

**ПРИКАСПИЙСКАЯ МЕЖРЕГИОНАЛЬНАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ШКОЛЬНИКОВ
ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ
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ВРЕМЯ ВЫПОЛНЕНИЯ – 120 МИН.**

Task I. Read the text and choose the most suitable title for each paragraph.

1. Over five days in September, Claire Lomas completed a distance of more than 21 km in England with the help of a "robotic exoskeleton," according to Catherine Thorbecke of ABC News, and raised money for the Nicholls Spinal Injury Foundation in the process.

Lomas, who is in a delicate condition now, told Thorbecke: "It is very hard work physically and mentally, especially with my injury, as I have no core strength and no feeling from the chest down. I can't even feel the ground. Each slope, bump, hill is a huge obstacle."

2. In 2001, former Formula One driver Alex Zanardi was involved in an auto racing accident that resulted in the amputation of both his legs. Now, the Italian is a four-time Paralympic champion hand cyclist.

Zanardi secured his third Paralympic gold (he won two in London in 2012) by winning the H5 time trial in Rio the day before the anniversary of his accident. He was also part of the H2-H5 mixed team relay gold.

Per Alex Wellman of Mirror, Zanardi said: "Normally I don't thank God for these type of things as I believe God has more important stuff to worry about. But today is too much. I had to raise my eyes and thank him. I feel very lucky, I feel my life is a never-ending privilege."

3. Egypt's Ibrahim Hamadtou became an internet sensation with his "Nothing Is Impossible" YouTube video in 2014. In 2016, he brought his talents to the world stage as the only athlete without upper limbs to compete in Paralympic table tennis. Hamadtou holds the paddle in his mouth during competition and serves the ball with his feet. Hamadtou lost both matches in Rio, but his performance commanded respect just the same.

4. Kendall Brest played football at Hickory High School in western Pennsylvania under his father, head coach Bill Brest.

During his junior year, Kendall was diagnosed with a heart disorder and told he could no longer play football. Instead, he joined the Hickory coaching staff as a student assistant.

Bill Brest said, per Chad Krispinsky of WKBN 27: "He's putting the time and effort in, he's very talented. He has the health setback, but he's attacking it and he sees the big picture in life."

Kendall was also the guest of honor at a September game against rival Sharon High School, an event at which both schools worked to raise money for kids with heart-related health issues.

5. Damon Hodges had his legs amputated below the knees at age two, according to Greg Gulas of the *Vindicator*, and he has been wearing prosthetics ever since.

Hodges is also a defensive end on the Liberty High School varsity football team in Ohio. The Ohio High School Athletic Association approved Liberty's request to allow Hodges to play after the school provided detailed information on its plans for safety precautions.

Hodges told Gulas, "Many told me that I would never walk or have a normal life, but things have really worked out for me."

Gulas also reported Hodges' dreams of playing in the NFL one day.

6. The Paralympic Games don't usually generate the same level of hype as the Olympics, but they certainly weren't lacking in the incredible story department in 2016.

For instance, one might assume a Paralympian would automatically clock a slower time than his Olympic counterpart in say, a 1,500-meter race. One would be wrong.

Four visually impaired athletes—Abdellatif and Fouad Baka of Algeria, Tamiru Demisse of Ethiopia and Henry Kirwa of Kenya—all sprint a faster time in the 1,500-meter T13 final than the Olympic champion, American Matthew Centrowitz Jr. Abdellatif Baka's gold medal-winning time of 3:48.29 is a new world record for his classification.

7. Shaun Barker's is a comeback story for the ages. In 2012, the English footballer—then with Derby County FC—collided with an opposing goalkeeper, causing every ligament and tendon in his knee to rupture.

Gregor Robertson of Mail Online wrote: "To outsiders, the idea that he would ever return to play professional football again seemed ludicrous. And as time passed, that sentiment only grew."

After four-plus years and five surgeries, however, Barker finally made his return to competitive football in August. Playing for a new club, Burton Albion FC, Barker entered as a substitute in the 93rd minute of a match against Derby.

Of his appearance, Barker said, per Robertson: "It's about proving myself again now. This has made me content but it's not made me happy."

- A. 4 Paralympians Run Quicker Than Olympic Champion
- B. A Comeback After Devastating Injury
- C. A Man on Artificial Legs Plays Football
- D. Paralympian with No Arms Really Impresses
- E. Paralyzed Pregnant Woman Completes Half-Marathon
- F. Paralympian Wins Gold, 15 Years After Life-Threatening Crash
- G. Son Joins Father on Training Group

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Task II. Read the text and fill in the missing phrases (A-H).

In a time of Covid - unlike Tokyo's summer Olympics of 2021 - Beijing has found a way to put some spectators in the stands. This is how they are doing it.

The World's fastest men on skates fly around the bend, hugging the line for the quickest run possible, with only one chance for glory.

They compete, rushing past a small group of spectators, including a couple of university students **1**.

These young women are more animated when their countrymen compete, but they are applauding everyone.

"We don't know anything about skating," one tells me. "We are just here to watch and cheer the athletes along, **2**..... It's great."

A few rows behind them, work colleagues from a state-owned enterprise sit side by side. One of them - another young woman - happily waves a flag with an Olympic mascot on it.

"We are all from the same company," she says. "I am just glad that I had a chance to come and see an event at Olympics **3**." It's so nice to be here".

