was beginning, and the circumstances under which it began led a new kind of unrest.
- **B**. Immigrants to the mining and industrial districts were leaving an old rural world essentially conservative in its social structure and moral atmosphere, and were dumped down in neglected heaps that soon fermented as neglected heaps will do, becoming highly combustible matter. Very often their food, clothing and wages were less bad than they had been in the farms and country cottages they had left. And they had more independence than the agricultural laborer whose wages were eked out by poor relief.
- **C.** But migration to the factories had meant loss as well as gain. The beauty of field and wood and hedge, the immemorial customs of rural life the village green and its games, the customs of spring and harvest, the field sports had supplied a humane background and age-long tradition to temper poverty.
- **D.**They were not reproduced in mine or factory, or in the rows of mass-produced brick dwellings erected to house the hands. The old rural cottages whence they came had indeed often been worse places to live in materially picturesque but ruinous and insalubrious.
- **E.**Yet it was not impossible to have some feeling for a rickety window embowered in honeysuckle, or a leaking roof that harboured moss and doves! Such affection

could not be transferred to town slums. It cannot even today be felt for the model workman's flat.

A	В	C	D	E

3. Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски А-Н частями предложений, обозначенными цифрами (1-8). Занесите в таблицу цифры, обозначающие соответствующие части предложений.

Wanted. Five enterprising people to undertake a challenging project

A a man called Hans Wilsdorf unveiled the Rolex Oyster case. It was the first case that was truly capable of protecting the delicate watch mechanisms, not only against water, but also dust, dirt, shock and the elements.
B Rolex have gone on to pioneer virtually every major breakthrough in the manufacture of the wrist-watch, from the Perpetual self-winding movement to the Day-date showing the date and day of the week in full.
C Lord Hunt has conquered Everest; Sir Francis Chichester has sailed round the world single-handed.
And Jackie Stewart and Arnold Palmer have become legends in the worlds of motor racing and golf.
Now, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Oyster case, Rolex have created the Awards for Enterprise. D which carry on the tradition of enterprise and achievement associated with the name Rolex.
There are just five awards, each consisting of 50,000 Swiss Francs.
E to the people who submit the five most original and imaginative projects involving F A special booklet is available from most Rolex dealers, G H Rolex watches and their owners have made history in almost every sphere of human endeavor.

- 1. Exploration and Discovery, Applied Sciences and Invention or The Environment
- 2. Over the last 50 years
- 3. which gives full details of the Awards and explains the background to them.
 - 4. Exactly 50 years ago
 - 5. Their aim, to stimulate new projects
- 6.The Awards will be presented, together with a specially inscribed Rolex Chronometer,

- 7. All this time, the Rolex owners themselves have not been idle.
- 8. Since then,

Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н

USE OF ENGLISH

Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

Nowadays . . 1 . . quite early what kind of work they would . . 2 . . . When I was at school, we had to choose what to study when we were fifteen. I chose scientific subjects. "In the future, scientists . . 3 . . a lot of money," my parents said. . . 4 . . to learn physics and chemistry, but in the end I decided that I would never be a scientist. It was a long time . . 5 . . my parents that I wasn't happy at school. "I didn't think you were," said my mother. ". . 6 . .," said my father. "Well, the best . . 7 . . now is to look for a job."

I talked about it with my friends Frank and Lesley. Neither of them . . 8 ... suggest anything, but they promised that they . . 9 ... their friends. A few days later while I . . 10 ... bed, someone telephoned. "Is that Miss Jenkins?" a man's voice asked. "I understand your hobby is photography and I've got a job that might interest you in my clothes factory. My name is Mr Thomson." He seemed pleasant on the phone so I went . . 11 ... I was . . 12 ... I almost forgot to say goodbye. "Good luck!" my mother . . 13 ... me.

I arrived a bit early and when Mr Thomson came he asked me if . . 14 . . a long time. "No, not long," I replied. After talking to me for about twenty minutes he offered me a job – not as a photographer though, as a model!

1.	8.
A the most people decide	A may
B the most people decides	B might
C most people decide	C can
D most people decides	D could
2.	9 .
A like to do	A should ask
B like to make	B would ask
C do	C were asking
D make	D have asked
3.	10.
A shall earn	A was still in
B will earn	B still was in
C going to earn	C was still in the

D are earning	D still was in the
4.	11.
A During three years I've tried	A that I should see him
B During three years I tried	B for seeing him
C For three years I've tried	C to see him
D For three years I tried	D for to see him
5.	12.
A that I didn't tell	A so excited than
B before I told	B so excited as
C when I wasn't telling	C so much excited
D before telling	D so excited that
6.	13.
A Nor I did	A told
B I didn't neither	B said
C I didn't either	C told to
D I didn't too	D said to
7 .	14.
A to do	A I had been waiting
B you should do	B I had been expecting him
C thing to do	C I have been waiting
D thing that you do	D I have been expecting him

Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

15. Is her th	an mine?			
A shorter hair	B hair shorter		C hair more short	D more short hair
16. Phone me whe	n you get			
A to home	B at home		C in home	D home
17. When a	game of football	?		
A had you last	B did you	last	C last had you	D did you have last
·	have		·	·
18. I can't find the	book			
A nowhere	B everywhere		C anywhere	D somewhere
19. There's not mu	uch news in today	y's pa	per, ?	
A isn't it	B are there	_	C is there	D aren't there
20. Fred doesn't li	ke babies J	Iill.		
A Nor does	B So doesn't		C So does	D Nor doesn't
21. He often tells s	stories			
A what people l	augh at		B which people lat	ıgh
C that people la	ugh at		D at what people la	augh
22. Let's not	. tonight. There's	s a go	od film on television	1.
A to go	B go	to	C go nowhere	D go anywhere

somewhere	somewhere		
23. The baby is cryi	ing! Will you v	vhile I prepare his m	ilk?
	B look after him		
*	b isn't always easy.		•
	B for doing		D to do
	I sat out in the garden		
A For it			D As there
26. While we were	travelling , it s	tarted to rain.	
	on in my car		by my car
C against London		D against London b	
27. Jack brought us	•	C	
A enough of		C some more	D a lot
28. draw very	<u> </u>		
	B Both of they	C Both them	D Both these girls
children	J		C
29. To travel from I	England to Scotland y	ou a passport.	
A mustn't have	_	C don't need	D needn't
30. Your pen's on t	_		
A Pick it up!		C Take it up!	D Take up it!
31. I like bacon and		1	1
	B for the breakfast	C with breakfast	D with the
			breakfast
32. Do you like the	cakes? I don't like		
<u> </u>	B them all		D everyone
	ln't leave their toys o	•	•
	B put off them		
-	get a ball? Let's	_	1
_	B lend John's one		D borrow one from
from John		John	John
35. I home at	half past six.		
A was at	-	C arrive in	D go to
36. I early, bu	ıt on Sundays I stay i	n bed late.	C
<u> </u>	B usually get up		D used to get up
37. When Mr		0 1	0 1
A you have met	B you did meet	C you met	D did you meet
38. The girls	talked to were quite l		•
A we	B which we	C those we	D what we
39. Tony likes walk	ring in the country an	d	
•	B so does Mary		D so Mary likes
Mary	·	·	•
•	Bristol to Glasgow!		
	B What distance	C How long way	D How far
way		<i>.</i>	
41. I meet he	r every day.		
A used to	<u> </u>	C liked	D am not able

A there was no **B** there were none **C** there were no **D** was none one ones **43.** Have you got a please? A fishes tin C tin of fishes **D** tin of fish **B** fish tin **44.** John's not been to New York A Neither has **B** Ben hasn't also C Nor is Ben **D** Ben isn't too Ben **45.** How have you been to America? A much time **B** many times C long for **D** long ago **46.** Tell back tomorrow. A Pam to come **B** Pam come C to Pam to come D to Pam come

42. You said the books were on the desk but there.

A it's nothing for either of
C there's nothing for either of
D there's nothing for either

48. He doesn't English.

A neither speak or write **B** neither speak nor write

C speak or write D speak nor write

49. Is that the man yesterday?

A you've met **B** has met you **C** you met **D** met you

50. The restaurant had plenty of tables but

f A one only f B only one empty f C no one empty f D no ones empty empty

3. TRANSLATION

Переведите следующий отрывок на русский язык:

What Happened to the Baby? (1)

by CYNTHIA OZICK

I had heard about the baby nearly all my life. Uncle Simon and Essie had not always been childless. Their little girl, eleven months old and already walking, had died before I was born. Her name was Henrietta. They had gone to South America on one of Uncle Simon's expeditions—in those days Essie went everywhere with him. "She never used to let him out of her sight," my mother recounted. "She was always jealous. Suspicious. She expected Simon to be no better than she was, that's the truth. You know she was already pregnant at the wedding, so she was grateful to him for marrying her. As well she should be, considering that who knows whose baby it was, maybe Simon's, maybe not. If you ask me, not. She'd had a boyfriend who had hair just like Simon's, black and wiry. The baby had a headful of black curls. The poor little thing caught one of those diseases they have

down there, in Peru or Bolivia, one of those places. Leave it to Essie, would any normal mother drag a baby through a tropical swamp?"

"A swamp?" I asked. "The last time you told about the baby it was a desert."

"Desert or swamp, what's the difference? It was something you don't come down with in the Bronx. The point is Essie killed that child."

I was happy that the move to the Southwest did not include me. I had agitated to attend college locally, chiefly to escape Arizona. My father had paid for a year's tuition at NYU, and also for half the rent of a walkup on Avenue A that I shared with another freshman, Annette Sorenson.

READING

1. Прочитайте текст. Определите, какие из приведенных утверждений 1 -10 соответствуют содержанию текста (Т - True), а какие не соответствуют (F - False). Поставьте слово "True" или "False" внизу под номером утверждения.

The consequences if the Company is taken over

The area would be swallowed up in a vast region, and the needs of the Company's present consumers would have to compete with those of the region.

Because the Authority must concentrate its limited resources on the most urgent needs, necessary improvements to maintain the very high standards in the Company's area cannot be expected to receive the high priority they receive from the Company. The voice of local consumers would be far less influential. At present there are regular consultations with the local authorities in the area through a consultative committee (established by the Company) and all proposals for increased charges are submitted to this committee before final decisions are taken.

Charges would increase substantially, not only because the Authority's costs are higher, but also because of the pressure to equalize burdens over the region. If the Company had become part of the Authority in April 2014, charges would already be 50% higher than they are now.

- 1. The area will become part of a big administrative unit.
- 2. The needs of the Company's customers will not be met properly.
- 3. The Company used to have bigger resources for its customers than the Authority.
 - 4. People never enjoyed high standards in their area before.
- 5. The necessary improvements will still be high on the priority list in the Company's area.
 - 6. Company's consumers played a significant role in their area.
 - 7. Local consumers will play a just as big role in the region.
 - 8. Final decisions are not taken by the Company any more.

- 9. Consumers will have to pay more.
- 10. The Authority is more economic than the Company.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

- 2. Прочитайте текст. Установите соответствия между заголовками 1-6 и текстами A-F. Занесите свои ответы в таблицу. Используйте каждую цифру только один раз. В задании один заголовок лишний.
 - 1. Great compilers of the dictionary of idioms
 - 2. The abundance of examples
 - 3. The struggle of two tendencies
 - 4. Phrasal verbs
 - 5. An abundance of entries
 - 6. Fast getting out of date

