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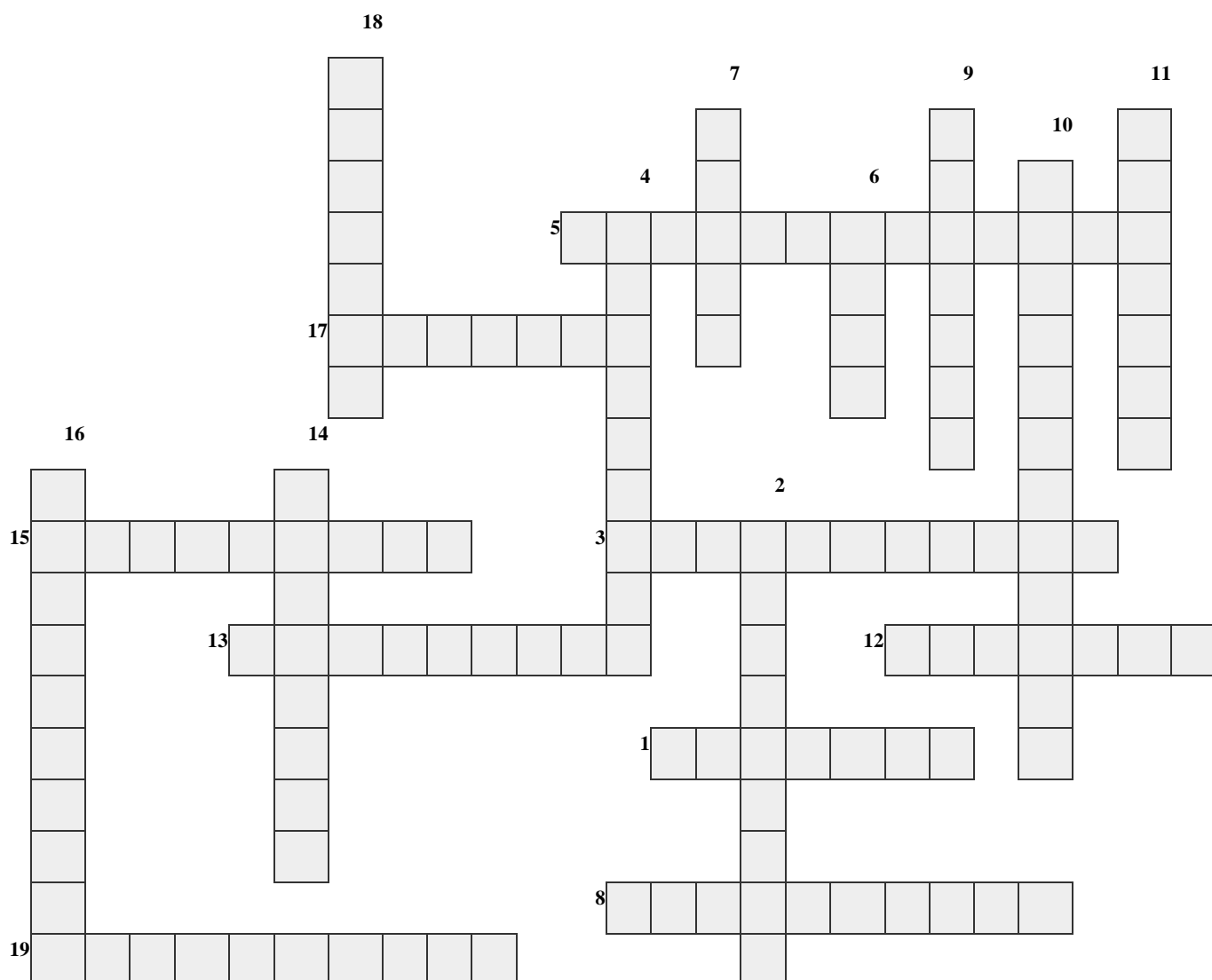
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Второй тур

Шифр участника

АНГЛИЙСКИЙ ЯЗЫК 7-8 КЛАСС

1. Use of English. Заполните кроссворд по теме «Environment and weather», используя подсказки.



Across (По горизонтали)	Down (По вертикали)
1. The sound produced by the rapid expansion of air heated by lightning	2. The presence of harmful substances in the environment.
3. A measure of heat or cold, usually in degrees.	4. A community of living organisms and their environment.
5. The process of clearing or removing forests or wooded areas by human activities	6. Air pollution that is a mixture of smoke and fog, often seen in urban areas.
8. The layer of gases surrounding the Earth.	7. An overflow of water that submerges land that is usually dry.
12. The natural environment where a species lives and thrives.	9. The condition of the atmosphere at a particular place and time, such as the temperature, and if there is wind, rain, sun.
13. A severe weather event characterized by heavy snowfall and strong winds.	10. The existence of a large number of different kinds of animals and plants which make a balanced environment.
15. Resources that can be replenished naturally, such as solar or wind energy.	11. A seasonal wind that brings heavy rainfall to certain regions, especially in South Asia.
17. A rapidly rotating column of air that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground.	14. The total amount of rain that falls in a particular area in a particular amount of time.
19. A sudden shaking of the ground caused by seismic activity.	16. A structure designed to grow plants in a controlled environment, or it can refer to gases that trap heat in the atmosphere.
	18. The average weather conditions in a specific area over a long period.

