

Контрольная работа №4

Письменная часть

Your name _____

Reading skills

Task 1. Read the text and put the sentences (1–8) in the gaps (A–G) in the text. There is one extra sentence. Fill in the table below.

(1 point for each correct answer – 7 points max)

“Method acting”

What is it about Paul Newman, Al Pacino, Robert De Niro and other great actors that allows them to create a character so vividly and realistically? Why don't they look as if they are acting? One thing they all have in common is that they **A** _____. What is that? It is a way of creating the emotional conditions **B** _____. An actor playing a prisoner may live in prison to experience the reality. One playing a homeless person may live on the street. In this article we look at the history of method acting and the people who made it happen.

The name “method acting” came from the Actors Studio and Group Theatre in New York in 1940s and 1950s. Many people who became household names were taught there by Lee Strasberg. He was not only a great teacher but he **C** _____. Marilyn Monroe, one of his favourite students, left him seventy-five percent of her estate, something that still earns his family millions of dollars each year. Strasberg, though **D** _____.

Konstantin Stanislavsky was using a similar idea in Russia in the 1890s. Indeed, there was one person who **E** _____. Stella Adler worked with Strasberg and taught both Marlon Brando and Robert De Niro. She had also studied under Stanislavsky. Unfortunately, her disagreements with Strasberg eventually led up to the Group Theatre breaking up.

Their disagreement was over the correct way to teach method acting. This is one of the main problems with this technique. There is more than one version of it. All of them, however, have one thing in common which is **F** _____, in some way, with the character they are playing. The differences in opinion were mainly over whether the actors should use their own experiences to try to understand the character or whether they should approach the character with a completely open mind.

Lee Strasberg was able to use his techniques for himself in the film *Godfather II*. The film was a personal success as Strasberg **G** _____. One of his students, Al Pacino, also won one for his part in the same film. Strasberg died in 1982, but his ideas live on in the performances of some of Hollywood's greatest stars.

1. provided a link between the two teachers
2. was also very popular with his students
3. use a technique known as method acting
4. was nominated for an Oscar for this role
5. that was an astonishing success
6. was not the first person to use such techniques
7. that the actors have to try to identify
8. that a character would experience in real life

Gap	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Statement							

Task 2. Read the text again and choose the correct statement.

(2 points for the correct answer – 2 points max)

1. The author doesn't show his/her own opinions about method acting.
2. The author is generally negative about method acting.
3. The author can see both positive and negative aspects of method acting.
4. The author is positive about method acting.

Your answer:

End of part 1 "Reading".

If you are using the ANSWER SHEET for this test, don't forget to transfer your answers to it.

Writing

Task 3. You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Mary, who writes:

... I've made a survey about the media habits of my classmates. I'd like to know about Russian teenagers. What medium is the most popular with teenagers and why? Do young people still read newspapers and if so – what kind of newspapers? What is the role of TV in your and your friends' life?

We have two new classmates. They have just moved to our town ...

Write a letter to Mary.

In your letter

- answer her questions
- ask **3 questions** about her new classmates

Write **100–140 words**.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

(6 points max)

If you are using the ANSWER SHEET for this test, write your letter on it. Use this sheet to make notes. You DON'T have time to write a complete text and then rewrite it on the ANSWER SHEET.

End of part 2 "Writing".