Invitation to a Mad hatter's word party

- A. Two heroic masters of the English language have now achieved the Herculean task of organizing English idiom into a coherent system. A.P. Cowie is a lecturer in the English department of Leeds University, where he teaches grammar and lexicology. Ronald Mackin has lately retired from the staff of the department of English as a Foreign Language at Edinburgh University. They have been collecting and arranging idiomatic expressions of all types since 1959, and the first fruit of their labors was published by OUP on October 30.
- B. Their dictionary of current idiomatic English will eventually describe, analyze and illustrate with quotations and examples about 20,000 idiomatic expressions arranged alphabetically and fitted into awesomely elaborate grammatical patterns.
- C. The first volume deals in precisian's detail with phrasal and prepositional verbs: those tiresome, illusively simple combinations of little words like "come up with" and "be out for," which change their meaning like a kaleidoscope at the smallest shake.
- D. The student of idiom can gaze with a wild surmise on no fewer than 15 distinct idiomatic uses of the phrase "go on," and 230 entries including the childishly simple verb "come".
- E. A ceaseless battle is fought in a living language between the conservative, idiom, and the progressive, analogy. Idiom seeks to preserve the old

- boundaries, allowing no jot or tittle of alteration in the established phrases. Analogy with other phrases perpetually seeks to remold and extend idiomatic uses, and analogy perpetually wins.
- F. This new dictionary of idiom will help to guide all spectators and participants in that war of words. But, of course, such is the damnably fluid nature of idiom that any dictionary of it starts to grow out of date as soon as it is published.

A	В	С	D	E	F

3. Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски A-I частями предложений, обозначенными цифрами (1-9). Занесите в таблицу цифры, обозначающие соответствующие части предложений.

Language is complex

That language is highly complex is shown by the fact that up to now it has
not proved possible to translate mechanically A, with really satisfactory results.
The best programmed computer still cannot consistently translate from, say,
Russian into English. The fault lies not in the computer B with sufficiently
accurate instructions, because we are still unable to C It has been
calculated that if the brain used any of the known methods of computing language,
it would take D to produce or to understand a single short sentence!
Secondly, language is E We can produce myriads of sentences that we
have never heard or uttered before. Many of the sentences in this book have been
produced for the first time, yet they are F It is clear that we have some kind
of sentence-producing mechanism - that sentences G and not merely
imitated. One task of grammatical theory is to explain this quite remarkable fact.
Thirdly, language is arbitrary. There is no one-to-one relation between sound
and meaning. This accounts for the fact that languages differ, H in their
grammatical structure. But how far are these differences only superficial, in the
shape of the words and their overt patterns? Some scholars would maintain that
"deep down" there are strong similarities - even "universal" characteristics,
disguised by the superficial features of sound (and perhaps of meaning). I
how we can find the answer to this problem.

- 1. several minutes
- 2. but in the failure to provide it

- 3. from one language to another
- 4. intelligible to the reader
- 5. handle this vastly complex system
- 6. productive
- 7. It is not at all clear
- 8. and they differ most of all
- 9. are produced anew each time

A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	I

USE OF ENGLISH

Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

"Hello, Jill. How nice to see you here," said Jack. "...1... here often?" "Not as much as I'd like. I often used to meet my friends here, but now I live a long way away," Jill explained. "In fact, it's exactly three years ...2..." "Well," said Jack, "tell me what...3... here today, then." "Last week my mother had an accident in her car. She ...4... when it happened. Suddenly a motorcycle came out of another street and she ...5... stop very quickly, and she ...6... another car from behind. She banged her head on the car roof." "...7... her safety belt on at the time?" Jack asked. "No, she never wears one. I don't think ...8... in that car," Jill explained. "I hope your mother ...9...," said Jack. "No, thanks goodness, but the doctor said she ...10... stay in hospital ...11... completely better," explained Jill. "And so you ...12... see her now?" Jack wanted to know. "Yes," said Jill, "every day someone goes to the hospital ...13... She's a lot better now." "I'm glad to hear that," said Jack. "Anyway ...14... coffee."

1.

A. Are you coming

B. Are you going

C. Do you come

D. Do you go

2.

A. since then we moved

B. since we moved

C. that we moved us

8.

A. they were any

B. there were any

C. they were any ones

D. there were any ones

9.

A. wasn't badly hurt

B. wasn't hurt bad

C. wasn't so much hurt

	_					
3.	10.					
A. you're doing	A. need					
B. you do	B. ought					
C. do you do	C. should					
D. takes you	D. would rather					
D. takes you	D. Would famel					
4.	11.					
A. went the Oxford Str						
along	B. until when she will be	ج.				
B. was going Oxford						
Street along	D. until she's going to be	2				
C. was going along						
Oxford Street						
D. went along the Oxf	ord					
Street						
5.	12.					
A. must	A. just were at					
B. had to	B. just were in					
C. ought to	C. have just gone to	O				
D. had better	D. have just been to	0				
6.	13.					
A. was beaten wi	O					
B. was hit with	B. for to see her					
C. was beaten by						
D. was hit by	D. to see her					
7.	14.					
A. Was she having		r				
B. Did she have	B. let me to pay your	L				
C. Has she put	C. let me pay for you					
D. She was wearing	1 0	ır				
D. She was wearn	D. let me to pay for you	11				
1. Choose the corr	rect answer. Only one answer	is correct.				
4 = 3371 . 1						
15. Where yesterday	y?					
A. went you B. wa	as you C. have you been	D. were you				
16. I've just finished my shopping.						
A. to make B. do	ing C. to do	D. making				
2,40	0 2000					

D. wasn't too much hurt

D. that we move

17. The girl the bicycle is Jane.
A. riding on B. driving in C. driving on D. riding in
18. He's lived in London
A. for some time B. since he is born C. since a long time D. since some time
19. At the post office he asked
A. stamps B. some stamps C. four stamps D. for four stamps
20. The girl house he visited was Elizabeth.
A. of which B. of whom C. which D. whose
21. I have a paper in my desk.
A. lot B. little C. loss D. little of
22. "Can't you read?" Mary said to the notice.
A. and pointed angry B. angrily pointed C. pointing angrily D. and angrily pointing
23. Tom is waiting the doctor.
A. to see B. for to see C. for seeing D. for see
24. I'm not sure which restaurant
A. to eat on B. eating at C. to eat at D. for eating
25 the weather was fine, I opened all the windows.
A. As B. For C. Because of D. Since that
26. I've just seen Mary the village.
A. to walk towards B. to walk against C. walking towards D. walking against
27. Sally didn't put in water.
A. no B. so much C. enough of D. few
28 like ice cream.
A. Every children B. Every child C. All of children D. All children

