

TEXT 1

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The construction of the longest and the deepest railroad tunnel was finished in Europe. The tunnel runs through the Alps and links the north and south of Europe. The length of the tunnel is 57 kilometres. It runs straight from beginning to end. It will allow passenger trains to travel more quickly through the mountains. Modern technologies ensure safety and security when the trains go through the tunnel. The great project started in 2009 and it took 17 years to complete. It is considered to be one of the most amazing engineering constructions in Europe.

TEXT 2

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Bicycles or bikes are an important means of transportation in many parts of the world. The first bicycles turned up in Europe in the first half of the 19th century but the word 'bicycle' only appeared later, in 1868. There are more bicycles in the world than cars. About 100 million bicycles are produced worldwide each year. A lot of people have realized that cycling is an easy way to get around and a great way to cut down on pollution. More and more cities have special places where people can borrow a bike and ride around the city. Over the past few years, a bicycle infrastructure has been created in Moscow. Cycling in the centre of Moscow in summer is one of the most pleasant and quickest ways of seeing the city.

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Great Britain is home to the world's oldest school. *The King's School* was established in 1567 and it is still open. It has a long history. Many famous people have been educated at this old school. Nowadays *The King's School* is an independent secondary school for boys and girls from 13 to 18. More than 800 pupils study at the school. Though *The King's School* is located in old buildings, it has up-to-date technical equipment and provides a full modern education. *The King's School* is also famous for its festival of music, drama and arts. It is held during the last week of the summer term and attracts a lot of people from different parts of the country.

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Human activity creates waste. The problem isn't new and space is no exception to the rule. Dead satellites, rocket stages and other things are littering our planet's orbit. They are getting dangerously close to space stations and there is a great possibility of an accident. Space stations could be completely destroyed by the rubbish. In 1983, a tiny piece of paint from a satellite made a big hole in the side window of a spaceship. There is a great need to "clean up" space and to take away 3,000 tons of space rubbish. To solve the problem, scientists and engineers are designing special spaceships that will collect and recycle space rubbish.

TEXT 5

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The mobile phone has become an important part of our everyday life. We can't imagine our lives without it now. Thanks to the mobile phone we can keep in contact with our relatives and friends at any time. We use them to text and to send emails, to share photos and videos. We can use the Internet and listen to music and do lots of other things. However, according to surveys, mobile phone users mostly spend their time on games and social networking. Around 80 percent of the world's population has a mobile phone. The mobile phone industry is the fastest growing industry in the world. From 1983 to 2016, worldwide mobile phone subscriptions grew to over 7 billion.

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Netball is played by over 20 million people in more than 70 countries of the world. It was invented in 1892 as women's basketball. However, netball is different from basketball in many ways. For example, the ball and the basket are smaller and the court is bigger. The players cannot run with the ball. They are not allowed to touch the players who they are playing with. Netball has seven players in each team (not five as in basketball). During the 20th century, the game became very popular in English-speaking countries. Traditionally, only girls and women have played netball. Nowadays, netball is the number one women's sport in the world but boys and men are starting to play it too.

TEXT 7

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Table tennis is the third most played sport in the world after football and cricket. It is considered to be an indoor version of Lawn Tennis. However, they have a lot of differences. