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Отметьте верный вариант ответа. Время выполнения работы - 90 минут.

**Часть I. За каждое верно выполненное задание начисляется 6 баллов.**

**1. Read the text and choose the best title for it:**

To my mind, one of the best times to visit Russia is before New Year's Eve, as it is a big celebration in Russia. During Soviet times, New Year's Eve became a large celebration, complete with a big sit-down dinner. This tradition has continued today. Christmas is also now openly celebrated in Russia, but on a smaller scale.

As New Year's Eve in Russia is more of a family holiday, you may not find the kind of rowdy parties that you see in other countries on New Year's Eve. If you're lucky enough to be invited to someone's home, be sure to bring thoughtful gifts and possibly your own slippers, although most families will have spares. Russian hospitality is quite fantastic if you have friends who will host you. And be prepared to answer a million questions about traditions in your home country!

A common New Year's expression is "The way you spend New Year's Eve is the same way you'll spend the rest of the year." That's why it's so important for the last day of the year to be free from worries and arguments. You should forgive people, pay off your debts, and clean your home in order to start the new year happy and clean. A lot of Russians will also visit a Russian sauna or at least take a hot bath on the 31st of December to purify their bodies. You definitely should not sleep through the New Year, as it is considered a bad omen and will make the upcoming year sleepy and uneventful for you. Many people will also buy new clothes to wear on the New Year's Eve to celebrate a fresh start.

If you're in Moscow, you can head to several look-out points in the city to watch the fireworks. My friend recommended heading to Moscow State University to have the best view over the city, and I don't regret it. Many tourists head towards the Kremlin for iconic beautiful views of the fireworks along the river, although you need to get there early and wait in the cold for hours to see the fireworks.

The New Year is a big deal everywhere in Russia. The decorations are lavish, gorgeous, and so rich that at some places they seem over the top. Shops can be so cluttered and even a little kitschy, it makes you feel like a kid in a huge candy store – with gaudy, colourful packaging, and lots of foil and cellophane ... everything is in colour and glistening.

And still, all those heavy decorations somehow fit Russia. In territorial terms, Russia is the largest country in the world, and this affects everything in it. The buildings are enormous, as are the boulevards and the squares. And of course, they are all given a festive look before the New Year.

The facades of the enormous apartment buildings are adorned with huge decorations that light up in the dark and remind you of Las Vegas. Christmas trees are everywhere – on every corner, in front of every shop, every square and so on.

What's more, in order to make the atmosphere full of charm, gentle classical music pours through the spaces of malls, restaurants and all other public places. I am absolutely sure that when I was in Vienna, I rarely heard classical music as often as I did in Russia in the winter.

And to finish with my advertisement, I should mention that Russians are people with a highly-developed culture, especially musically. I was amazed at their good taste for music. It is impressive how many concerts are performed in Moscow and St. Petersburg, the country's two major cities. At the end of the year, the number of these concerts increases and tickets for the Bolshoi Theatre are sold out months in advance. To sum up, if you want to see Russia all lit up and covered with winter beauty, dress warmly and embark on a trip in December. But don't plan too much for the last week, as it gets very crowded with people doing last-minute preparations.

<b>1</b> <input type="text"/> <b>New Years' time in Russia</b>	<b>2</b> <input type="text"/> <b>Old Traditions in Russia</b>	<b>3</b> <input type="text"/> <b>Impressive New Years' Decorations</b>
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2. Answer the question about the text: How is New Year in Russia different from other places, according to the text?

1 ☐ It is a bigger holiday than Christmas.

2 ☐ It is celebrated with close relatives.

3 ☐ People go to clubs and restaurants.

3. Answer the question about the text: What does the author NOT advise foreigners to do?

1 ☐ Get ready to speak about your culture.

2 ☐ Take an extra pair of home shoes.

3 ☐ Ask your hosts questions about traditions.

4. Read the sentence about the text and finish it: The author thinks that New Year decorations in Russia are ...

1 ☐ strange

2 ☐ cheap

3 ☐ suitable

5. Answer the question about the text: What is the author's overall impression of Russia on New Year's eve?

1 ☐ It's too cold in wintertime.

2 ☐ It is definitely worth visiting.

3 ☐ It is very noisy.

6. Find the odd one out: unhappy, unlikely, understand, unemployed, unsuccessful.

1 ☐ unlikely

2 ☐ understand

3 ☐ unemployed

7. Choose the appropriate reply to the following phrase: There are some guys who are afraid of using the Internet.

1 ☐ Are there? I've never met them.

2 ☐ Fairly good.

3 ☐ Quite the other way round.

8. Which of these words can go with the suffix -ist?

1 ☐ direct

2 ☐ invent

3 ☐ guitar

9. Match the science with the definition:

1) Mathematics	a) the science that studies natural forces, such as heat, movements etc.
2) Acoustics	б) the science of using numbers to represent facts
3) Statistics	в) the science of sound
4) Physics	г) the study of numbers, the structure and measurement of shapes

1 ☐ 1-г, 2-в, 3-б, 4-а

2 ☐ 1-б, 2-в, 3-а, 4-г

3 ☐ 1-а, 2-в, 3-г, 4-б

10. Complete the sentence: Ann's a hopeless artist: she has ...

1 ☐ a poor memory

2 ☐ a poor imagination

3 ☐ bad social skills

Часть II. За каждое верно выполненное задание начисляется 8 баллов.

11. What is the name of this university?



1 ☐ ☐ Moscow State University

2 ☐ ☐ People's Friendship  
University of Russia

3 ☐ ☐ Volgograd State Medical  
University

12. This name is an anagram of a job. For example: Gena N. West = Newsagent. Find another job here:  
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1 ☐ ☐ engineer

2 ☐ ☐ driver

3 ☐ ☐ designer

13. Complete the tag question: Richard will start learning Chinese next year, ...?

1 ☐ ☐ will he

2 ☐ ☐ won't he

3 ☐ ☐ isn't he

14. Choose the correct sentence without any mistakes:

- a) Where are your sister-in-laws now?
- б) I like the smell of lilies of the valley very much.
- в) New merries-go-round are being built here.

1 ☐ ☐ a

2 ☐ ☐ б

3 ☐ ☐ в

15. Find the pair of synonyms:

1 ☐ ☐ precious-valuable

2 ☐ ☐ common-personal

3 ☐ ☐ goal-advantage