29. When you	go abroad, do you	take your passport	?
A. have to	B. ought to	C. need	D. must
30. You don't i	need your hat.		
A. Put off it!	B. Put it off!	C. Take off it!	D. Take it off!
31. How many	elephants did you se	ee?	
A. None	B. No one	C. Not many ones	D. No many
32. We're goin	g to go car.		
A. in France inD. to France by		nnce by John's C	. to France in John's
33. It's dark wi	thout the lights. Let'	S	
A. switch on th	em B. turn them of	om C. to turn on th	D. to switch them on
34. What time	does the train Bri	stol?	
A. arrive into	B. come at	C. go into D. g	get to
35. How her	re?		
A. long you startaying	y B. often you stay	C. long are you	staying D. often are you
36. Everybody	in bed.		
-	some time B. have have to spend somet	-	C. has to spend
37. These are n	ice apples. How i	n a kilo?	
A. much are the	ere B. many are the	re C. much are the	ey D. many are they
38. Paul's ill, s	o he a doctor tom	orrow.	
A. is going to b	e visit B. goes to	meet C. is going	to see D. goes to tell
39. How fro	m Leeds to Liverpoo	ol?	
A. far is there	B. long is there	C. far is it D. lo	ng way is
40. She's sin	nger in England.		
A. most known	B. the most know	wn C. most famou	as D. the most famous

- **41.** ... to finish quickly.
- **A.** No every student wants **B.** No every student want **C.** Not every student wants
- **D.** Not every student want.
- **42.** My mother usually has ... bed.
- **A.** the breakfast in **B.** breakfast in **C.** the breakfast in the **D.** breakfast in the
- **43.** Beryl isn't going to the dance.
- **A.** Neither Pat is. **B.** Pat isn't too. **C.** Pat also. **D.** Nor is Pat.
- **44.** Who taught you ... a car?
- **A.** driving **B.** to drive **C.** riding **D.** to ride
- **45.** A lot of letters and cards came today, but ... you.
- **A.** there wasn't anything for **B.** there wasn't something for you **C.** it wasn't anything for **D.** it wasn't something for
- **46.** Sarah hardly ever goes to ... the theatre.
- **A.** neither the cinema or **B.** neither the cinema nor **C.** either the cinema nor **D.** the cinema or
- **47.** ... the girl's came on the trip.
- **A.** Neither **B.** Nobody of **C.** None of **D.** No one of
- **48.** I've thrown away my old trousers. I'll have to buy
- **A.** a new pair **B.** a new one **C.** some new **D.** some new pair
- **49.** Kim and Tony weren't the only people in the garden. There ...
- **A.** were some other ones **B.** were some others **C.** was another **D.** was someone more
- **50.** I want to leave my car. Can you tell me ... near here?
- **A.** if there's a park **B.** is there a car park **C.** if there's a parking **D.** is there a parking

TRANSLATION

Переведите следующий отрывок на русский язык:

What Happened to the Baby? (2)

by CYNTHIA OZICK

Uncle Simon was not really my uncle. He was my mother's first cousin, but out of respect, and because he belonged to an older generation, I was made to call him uncle. My mother revered him. "Uncle Simon," she said, "is the smartest man you'll ever know." He was an inventor, though not of mundane things like machines, and he had founded the League for a Unified Humanity. What Uncle Simon had invented—and was apparently still inventing, since it was by nature an infinite task—was a wholly new language, one that could be spoken and understood by everyone alive. He had named it GNU, after the African antelope that sports two curved horns, each one turned toward the other, as if striving to close a circle. He had traveled all over the world, picking up roots and discarding the less-common vowels. He had gone to Turkey and China and many countries in South America, where he interviewed Indians and wrote down, in his cryptic homemade notation, the sounds they spoke. In Africa, in a tiny Xhosa village nestled in the wild, he was inspired by observing an actual yellow-horned gnu. And still, with all this elevated foreign experience, he lived, just as we did, in a six-story walkup in the East Bronx, in a neighborhood of small stores, many of them vacant. In the autumn the windows of one of these stores would all at once be shrouded in dense curtains. Gypsies had come to settle in for the winter. My mother said it was the times that had emptied the stores. My father said it was the Depression. I understood it was the Depression that made him work for a firm cruel enough to send him away from my mother and me.

READING

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1. A cheering cuppa suits' em to a T

It was Rupert Brooke who asked if there was honey still for tea. Well, according to a Caterer and Hotelkeeper survey published today, there ain't no honey and, what's more, there ain't no tea.

Can it really be that the great British institution, afternoon tea, which sustained Empire builders and the morale of the soldier in his trench and featured so elegantly in many drawing-room plays between the wars, is gone?

"The sad truth is that afternoon tea, possibly the last remaining British culinary experience, simply is not a good enough profit-maker to justify its perpetuation?"

That is the conclusion of Caterer and Hotelkeeper after a round-up of leading British hotels.

But we have news for The Caterer and Hotelkeeper. When the clock strikes three, out comes the porcelain and the silver tea-pot and the cucumber sandwiches. In London at least afternoon tea lives.

"We are nearly always packed out. People have to queue. In the winter we serve something like 100 teas."

"Of course, it will drop off a bit this week, what with people on holiday and at Goodwood."

From 4.0 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Monday to Saturday there is tea in the restaurant foyer of the Savoy. The hotel provides a selection of teas and sandwiches with cakes, pastries and "the most delicious cream".

At the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria, afternoon tea is "flourishing". At the Ritz, tea is still served with a great deal of pomp and circumstance. "We do require people to dress properly for tea at the Ritz", said a spokesman. "Gentlemen must wear a collar and tie".