2. Grammar. Прочитайте текст ниже и заполните пропуски, используя грамматически подходящую форму слова.

Cultural traditions in Russia are rich and diverse, reflecting the country's long history and vast geography. One of (1) _____ (SIGNIFICANT) aspects of Russian culture is its unique customs, which shape the identity of the nation. For centuries, rituals (2) _____ (PERFORM) during various festivals, showcasing the importance of community and family.

One notable tradition is Maslenitsa, a week-long festival (3) _____ (CELEBRATE) before the Great Lent. During this time, people eat pancakes and participate in various activities such as sledding and singing. (4) _____ (THIS) customs not only encourage bonds but also influence contemporary Russian life, as many still eagerly await this celebration every spring.

Another important practice is the celebration of Ivan Kupala Night, which is held in July. This ancient Slavic festival (5) _____ (ASSOCIATE) with summer solstice and fertility. Couples offer flowers and herbs to the river, (6) _____ (BELIEVE) it (7) _____ (BRING) good luck.

In addition to regional festivals, the preservation of traditional crafts (8) _____ (BECOME) increasingly important in modern Russia. Artisans create handmade goods that reflect the skills of previous generations.

As for religion, it plays a vital role in shaping the cultural traditions of Russia. Russian Orthodox Christianity is the predominant religion, and its influence can be seen in (9) _____ (VARY) aspects of Russian life. Orthodox churches and cathedrals are scattered

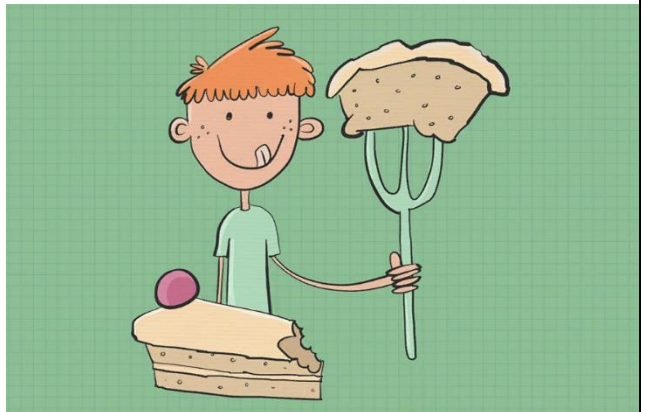


throughout the country, with their distinctive onion-shaped domes and ornate architecture. Religious holidays such as Easter and Christmas are celebrated with great fervor.

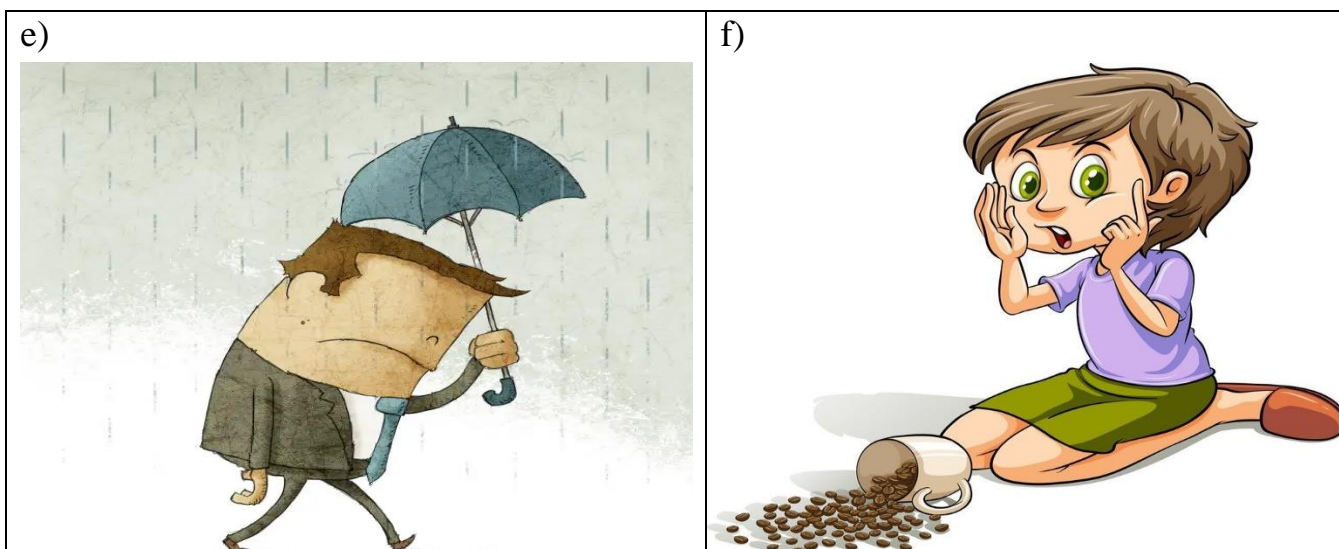
When it comes to cuisine, Russian food is known for its (10) _____ (HEART) and (11) _____ (FLAVOR) dishes. Traditional Russian cuisine is heavily influenced by the country's geography and climate, with an emphasis on ingredients like potatoes, mushrooms, and cabbage. Popular dishes include borscht, a vibrant beet soup, and pelmeni, which are similar to dumplings filled with meat or vegetables.

