

**Task 1. Read the text. Answer the questions. (7)**

**Samara Volgafest**

From June 13 to 18, Volgafest takes place in Samara. It's a stunning celebration along the Volga River. Over 50 events, including competitions, concerts, firework display and workshops are on the riverside. More than 150,000 people join the festival in six days every year.

The theme of this year's festival was "Love." Love was everywhere, from the visual colorful decorations to symbolic weddings on the Volga headland. Various expressions of this feeling were showed through music, theatre, education, and public art programs.

Activities included a beach architecture contest, museum exhibitions, and lectures on love in psychology, art, and more. What is more, the festival managers sell the creative souvenirs to raise money for homeless people.

Food and souvenir markets were a hit, offering special grilled peaches and unique waffles. The fresh burgers with Volga fish were selling like hot cakes.

The icing on the cake was the outdoor wedding ceremony on the Volga headland, where over 100 couples celebrated their love. The festival truly captured the spirit of joy, creativity, and love along the beautiful Volga River.

1. How many people attend the festival in six days?
2. What were the special meals in the festival?
3. What was the theme of this year's Volgafest?
4. What were some of the events that took place during the festival this year?
5. When does Volgafest take place?
6. Where did the outdoor wedding ceremony take place, and how many couples participated?
7. Who gets help from the festival charity programme?

**Task 2. Fill in the missing words (10)**

*Raise, pull, spare, take, strap, arrogant, violent, bottom, butcher's, humped, hooks, extinct, newsagent's*

1. At La Tomatina you need a \_\_\_\_\_ change of clothes
2. Bigfoot can be a species of \_\_\_\_\_ ape.
3. Daughter, could you \_\_\_\_\_ the rubbish out?
4. Excuse me, sir. Where can I buy the beef? Hm... the \_\_\_\_\_ is far away....
5. I suppose it's a weird tradition to \_\_\_\_\_ crackers in Christmas.
6. It is very important to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself before sleeping for being safe in zero gravity.
7. Nessie has a long neck and a \_\_\_\_\_ back.
8. Steve doesn't like his next-door neighbours. They are so \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The monster had sharp \_\_\_\_\_ on his tentacles.
10. They worked hard and managed to \_\_\_\_\_ money for charity.

**Task 3. Choose the odd word (5)**

1. Caring, silly, sociable, helpful, cute
2. Greengrocer's, newsagent's, bread's, hairdresser's, chemist's
3. Dust, vacuum, mop, iron, stare
4. Attic, suburbs, village, city, neighbourhood, town
5. Horrifying, enthusiastic, violent, disgusting, terrifying

**Task 4. Choose the right answer (5)**

- a) *What a coincidence!* b) *It's a load of rubbish* c) *Shame on you!* d) *That's a relief!*  
e) *I'm not your slave!* f) *How dare you?!* g) *Better luck next time*

1. Do you know that Bigfoot has a snake-like head?
2. The teachers decided to cancel the English Winter Exam at the lyceum.
3. On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> I had met the black cat on the road and then I lost my keys.
4. Unfortunately, we lost the match.
5. You must do all chores!

**Task 5. Put the verbs into the PRESENT tenses. (5)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (children/stare) at TV right now?
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on the project for two months. They are very tired.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not/take) the rubbish out yet.
4. Susan always \_\_\_\_\_ (help) her granny with washing-up and dusting the furniture.
5. Mom, \_\_\_\_\_ (you/already/do) the ironing? I need a white shirt.

**Task 6. Put the verbs into the PAST tenses. (5)**

1. Mr. Chizhov was angry because students \_\_\_\_\_ (not/do) the home task.
2. Sam \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in his new job for a month when he got a promotion.
3. When I came home, my grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ (play) chess.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (you watch) this film yesterday?
5. Michel was happy because he \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) the English exam.

**Task 7. Put the verbs into the correct tense. (10)**

Dear Dan,

I'm glad to get a letter from you! How is your English exam? I guess it was easy for you!

Well, as for me, I'm so-so. Unfortunately, my father \_\_\_\_\_ (break) his leg three days ago. The drunk driver bumped into him when he \_\_\_\_\_ (go) home. Now I have to do all the chores.

Yesterday I was tired because I \_\_\_\_\_ (mop) floor at the whole house. Today my dad \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) better and he \_\_\_\_\_ (play) chess right now.

Well, I should go because I need to do my homework.

Best wishes,

Boris

**Task 8. Write down the answer to the letter. (13)**

Hello, friend!

It's been a long time since I last wrote you.

Today at the lesson our teacher told us to write an essay about our best friend. I wrote about my classmate Jane because we get on really well! We spend a lot of time together and it's always fun.

By the way, do you have a best friend? What's his/her name? What are his/her character traits? What are his/her hobbies? Why do you think he/she is your best friend?

That's all for now, write back soon.

Best wishes,

Max