- 1. Caterer and Hotelkeeper surveyshows that the English don't drink afternoon tea anymore.
- 2. Afternoon tea played a great role in the history of Great Britain. True
- 3. Hotels make good profits on afternoon tea.
- 4. The English prefer honey to cucumber sandwiches nowadays.
- 5. London rich hotels argue that afternoon tea remains a good tradition.
- 6. The author of the article agrees with the conclusion of Caterer and Hotelkeeper.
- 7. There is a dress code for afternoon tea in some expensive hotels.
- 8. The title of the articles says that the English like to have a good cup of tea.
- 9. Afternoon tea lives only in London.
- 10. Afternoon tea is alive.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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Marine research

- 1. Strong tidal memory
- 2. Loss of harmony with the old rhythm
- 3. An unusual place of marine research
- 4. Adjusted to a new time
- 5. Similar change of behavior
- A. Most marine research units are established on the coast, but fortunately for science one indefatigable researcher into natural rhythms lives and works a thousand miles from the sea, in Evanston, Illinois. Frank Brown started work with oysters in 1954. He found that they had a marked tidal rhythm, opening their shells to feed at high tide and closing them to prevent damage and drying out during the ebb.
- B. In laboratory tanks they kept this strict rhythm going, so Brown decided to take some specimens home with him to Illinois to examine more closely. Evanston is a suburb of Chicago on the shore of Lake Michigan, but even here the oysters continued to remember the tidal rhythm of their home, on Long Island Sound, in Connecticut.
- C. Everything went well for two weeks, but on the fifteenth day Brown noticed that a slippage in the rhythm had occurred. The oysters were no longer opening

- and closing in harmony with the tide that washed their distant home, and it seemed as though the experiment had gone wrong.
- D. But the fascinating thing was that the behavior of the mollusks had altered in the same way and they were still keeping time with each other.
- E. Brown calculated the difference between the old rhythm and the new one and discovered that the oysters now opened up at the time the tide would have flooded Evanston had the town been on the shore and of perched on the bank of a Greak Lake 580 feet above sea level.

Таблица для записи ответов

A	В	C	D	E

3. Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски A-G частями предложений, обозначенными цифрами (1-7). Занесите в таблицу цифры, обозначающие соответствующие части предложений.

The Peter Principle

The Peter Principle is derived from the analysis of the hundreds of cases of incompetence in organizations which can be seen anywhere. A ____ "in a hierarchy every employee tends to rise to his level of incompetence", and it applies to all organizations.

The Principle assumes a constant quest for high performance. Hence people competent at their jobs are promoted so that they may do still better. B ______ to the next, until each individual arrives at a job beyond his abilities and therefore no longer performs in a way that gains further promotion.C____. Given two conditions, enough ranks in the hierarchy to provide promotions and enough time to move through them, D____ rise to and remain at their level of incompetence. This can be stated as Peter's Corollary: "In time, E____ who is incompetent to carry out its duties". Every employee ultimately achieves Peter's Plateau, at which his Promotion Quotient (PQ) is zero.

How then is any work ever accomplished? F ___ who have not yet reached their level incompetence. There can be occasional instance of "summit competence" where competent company chairmen or victorious field marshals have not yet had time to reach their level of incompetence. Frequently such persons side-step into another field whose hierarchy enables them to G___ not available to them before.

1. every post tends to be occupied by an employee

- 2. the Principle states that
- 3. This is his level of incompetence
- 4. attain a level of incompetence
- 5. all employees
- 6. Competence in each new position qualifies for promotion
- 7. Work is done by those

A	В	C	D	E	F	G

USE OF ENGLISH

Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

I work at Poleson Ltd. ...1... there since 1967. Last month the manager asked ...2... one morning ...3... time. He was new so I wondered ...4. When I went to see him, he said "I'd like ...5... me with a special project. I've heard that you speak German." He said that a factory in Germany wanted a specialist for six months. "Tell me ...6... go." I ...7... a few days to think about it. "All right," he said, "and if you want all the details, my secretary ...8... them to you. "So I asked his secretary ...9... give me the papers. "I don't know where they are," she said. "When I ...10... them, I'll phone you. Oh! Here they are. Let me ...11... them back after you've read them."

When I told my friends about it they all said, "...12...!" "I ...13...," I said. But next day I told the manager I wanted to go and he said, "I hoped ...14..."

1.

A. I'm working

B. I've been working

C. I am worker

D. I have been worker

2.

A. I should see him

B. me see him

C. that I saw him

D. me to see him

3.

A. when I should have

B. then I should have

C. when I had

D. then I had

8.

A. will give

B. is going to give

C. gives

D. is giving

9.

A. please

B. to

C. please to

D. that she

10.

A. Am going to find

B. will find

C. find

D. am finding

4. 11. A. how he would be A. to have **B**. how he should be **B**. have **C**. what he would be like C. to get **D**. how he should like me **D**. get 5. **12**. **A**. It looks to be marvelous **A**. that you will help **B**. that you should help **B**. It looks marvelously C. you to help **C**. It seems marvelous **D**. you helping **D**. It seems marvelously 6. **13**. **A**. if you may **A**. didn't yet say that yes **B**. if you can **B**. haven't said yes yet C. haven't yet said that yes C. may you **D**. can you **D**. didn't yet say yes 7. **14**. **A**. explained him I liked **A**. that you'd agree **B**. explained him I'd like **B**. that you agreed C. for you to agree C. told him I liked **D**. told him I'd like **D**. you to agree Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct. **15**. Must we ... this homework tonight? A. to do **B**. to make C. do D. make **16**. My piano is magnificent. ... since I was 18. C. I have it **D**. I've had it **A**. I got it **B**. I've got it 17. The last time ... to the library was last week. **B**. I have been C. I was **D**. I went **A**. I have gone **18**. My parents ... in this evening. A. are both C. both are **B**. all are **D**. are all **19**. I don't want ... **A**. that anybody saw me **B**. anybody to see me **C**. that anybody sees me **D**. anybody see me **20**. Can I ... this book back to you?

