Контрольная работа для учащихся 10 класса

1. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the words from the list.

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DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

The Dragon Boat Festival is a (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Chinese tradition.

It(2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to 289 BC and (3)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in May-June.

It (4)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a poet and statesman who drowned himself to( 5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_injustice.

According to the legend people searched for his body but failed to find it.

Now Dragon Boat Races (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on this day.

They have become an (7)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_part of the festival.

These long narrow boats with a dragon’s head at the prow (нос корабля) are brightly painted red and gold.

In the evening when the race is over the boats (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_along the water, decorated with brightly coloured lanterns. Dragon Boat Festivals that celebrate Chinese culture have developed into events that people in many countries\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (9)Dragon Boat Races are the fastest growing sport in the world and you can find race teams all around the globe — from Australia to Finland.

1. **Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets.**

Most Australians (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(dream) of a white Christmas for centuries. But the traditional European (2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not fit) with Australia’s thirty-degree heat. Thankfully things (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(change)now. Christmas in Australia (4)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(happen) in summer. But not so long ago they (5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(try) their best to deny the reality of a summer Christmas. The only Christmas cards published (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(portray) white winter Christ­mases. All this was a bit ridiculous in a country where 80 percent of the land (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(never see) a snowflake, even in winter. However, the last ten years (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(witness) some bigchanges in the Australian lifestyle. Many Australians now (9)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(be­lieve) that the country should break its connections with Britain. So now Christmas 10)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(get) an Australian identity. On Christmas day you 11)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(find) a lot of kids on the beach playing with their new surf­boards, building sandcastles rather than snowmen. Indeed one of the typical Austra­lian Christmas presents that nearly every Australian (12)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(receive)once in their life is a beach towel. Christmas in Australia however hasn’t escaped the commercial aspect. Like most other countries, the religious meaning of Christmas (13)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(be lost) amongst gift giving, Christmas sales and special offers. What is unique though is something that most Australians (14)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(start) to cherish (лелеять). That is a Christmas of sunshine, surf and sand. Although many Europeans this may seem strange, to many Australians it is now the only Christmas worth dreaming of.

1. Use the prefixes in-, im-, un- to form the opposites of the adjectives in the box.

Kind practical intelligent tolerant sociable possible friendly sincere believable wise sensitive interesting proper patient enthusiastic

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| IN- | IM- | UN- |
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1. Read this text and choose the correct answer.

 In-group language

Teenage slang has always been important in youth culture. It is the dialect of the younger generation and their special language that says, ‘‘This is us. This is how we talk".

What makes slang so intriguing? Take words al­ready in use, give them new meaning that is clear for you and a circle of like-minded or same-aged ac­quaintances, and you have codes that signal you are part of a group.

It's like fashion and clothing. The newness of it is part of its appeal, part of who is in, who is on the edge, who is doing the cool things, or who can pre­tend they are cool by knowing the vocabulary.

Slang is dynamic, just like Standard English. Like­wise, slang is formed from existing words or by add­ing prefixes or suffixes. Some of the words have a “short shelf life", but others become commonplace and move into everyday usage. When slang loses its group-identifying qualities and loses its freshness and appeal, and when it no longer carries any social functions, then you can say it has moved into stan­dard vocabulary.

This is no simple answer to whether slang is good or bad to use. It depends on the context. It is bad in the sense that it might cause an unfavorable opin­ion of you if you use it in a situation where it is not appr opriate. But for what it is, it is in-group vocabu­lary, and when you are talking to people in your own group, it is not bad at all. It has the purpose of show­ing identification with each other.

1. Teenage slang is important because
2. it is used every day
3. it helps teenagers identify themselves
4. it may cause a favourable opinion of a person.
5. The source of slang is
6. group vocabulary
7. everyday language
8. suffixes and prefixes.
9. Some slang words move into standard vocabulary when
10. they become commonplace
11. they go out of fashion
12. group members stop using them as their special language.
13. II is safe to use slang with your
14. friends
15. teachers
16. parents.
17. Fill in the blanks with articles if necessary.

CAT.

 HISTORY AND LEGEND

Most authorities agree that (1) \_\_\_\_domestic cat descended from 2)\_\_\_Caffre cot, a small breed of (3)\_\_\_\_\_African wildcat.

(4) \_\_\_Caffre cat was domesticated in ancient Egypt, possibly as early as 2500 BC.

(5)\_\_\_\_\_\_longhaired cat breeds are believed to originate from this (6)\_\_\_Asian wildcat, Felis manul.

(7) \_\_\_modern manul has the long­est hair of any breed of (8)\_\_wildcat.

(9)\_\_\_Cats became objects of worship (поклонение) in Egypt be­cause of their ability to keep down the rodent (грызунов) population.

(10)\_\_\_Egyptian cat goddess Bast had the body of a woman and the head of (11)\_\_\_cat, and was the goddess of love and fertility as well.

(12)\_\_Egyptian cats were also used for sport by their owners.