They are the lucky ones who have been invited to attend.

Part of the gleaming new stadium has been reserved for such groups.

A complicated configuration, dividing the arena into sections, enables them to be in the building and not come into contact with those in the two bubble zones – 4.....

To be chosen as a spectator for these Olympic events, you are most likely to be from a Communist Party organisation, a state company, or a student group. There are also local government officials with tickets to the Games, sponsors, and a smattering of diplomats.

Then there is another category of people who are being allowed in to see these supreme athletes compete: foreign correspondents.

Beijing-based journalists have been allowed in, 5..... I am one of them.

We also have to do a Covid test 96 hours prior to any event then a second test 24 hours before. According to the rules, this is then followed up with a third test three days after and a fourth test a week later.

6..... we must wear N95/KN95 masks at all times.

Those attending also need to have not only completed an initial vaccination round 7.....

These days virtually nobody in China uses cash for anything. Instead, people use mobile payment services 8..... However, inside the Olympic venues this payment form is not available. I am guessing this is a sponsorship thing.

I go to buy a drink. "Do you have a Visa card?" I am asked. "Err no," I reply.

The other option is physical money. I can't remember the last time I bought something here in this way. It's a weird feeling.

- A. when most people have missed out
- B. but also had a booster shot
- C. to be part of the atmosphere
- D. under similar conditions to other spectators
- E. holding a Chinese flag
- F. like Tencent's WeChat Pay
- G. while inside the venues
- H. the teams competing and the locked-in sports media

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Task III. Insert the articles (one preposition can be used 2 times):
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Making snow for the Olympics

What happens if there's no natural snow 1..... the Winter Olympics or other sporting events? Well, snow is made! Find 2..... who is making the snow in Sochi-2014.

Joe VanderKelen, President of SMI Snowmakers: You know, I've probably spent two-thirds 3..... my life thinking and working 4..... snow and snowmaking projects 5..... the world. Machine-made snow is like two-week-old natural snow, in that natural snow sometimes takes hours or days to form as it's going through the sky in small particles and it'll form those dendritic arms.

There you go.

We're forming that snow crystal in somewhere **6**..... 3 and 15 seconds. Our snow is more like a BB or a graupel and it doesn't have the dendritic arms, but even natural snow after it's compacted loses those arms. I'm a second-generation snowmaking person; my father had been a skier and started to see a need **7**..... snowmaking. People looking to stabilise their business and for some type of insurance and **8**..... snow they don't really have a business.

Our company has been involved **9**..... the Winter Olympics for a long time now. We are quite proud **10**..... being associated with Sarajevo, Calgary, Salt Lake, Nagano, with Vancouver and now with Sochi.

This was a bit unusual in that it was a system where there was no snowmaking - there was really no resort there. We were fortunate to get access **11**..... a couple of helicopters and we found a beautiful, pristine, clear, cold water source. The higher **12** the mountain you can find the water, the less energy it takes to pump and deliver it. Finding this river on a shelf where we could build a couple of lakes to store the water sort of anchored the snowmaking system solution...

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Task IV. Make words with the given letters and put the words in the right sentences:

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1. Wimbledon tennisis held every June.
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3. Phoenix managed a 135-114over Denver.
4. Only oneform Russia took part in the competition.
5. They won 4-0 in front of over 40 000 cheering.....

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Task V. Put in the words in the correct forms.

I am certainly not athletic and I am on the chubby side so I can't even fake the appearance of someone athletic. I am also not particularly coordinated in general, and it is relevant to know that I am left-handed.

I was a casual (substitute) primary school teacher a few years back. While I didn't want to be the kids' friend per se, it doesn't hurt 1..... (know) as the fun casual so long as they respect you and you can still get the work 2.....(do). What I 3.....(not realize) is that 4.....(be) the *cool* casual was even better.

I was on lunch duty, strolling the sports field where kids of all ages were busy 5..... (play) various games. Across came many of the "cool kids" from the class I 6.....(teach) for the day, about ten eleven-year-olds. They were chatting to me about various pleasantries when the notorious "bully" of the year shouted, "Heads!"

This all happened in a millisecond. The girls 7.....(scream). A couple of the boys shouted, "Miss, look out!"

I looked up. A tennis ball 8.....(hurtle) towards my head, incredibly fast.

I lifted my right arm. I caught the ball right before my face.

Ten or so jaws dropped to the ground and then immediately burst into chatter. Everyone was congratulating me and asking if I used to be in the Olympics and so on. One of them asked, "How on earth did you do that?"

Being in some sort of twilight zone where I was actually cool, not to mention witty enough to say the right thing at the right time — which I really am not normally — I turned to them with a serious face and said, "That's nothing. I'm actually left-handed."

And that's the story of how I accidentally 9.....(become) the cool teacher who held the best record for keeping the difficult class on task.

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Task VI.

Your dream has come true! You have become an Olympic champion! You are to give your winner's speech at the awarding ceremony. **Write your winner's speech** and don't forget to follow the plan:

- ✓ greet your audience
- ✓ mention what sport you have competed in
- ✓ what personality traits helped you to win
- ✓ express your gratitude to those who helped and supported you on your way to the gold medal
- ✓ finish your speech saying about your plans for the future

Write **100-130 words**

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