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1. How old was the boy? (1 mark)
2. What did he want to become? (2 marks)
3. What profession did he choose? (1 mark)
4. What did he need to buy to start boxing? (1 mark)
5. What did the boy ask his father? (1 mark)
6. What was the father's reply? (1 mark)
7. What was the solution found by the mother? (1 mark)
8. What was in the suitcase? (1 mark)
9. What was the mother looking for among old toys? (1 mark)
10. How did the author describe the teddy bear? (2 marks)
11. Why did the mother decide that this bear could replace the boy's punching bag? (1 mark)
12. What did the boy think while looking at his teddy bear? (2 marks)
13. What feelings did these memories evoke? (2 marks)
14. What did the boy use to call his teddy bear? (1 mark)
15. Why did the boy change his mind about being a boxer? (2 marks)

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**(15 marks)**

**Look at the picture, talk about it and answer some questions put to you by the Examiner in Russian.**



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**(10 marks)**

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**Examiner:-** ?

**Candidate:-** I like spring and summer. The days are long and the nights are short. The sun rises early and sets late.

**Examiner:-** ?

**Candidate:-** No, in Great Britain it is warmer than in any other country of the same latitude.

**Examiner:-** ?

**Candidate:-** No, the rivers never freeze and the British ports are ice-free throughout the year.

**Examiner:-** ?

**Candidate:-** It's due to the warm waters of the Gulf Stream.

**Examiner:-** ?

**Candidate:-** Yes, I did. The mild weather will continue. There will be scattered showers tomorrow night.

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**Prescribed Texts**

Choose any three texts and answer one question on each text chosen. It is suggested that you may answer the questions in Russian if you wish, but you will not earn extra credit for doing so. Organise the time allocated to this paper as effectively as possible by spending equal time on each question; two very full answers cannot compensate for a sketchy, incomplete third answer.

**SECTION ONE**  
***THE SNOWSTORM (Metel)***  
**(A.S. Pushkin)**

1. What was the secret of Vladimir and Maria Gavrilovna?

**Or:**

2. How did the snowstorm change the life of the main characters of the story?

**Or:**

3. Why were the parents against the marriage of Maria Gavrilovna and Vladimir?

**(25 marks)**

**SECTION TWO**  
**Three Sketches from a Hunter's Album,**  
***THE LONER (Biryuk)***  
**(I. Turgenev)**

1. What does the nickname "Biryuk" for forester mean?

**Or:**

2. What did Biryuk look like? Provide a detailed description of Biryuk.

**Or:**

3. Describe Biryuk's life.

**(25 marks)**

**SECTION THREE**  
***SHADOWED PATHS (Tyomnye Alleyi)***  
**(I. Bunin)**

1. Write about the main idea of the story.

**Or:**

2. Why were the protagonists of the story unhappy? Discuss.

**Or:**

3. What is the meaning of the story's title?

**(25 marks)**

**SECTION FOUR**  
***THE DARLING (Dushechka)***  
**(A. Chekhov)**

1. Describe the character of the protagonist.

**Or:**

2. Discuss the theme of happiness in the story.

**Or:**

3. What is the meaning of the title of the story?

**(25 marks)**