

ENGLISH COMPETITION 2023

KEY

TASK 1

(Source: *The Economist*, 24th December 2022; pp.22.)

0	<i>lowly</i>
1	assessment
2	attendance
3	godless
4	debating
5	minority
6	ambitious
7	admirer
8	training
9	constitutional
10	settlement

TASK 2

(Source: *The Economist*, 24th December, pp. 16.)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	F	D	A	L	I	C	E	G	J	H

TASK 3

(Source: ed. DORMAN, Shawn, *Inside a U. S. Embassy, DIPLOMACY AT WORK*, pp. 106-108.)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	K	B	E	L	H	F	J	D	I	G

UCHED over a model of a Quidditch field in the corner, 22) prod _ _DING little figures across it with his wand and 23) mut_ _ _ _ _TERING to himself. Angelina, Alicia, and Katie were laughing at Fred's and George's jokes. Harry was sitting with Ron and Hermione, removed from the center of things, trying not to think about the next day, because every time he did, he had the horrible sensation that something very large was fighting to get out of his stomach.

"You're going to be fine," Hermione told him, though she looked positively terrified.

"You've got a Firebolt!" said Ron.

"Yeah . . . ," said Harry, his stomach 24) writ_ _ _ _ _HING.

It came as a 25) rel_ _ _IEF when Wood suddenly stood up and yelled, "Team! Bed!"

Harry slept badly. First he dreamed that he had overslept, and that Wood was yelling, "Where were you? We had to use Neville instead!" Then he dreamed that Malfoy and the rest of the Slytherin team arrived for the match riding dragons. He was flying at 26) brea_ _ _ _ _KNECK speed, trying to avoid a spurt of flames from Malfoy's steed's mouth, when he realized he had forgotten his Firebolt. He fell through the air and woke with a start.

It was a few seconds before Harry remembered that the match hadn't taken place yet, that he was safe in bed, and that the Slytherin team definitely wouldn't be allowed to play on dragons. He was feeling very thirsty. Quietly as he could, he got out of his four-poster and went to pour himself some water from the silver jug 27) ben_ _ _ _ _EATH the window.

The grounds were still and quiet. No breath of wind disturbed the 28) tree_ _ _ _ _TOPS in the Forbidden Forest; the Whomping Willow was 29) moti_ _ _ _ _ONLESS and innocent-looking. It looked as though the conditions for the match would be perfect.

Harry set down his goblet and was about to turn back to his bed when something caught his eye. An animal of some kind was 30) prow_ _ _ _ _LING across the silvery lawn.