- **A.** to take **B.** to bring **C.** take **D.** bring
- **21**. Why is there ... traffic on the streets in February than in May?
- **A.** less **B.** fewer **C.** few **D.** little
- 22. ... it's raining, we'll stay at home.
- **A.** As **B.** Like **C.** How **D.** Because of
- 23. Tim sat near the fire ... warm.
- **A.** for to get **B.** for get **C.** to get **D.** for getting
- **24**. I don't know where ...
- **A**. the lavatory to be **B**. is the lavatory **C**. be the lavatory **D**. the lavatory is
- **25**. We watched carefully ... the houses.
- **A.** during she walked against **B.** during she walked towards **C.** while she walked against **D.** while she walked towards
- **26**. Jane had ... furniture for her room.
- **A.** enough **B.** many **C.** all **D.** any
- 27. I like ... two records.
- **A.** these both **B.** both these **C.** all these **D.** these all
- **28**. To drive a care safely it is ... good brakes.
- **A.** essential with **B**. essential having **C**. essential to have **D**. essential have
- **29**. If you've read my book, please ... to me.
- **A.** give it again **B.** give again it **C.** give it back **D.** give back it
- **30**. ... people came than I expected.
- **A.** Other **B.** Fewer **C.** Another **D.** Few
- **31**. In some countries children normally go ... bikes.
- **A.** to school on **B.** to the school on **C.** to school by **D.** to the school by
- **32**. You'll get cold without your coat.
- **A.** Take on it! **B.** Take it on! **C.** Put on it! **D.** Put it on!

- **33**. We haven't got a record player. Let's ...
- **A.** to borrow the Mary's **B**. borrow Mary's **C**. to lend one of Mary **D**. lend Mary's one
- **34**. Mary ... be in Paris because I saw her in town only an hour ago.
- A. mustn't **B**. isn't able to **C**. can't **D**. may not
- **35**. The station? Take the second turning ...
- **A**. to left, then go straight on **B**. to the left, then go straight on **C**. to left, then go right forward **D**. to the left, then go right forward
- **36**. Simon ... the club.
- **A.** often plays tennis at **B.** often plays tennis on **C.** plays often tennis at **D.** plays often tennis on
- **37**. Do you want another cake? No, thank you, ...
- **A**. I still have got some left **B**. I've still got some left **C**. I still have some ones
- **D**. I have still some ones
- **38**. The men ... were all office workers.
- **A.** which I talked **B.** to those I talked **C.** those I talked to **D.** I talked to
- **39**. ... is Oxford from Cambridge?
- **A**. How far **B**. How long **C**. How long away **D**. What distant
- **40**. She ... the cinema, but her husband doesn't go with her.
- A. used to go B. usually sees C. often goes to D. visits sometimes
- **41**. We've looked ... for the keys we lost.
- **A**. in all places **B**. at all places **C**. over all **D**. everywhere
- **42**. There's something wrong with the table. Yes, I can ...
- **A.** feel it that it's moving **B.** touch its moves **C.** touch it moving **D.** feel it moving
- **43**. Sally never goes to pubs.
- **A**. Tom doesn't that either. **B**. Tom doesn't too. **C**. Neither does Tom. **D**. Tom does neither.

- **44**. Agnes was the first girl ... when you got here.
- **A**. you talked to whom **B**. you talked to **C**. whom you talked **D**. who talked you
- **45**. Many parents allow their children ... own decisions.
- **A.** making their **B.** making the **C.** to make their **D.** to make the
- **46**. The teacher says that Mary ... work hard next year.
- **A.** will have to **B.** has better **C.** would rather to **D.** had rather
- **47**. The American film I saw was
- **A**. not very funny **B**. not much funny **C**. not very fun **D**. not too much fun
- **48**. Try to find me ... scissors.
- **A.** a pair **B.** two **C.** some **D.** one
- **49**. Teresa wasn't the only one in the car
- **A**. It was some other. **B**. It was someone else. **C**. There was some other. **D**. There was someone else
- **50**. I'd like to leave my car near here. Where's the ... please?
- **A.** nearest parking **B.** next parking **C.** nearest car park **D.** next car park

TRANSLATION

Переведите следующий отрывок на русский язык:

In Hindsight

BY CALLAN WINK

Lauren followed the drag mark for a mile down the gravel road and then another half mile down her dusty driveway and then parked her truck and cried. The bastard had shot one of her steers—one of six, red Texas longhorns—and dragged it down the road by its neck and deposited it here for her to find, practically on her front step.

She'd got her taxes done that day at the free tax-preparation kiosk in the County Market. Lauren hadn't filed a tax return since Manuel died, two years before. She wouldn't have this year, either, but she was in the store and had just gotten her mail and had the W-2 forms in her pocket, and she thought, What the hell? It was free. As it turned out, she had almost a thousand dollars coming to her as a refund. Manuel's death had put her in some sort of different tax bracket.

She'd left with her groceries and was feeling pretty good all the way home. And then the drag marks. None of the cattle were to be seen except for the dead one. Its tongue hung from its mouth. Its eyes

were open and skimmed with white. Its neck was twisted and one of its horn points was buried in the dirt. That was what had made the groove all the way down her road. The poor animal's beautiful, ivory-colored horn scraping through the dirt as he dragged it to her doorstep.

A section of fence was down, and she followed the tracks leading through the gap and there they were, just over the first rise, on the vacant lot next to hers, where there was a small creek and the grass was tall and green. They watched her approach, and she talked to them as she always did. She didn't have names for them. She called them all Red.

"Hey there, Red. You goddamn Reds. Let's go now." She was behind them, waving her arms and hazing them back toward the fence.

ВАРИАНТ 4

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World's wildlife threatened

According to a report by the World Wildlife Fund (W.W.F.), something serious is happening to the world's wildlife population. From kangaroos in Australia, to seals and polar bears in Antarctica, there has been a dramatic fall in the number of wild animals in recent years. But what is causing this problem? Is it global warming? Is it the effects of droughts and floods?

