

Form 9
Mid-year test
Variant I

I) Read the text and match the headings (A – F) to the paragraphs (1-5). There is one heading you do not need to use.

- A. A creative use of space
- B. Not for messy people
- C. Too many chores

- D. Perfect for young people
- E. Tiny houses

1.....

How would you feel about living in a house that was only 2.6m long by 2.6m wide by 2.6m high? Well, in Europe some people are doing just that. Micro compact ('m-ch') homes are very small homes that are no bigger than the size of a small room!

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So how do you fit not just a sleeping and living area, but also a study and bathing area into a space that is only 2.6m? Well, in m-ch homes, each area has more than one uses, because you can change the place of the seats, beds and kitchen appliances. So, the dining area (which is also the study area) becomes a sleeping space by sliding the dining table into a wall. And the entrance way doubles as a bathroom – the front door becomes the shower door!

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The first people to try living in m-ch homes were university students. Students love them because although small, they are very modern with flatscreen TVs and comfortable furniture.

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So what's 'micro living' like? Well, you have to be a very neat, tidy and organised person, because in order to do one thing, you have to first finish another and put everything away. Also, the lack of space means you can't have many personal items. But if you want a cheap, cosy, modern space that you can call your own, a micro home may be for you!

II) Complete the sentences with words derived from the words in bold:

- 1) There is no _____, you can do your chores later if you want.
URGENT
- 2) My neighbour is so full of _____. He thinks he is never wrong.
ARROGANT
- 3) Thank you for all your _____ during my stay.
KIND
- 4) There is a lot of _____ available on the Internet!
INFORM
- 5) The _____ of the computer changed our lives forever.
INVENT

III) Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition:

- 1) My new flat is right _____ the city centre.
- 2) Jane is waiting for you _____ the corner of the street.
- 3) Have you heard _____ Bigfoot.
- 4) Jack was nervous _____ camping in the forest.
- 5) They succeeded _____ working out the answer.

IV) The tasks of increased complexity:

(задание повышенной сложности)

You have received a letter from your English –speaking pen-friend, Susan.

...I have just returned from the cinema. I watched a new film with Leonardo DiCaprio. I can't understand why my sister is so crazy about him. She thinks he is smart and cool. Though, I admit some of his films are interesting. And what actors do you admire? What films have you seen with them? Do your friends share your interests?

Write her a letter and answer her 3 questions.

Write **100-120** words. Remember the rules of letter writing.

Form 9
Mid-year test
Variant II

I) Read the text and match the headings (A – F) to the paragraphs (1-5). There is one heading you do not need to use.

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| A. Not looking your age | D. Numbers don't lie |
| B. A difficult decision | E. The negative side |
| C. An ancient desire | |

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For thousands of years human beings have dreamt of cheating death and the aging process. In their fantasy world, they live forever and remain young and beautiful in old age. Well, it may sound incredible, but there are some scientists who believe that mankind will soon have the technology to make this dream come true!

2.....

Some scientists believe that medical technology is moving so fast that by the end of this century, advanced antiaging technologies will be available, and it will let people live for hundreds or maybe even thousands of years if they want to. Of course, few people would want to live to 1000 if they had to spend hundreds of years looking and feeling like a 90-year-old. But some researchers think medicine will be able to keep people looking and feeling as beautiful and fit at 500 years old as they were at the age of 25.

3.....

Naturally, the possibility of living so long raises many problems. If people don't die, how will the Earth cope when it gets so overcrowded? Many people believe that scientists should not develop anti-aging technology, and that they should let nature take its course, as it has been doing for millions of years.

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Of course, most scientists believe that humans will never possess such technology. But if living to 1000 becomes possible, do you think it would be a dream... or a nightmare? And, if you had the choice, would you choose to live forever?

II) Complete the sentences with words derived from the words in bold:

- 1) I can't tell the _____ between the twins.
DIFFER
- 2) I miss the _____ of the countryside.
QUIET
- 3) The teacher explained the _____ of recycling to the class.
IMPORTANT
- 4) Tom stayed home to accept _____ of his new plasma TV.
DELIVER
- 5) Click on the _____ in the email to see the pictures they sent us.
ATTACH

III) Fill in the gaps with the correct preposition:

- 1) I am interested learning about other cultures.
- 2) I know a few people who believe superstitions.
- 3) Laura's house isthe suburbs.
- 4) Sue thoughta good idea to raise money.
- 5) Will knew experience not to walk through the woods at night.

IV) The tasks of increased complexit:
(задание повышенной сложности)

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend, Pamela.

.....Christmas is coming but, frankly speaking, I am tired of celebrating it in a swimming suit (you know, here in Australia it's hot on Christmas). Once I found a video about Russian winter in the Internet. I wish I could have such white Christmas!

How do you celebrate Christmas and New Year in Russia? Is it possible to stay outdoors at night while celebrating? Do you always have so much snow?

Write her a letter and answer her 3 questions

Write **100-120** words. Remember the rules of letter writing.