These are just (12) _____ (FEW) examples of the many cultural traditions that define Russia. From its vibrant dance and music to its rich literary heritage and traditional arts, Russian culture is a treasure trove of diversity and legacy. It is through these traditions that Russia continues to leave an indelible mark on the world's cultural landscape.

1)	2)
3)	4)
5)	6)
7)	8)
9)	10)
11)	12)

3. Vocabulary. Определите, какие идиоматические выражения подходят для предложений 1)–5), и сопоставьте их с изображениями а)–f). Запишите буквы выбранных выражений под соответствующими цифрами 1)–5) и само выражение, подходящее под пропуск в предложении. Обратите внимание: одно изображение ЛИШНЕЕ.

<p>a)</p> 	<p>b)</p> 
<p>c)</p> 	<p>d)</p> 



1) While many of my friends enjoy going to loud concerts, I have to admit that such events are _____, as I prefer quieter settings where I can have meaningful conversations.

2) After the team lost the championship game due to a last-minute error, the coach reminded us that it was pointless to _____; instead, we should focus on learning from our mistakes and preparing for next season.

3) Even though I was feeling a bit _____ last week, I still managed to attend the important meeting, as I didn't want to let my team down.

4) I was planning a surprise party for Sarah, but when Tom accidentally _____ during lunch, I had to come up with a new plan to keep her from finding out.

5) Despite being considered _____ for pursuing a career in art rather than following the traditional paths of law or medicine, she found her true calling and eventually gained widespread recognition.

1)
2)
3)
4)
5)

4. Reading. Прочитайте текст и ответьте на вопросы, выбрав правильный вариант ответа.

The Benefits of Urban Green Spaces

In recent years, urban green spaces have gained increasing recognition for their vital role in enhancing city life. As populations continue to swell in urban areas, the necessity for parks, gardens, and other green environments has become more pronounced. These areas offer not just aesthetic appeal, but also a multitude of benefits that contribute to the well-being of city inhabitants.

Firstly, urban green spaces have a significant impact on mental health. Studies indicate that exposure to nature can reduce stress levels, anxiety, and depression. When people spend

time in parks, they often report feeling more relaxed and even energetic. This is particularly important in bustling cities where the pace of life can be overwhelming.

Moreover, green spaces play a crucial role in improving air quality. Plants and trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, helping to mitigate pollution. This is essential in urban settings where air quality can be compromised by traffic and industrial emissions. Consequently, access to parks and gardens can lead to healthier respiratory systems for city dwellers.

In addition to mental and physical health benefits, green spaces also foster community engagement. Parks serve as gathering places for residents, offering a venue for socializing, recreational activities, and community events. These interactions can strengthen neighborhood ties and promote a sense of belonging among residents.

However, despite their importance, many cities face challenges in maintaining and expanding green spaces. Urban development often prioritizes infrastructure over parks, leading to a decline in available green areas. It is crucial for city planners and policymakers to recognize the value of these spaces and work towards their preservation and enhancement.

Questions

1) What is one of the primary mental health benefits of urban green spaces mentioned in the text?

- a) Increased productivity
- b) Reduced stress levels
- c) Improved memory
- d) Enhanced creativity

2) How do green spaces contribute to better air quality in cities?

- a) They provide a place for recreational activities.
- b) They absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen.
- c) They attract more wildlife to urban areas.
- d) They reduce the need for transportation.

3) According to the text, what role do parks play in community engagement?

- a) They isolate residents from one another
- b) They provide opportunities for business development.
- c) They serve as places for socializing and community events.
- d) They discourage recreational activities among residents.

4) What challenge do many cities face regarding green spaces?

- a) Urban development prioritizing infrastructure over parks.
- b) A lack of interest from residents.
- c) The high cost of maintaining these areas.
- d) The presence of too many wildlife species.

5) What is the primary focus of the text regarding urban green spaces?

- A) The aesthetic appeal of urban areas
- B) The economic benefits of urban development
- C) The mental health and well-being benefits of urban green spaces
- D) The historical significance of parks in cities