No, it's the disastrous effect of man. Poachers are responsible for the uncontrolled killing of wildlife. The African elephant population has fallen by 50 per cent during the last 10 years because poachers value their tusks. If this sounds shocking, according to the report, it's about the same as the population drop of kangaroos in Australia and reindeer in Northern America. Poachers kill for sport or money and they use modern weapons to kill as many animals as possible.

"Although the killing of animals in the wild is banned by most governments around the world, poachers generally ignore the rules", said Mr George Medlay, the director of W.W.F. "The ivory trade is especially worrying. One elephant is killed every ten minutes because an average size ivory tusk is worth over 600 pounds." What can be done about this tragic problem?

When it comes to protecting wildlife, most government schemes are useless.wild animals are difficult to protect even though there are large game reserves for them. "Most people like animals but few worry about this problem," said Mr. Medley. "People's attitudes have to be changed... seals are killed because of their coats, elephants because people want ivory ornaments and jewelry." W.W.F. hopes to change people's opinion by making a series of TV documentaries about poaching and its' effect on the environment. "We want to get through to people that it is criminal to sacrifice animals because of money. If we don't, soon there may not be any wild animals left to protect."

- 1. The W.W.F. report shows that wild animals are in danger.
- 2. Natural disasters and weather have caused the wildlife problem.
- 3. The world's wildlife population is falling slowly.
- 4. The number of kangaroos in Australia has fallen by about 50%.

- 5. Ivory is expensive because poachers kill elephants.
- 6. Most governments don't allow poaching.
- 7. Game reserves don't really protect the wild animals living in them.
- 8. Most people don't think about the threat to wildlife populations because they don't like animals.
- 9. W.W.F. is trying to change people's minds about buying the products of poaching.
- 10. The director of W.W.F. predicts that because the situation is so bad, there might not be any animals living in the world in a few years' time.

World's wildlife threatened

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SHOPPING

- A. The way that people spend their money, and the objects on which they spend it, are the last areas where free choice and individuality can be expressed. The choice reflects personal taste, the way people see themselves and the fantasies they have about their lives, the restrictions on money available to them the presence of others in the family with a claim on that money, and the influence of current convention, upbringing, surrounding and locality. Shopping is an important human activity.
- B. Yet shoppers are faced with a confusing situation and a rapidly changing one. The confusion arises from the claims made by advertising, from inadequate information about products, new products, new materials, new places to shop a confusion enhanced by rising prices and a wider choice of goods that ever before. The search for the right purchase is based on ignorance of one's own needs and ignorance of the product's fitness for those needs.
- C. Faced with the problem of choosing any particular item, there are several lines of communication which might provide some guidance. Yet none of these is entirely satisfactory.
- D. You can, for example, ask a shop assistant. Initially, especially in a large self-service store, there may be some difficulty in finding anyone at all, and even greater difficulty in finding anyone who knows about the products.

E. In a supermarket you may find a shelf-filler who offers to find the manager, and then returns with the information that he is out or on the phone. She herself may or may not be helpful, but equally she may quite genuinely not know the answers. She may be a schoolgirl with a Saturday job, or a housewife working part-time.

- 1. Difficulties in finding qualified assistance
- 2. The role of shopping in people's life
- 3. Lack of personal service in a modern supermarket.
- 4. Reasons for difficulties in buying products
- 5. Unhelpful assistance

Таблица для ответа

Α	В	С	D	E

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A swimming party

She suggested that Jean A in the late afternoon. 'Mrs. Maclean's got a lovely swimming-pool, just out by the aerodrome,' she said. 'I'll ring her up and ask if I can bring you'.
She called for Jean that afternoon at five o'clock and B the swimming party
at the pool; sitting and basking in the evening sun and looking at the gaunt line of
Mount Ertwa, she became absorbed C of Alice Springs. Most of the girls and
married women were under thirty, D kindly, hospitable people, well-educated
and avid for news of England. Some spoke quite naturally of England as 'home'
though E had ever been there; each of them cherished the ambition that one
day she would be able to go 'home' for a trip. By the end of the evening Jean was
in a humble F; these pleasant people knew so much about her country, and she
knew so very little about theirs.
She strolled down to the hospital in the cool night, after tea. Mrs. Duveen had not
been able to give Joe Harman's address off-hand, but she confirmed that he was
G somewhere in the Gulf country. She would ask her husband and send a
message in the morning.

That night Jean thought H____ when she did get the address. It was clear now that her first apprehensions I___; Joe Harman J___ from his injuries; and was able to carry on his work. She was amazed that this could be so, but the man was tough.

- 1. a good deal about what she would do
- 2. *she found them*
- 3. managing a station
- 4. Jean joined
- 5. should come swimming
- 6. into the social life
- 7. none of them
- 8. were unfounded
- 9. had made a good recovery

10.frame of mind

A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	I	J

USE OF ENGLISH

Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

Last June my brother ...1... a car. He had had an old scooter before, but it ... 2 ... several times during the spring. "What you want is a second-hand Mini," I suggested. "If you give me the money," he said. "...3... one tomorrow." "I can't give you the money," I replied, "but what about Aunt Myra. She must have enough. We ...4... her since Christmas but she always hints that we ...5... go and see her more often."

We told our parents where we were going. They weren't very happy about it and asked us not to go. So ...6... But later that same day something strange ...7... A doctor ...8... us that Aunt Myra ...9... into hospital for an operation. "...10... go and see her at the same time," said my mother. "You two go today, but don't mention the money."

Where we ...11... Aunt Myra ...12... "I'm not seriously ill," she said, "but the doctor insists that ...13... to drive my car. You can have it if you promise ...14... me to the seaside now and again." We agreed, and now we quite enjoy our monthly trips to the coast with Aunt Myra.

