



## **Градско такмичење у енглеском језику за ученике 3. разреда средњих школа**

### **НЕЛТА – Удружење наставника енглеског језика Ниш**

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*Good luck!*

Ниш, 2019

## READ THE TEXT FIRST AND THEN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

### Hundreds jump ship before Aurora limps out

P1

Last Tuesday evening flags flew all over the ship at Southampton docks, a military band played and the passengers, glasses of champagne in hand, lined the decks to wave good bye to Britain at last. And they waved, and waved, and waved. Eventually, officials embarrassedly admitted that the £200 million Aurora, already nine days behind schedule, was still not ready to leave on its world cruise.

P2

The vessel, which last year cut short a cruise after a third of its passengers were struck by a virus, should have left nine days before but had got no further than the Isle of Wight because of problems with its propulsion system. They returned to the port to carry out repairs. In vain the organizers attempted to console the long-suffering passengers by bringing in a group of well-known comedians. Luckily, there was a free bar. By last night passengers had drunk more than 9,000 beers, 9,140 bottles of wine and champagne and 7,250 cocktails.

P3

On Tuesday, it had been confidently announced that the vessel would depart that evening and a great send-off was organised. Unfortunately, the engineers, who thought the repairs had been successful, discovered the propulsion unit was still faulty when they started the engines. By then the passengers should have been seeing the coral reefs off Recife in Brazil and preparing to visit Rio de Janeiro. Instead they were still at Southampton and could only see an oil refinery on one side of the ship and a warehouse on the other, both hardly visible through the cold drizzle.

P4

Despite assurances that the round-the-world, 104-night cruise was still on, even if the timetable would have to be adjusted, the false start was the last straw for many passengers. One, a £10-million lottery winner, left the ship saying he was tired of waiting. He said, "I won the lottery so I have enough money to go on another cruise straight away but this is a massive disappointment." Another passenger who decided to leave had paid £8,500 for the cruise. He said that his girlfriend had been due to fly out to Chile and join the ship there but the delay had ruined both their holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Stacy left in frustration, planning a two-week break in the sun to replace their abandoned cruise. Mrs. Stacy, who works for a travel company, added: "I have lost two weeks and not travelled anywhere and I've got to tell people I spent ten days sitting in Southampton and sailing round the Isle of Wight."

P5

Others left the ship because they feared it would never leave. One of them said, "The hospitality has been excellent. Drinks have been free and in abundance but that is not why you come on a cruise." Mr. and Mrs. Baker, who were to have celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on the cruise which cost them £9,000, disembarked. Mr. Baker, understandably annoyed, said, "They should have let us know what was going on long before this point."

P6

Last night, and twenty-four hours later, they once again started the engines for the voyage, by now with 385 fewer than the original 1,759 passengers. This time, however, there was no pomp and celebration. Even then, the ship owners were not entirely confident that the world cruise would go forward. Officials admitted that it would not be until the ship was in open water that the engines could be properly tested. It could yet turn back.

*20 January 2005, The Telegraph*

**I Explain the meaning of the words (phrases) – what they mean IN THE TEXT. The first one has been done for you. (10 pts)**

0. lined [P1] - ...people were in a row along the deck....

- a) to console [P2].....
- b) the last straw [P4] .....
- c) in abundance [P5] .....
- d) disembark [P5] .....
- e) no pomp [P6] .....

**II Choose the most suitable option based on the text. (6 pts)**

1. Last Tuesday evening .....
  - a) was the original date the cruise had been scheduled to start.
  - b) there were flags all over Southampton docks.
  - c) was not the first time the ship had attempted to depart.
  - d) there were too many waves for the ship to depart.
  
2. Which statement is correct?
  - a) The attempt to make up for the delay by having comedians brought in was not successful.
  - b) The passengers drank all the free beer, wine, champagne and cocktails onboard.
  - c) The group of comedians was so bad that the passengers took to drink.
  - d) The group of comedians brought a lot of free drink but the passengers weren't satisfied.
  
3. On Tuesday .....
  - a) the engineers made a mistake with the propulsion unit.
  - b) everybody had been sure they would finally depart.
  - c) the engineers couldn't start the engines.
  - d) they expected to see the coral reefs but it was raining.
  
4. A lot of passengers.....
  - a) paid so they could leave the vessel.
  - b) left because the ship wasn't going to Chile.
  - c) changed their minds about going on the cruise.
  - d) did not want any more straws.
  
5. Which statement is correct?
  - a) The lottery winner decided to ask for a refund.
  - b) Mr. and Mrs. Stacy were feeling frustrated because they were abandoned.
  - c) Mr. Baker was irritated with the lack of information.
  - d) Some passengers left the ship because they feared they wouldn't be able to leave later.

6. Officials.....

- a) only had 1,759 passengers on the ship when it finally left.
- b) were certain the cruise would go on.
- c) admitted they would turn back when they reached open water.
- d) had some doubts that the cruise would be successfully completed.

**III Answer the questions, use full sentences, don't copy from the text but paraphrase. (8 pts)**

- a) How would you paraphrase the headline? .....  
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- b) What would have happened on that particular Tuesday if the cruise hadn't been delayed?  
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- c) What was the weather like during the wait? .....  
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- d) How did the comedians improve the situation? .....  
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**IV There were a number of mistakes made by the officials in the Aurora situation. Point out 3 things they did wrong and suggest doing differently. (6 pts)**

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**V All these idioms have to do with travelling. Use the appropriate one for each sentence, and be careful – in some cases you will have to change the form of the verb. (16pts)**

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| take someone for a ride | desert a sinking ship        |
| a backseat driver       | hit the road                 |
| have itchy feet         | fall off the back of a lorry |
| sail through            | paddle his own canoe         |

- a) My brother is such..... I hate traveling with him.
- b) We've got a long way to go. Let's..... to make it by sunset.
- c) He ..... his homework.
- d) He's been left ..... when he started his business.
- e) He was trying to sell me a new laptop which I suspect .....

- f) She knew it was time ..... because she had read all the reports about the catastrophic financial situation of the company.
- g) She ..... again. She says she will travel to Brazil.
- h) It was only when he discovered that his wallet was gone that he realized they .....

**VI Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence. (14 pts)**

- a) She hasn't bought any new clothes for months.  
It's months ..... any new clothes.
- b) I'm very pleased that I will meet him again.  
I'm looking ..... him again.
- c) I'm sure you were exhausted after your long journey.  
You must ..... after your long journey.
- d) He wasn't careful and that's why he broke the vase.  
If he'd ....., he ..... the vase.
- e) She had been due to fly to Chile and join the ship but was delayed.  
Was it .....
- f) Mr. and Mrs. Baker were to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the cruise.  
Mr. and Mrs. Baker ..... their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the cruise.
- g) The officials have announced that the Aurora will reach the Bahamas early in February.  
The officials hope that by .....

**TOTAL POINTS: 60**

Before submitting the test, check the following:

- Have you answered ALL the questions?
- Have you checked the spelling?

Thank you for taking part in this competition!