1.A wanted to buyB wanted buying

8.A rang for tellingB rang to tell

C liked to buy	C rung for telling				
D liked buying	D rung to tell				
2.	9.				
A was breaking down	A had gone				
B was breaking up	B had been				
C had broken down	C has gone				
D had broken up	D has been				
3.	10.				
A I get	A We may not all				
B I'm getting	B We can't all				
C I'm going to get	C All we can't				
D I'll get 4.	D All we may not 11.				
	A have come there				
A are not seeing B haven't seen	B were arriving				
C didn't see	C got there				
D don't see	D came to				
5.	12.				
A should	A was seeming quite happily				
B shall	B was seeming quite happy				
C would	C seemed quite happily				
D will	D seemed quite happy				
6.	13.				
A that we haven't	A I'm getting so old				
B that we didn't	B I'm getting too old				
C we haven't	C I get so old				
D we didn't	D I get too old				
7.	14.				
A occurred	A taking				
B took the place	B bringing				
C passed	C to take				
D was there	D to bring				
15 . Can this camera good photos?					
A make B to make	C take D to take				
16. Who was the first person toda					
A spoke to you B you spoke to	C you spoke D whom you spoke				
17 . I can't find the book	эрокс				
A nowhere B everywhere	C anywhere D somewhere				
18 . There was a house at	2 3 ,				
A the mountain foot	B the foot of the mountain				
A the mountain 100t	b the foot of the mountain				

C the feet of the mo	ountain	D the mountain's fo	oot
19. A person who t	alks to is not no	ecessarily mad.	
A himself	B oneself	C yourself	D itself
20 . I'll be 13 tomor	row, ?		
A am I	B aren't I	C won't I	D will I
21 . Did you hear	Julie said?		
A what	B that	C that what	D which
22. Spanish people	usually speak 1	than English people.	
A quicklier	B more quicklier	C more quickly	D more quicker
23. That old lady ca	an't stop me the	e tennis match on my	radio.
A to listen	B listening	C listen to	D listening to
24. I haven't got a	chair		
A to sit	B for to sit on	C to sit on	D for sitting
25 at the mo	ment, I'll go to the sh	iops.	
A For it doesn't	B As it doesn't	C For it isn't	D As it isn'
rain	rain	raining	raining
26 . Bill drinks	. whisky.		
A any	B none	C too many	D so much
27 are very i	ntelligent.		
A Both of them	B Both them	C Both they	D The both
28 . In a shop	customers.		
A it is important ple	easing	B it is important to j	please
C there is importan	t pleasing	D there is important	to please
29. Don't leave you	ar shoes on the table.		
A Put off them!	B Take them off!	C Pick them off!	D Pick up them!
30 in my cla	ss likes the teacher.		
A All persons	B All pupils	C Everyone	D All people
31. We expected ab	out 20 girls bet there	were people the	here.
A another	B others	C some	D more
32. Your bicycle sh	ouldn't be in the hou	se!	
A Take it out!	B Get out it!	C Put it off!	D Take away it!
33. What time does	the bus Bradfo	ord?	
A go away to	B go away for	C leave to	D leave for
34 . She be Ca	anadian because she's	s got a British passpo	ort.
A can't	B isn't able to	C mustn't	D doesn't need
35. "Our daughter.	", they said.		
A was born since the	ree years	B is born for three y	ears ago
C was born three ye	ears ago	D has been born sin	ce three years ago
36 . When En	glish?		

A has he begun to study			B has he begun study	
C did he begin to study			D did he begin study	
37 . Do you want some cheese? No,				
A I've some still	B I still	have	C I don't want	D I've still got
	much			some
38 . Brenda likes going to the theatre and				
A so do I B so go I		C so I like	D so I am	
39 from London to Edinburgh!				
A How long there is			B What a long was it is	
C What distance is there			D How long is	
40 . He's good guitarist, but he plays the piano				
A quiet well	B too hardly		C very good	D much better
41 . When you go to the shops, bring me				
A a fruit tin	B a fruits tin		C a tin of fruit	D a tin of fruits
42. Molly doesn't eat fish.				
A So doesn't John			B Neither does John	
C John doesn't too		D John doesn't that either		
43 . The airport is five miles				
A away from here B from here away		C far from here	D far away from	
				here
44 . Please ask and see me.				
A to Bill to come B Bill to come			C to Bill come	D Bill come
45 . She always buys my birthday.				
A anything nice to		B anything nice for		
C something awful to		D something awful for		
46 . Aren't they friends ?				
A of yours	B of you		C to yours	D to you
47 . She hardly ever	eats pota	atoes.		
A or bread or	B bread or		C neither bread or	D neither bread
				nor
48 . This is the record we				
A like so much	B are liking	g so	C like it much	D are liking it
	much			much
49 . She's going to buy new trousers.				
A some pair of	B some		C a couple of	D this
50 . Is the going to school? No,				
A she doesn't	B she's cyclin	ıg	C she gets by bus	D to the shops

TRANSLATION

Переведите следующий отрывок на русский язык:

In Hindsight (2)

BY CALLAN WINK

She and Manuel had been married for only two years. They hadn't been particularly good years. But during that time her life had been occupied by another person. There was something to be said for that, even if that other person was just Manny, wheelchair-bound toward the end, and mean, even at the beginning. Since Manny's passing she'd filled her life with the animals. She had the cattle, three hogs, three Nubian goats, Elton John, several cats that existed, as cats tend to do, on the periphery, and an ever-changing number of chickens.

She cared greatly for the animals, but sometimes she missed having a weight on the mattress next to her at night. There were times when the sound of her cattle muttering in the yard and the snoring of Elton John weren't enough to make her fall asleep.

She did her chores in the early-morning gray. It was the weekend and she didn't have to go to work. She was a custodian at the high school in town, a job she neither liked nor hated. It was just what she did for a set number of hours a week to feed her animals.

She tried to avoid the red mound of the steer on her front lawn but she had to scatter feed for the chickens, and as she walked by the dead animal she saw that something, a magpie, probably, had pecked out an eye. The hole yawned at her. She went back inside and climbed into her bed and pulled the covers over her head.

Lauren had ten acres of land upon which grew not a single tree. At some distant time, it had been a riverbed and her pasture was cobbled river rock sparsely covered with grass. When the wind blew, great swirling clouds of dust rose and sifted into her house, forming deltas of grit under the doorways. There wasn't enough forage for the cattle, so even in the summer she had to buy hay.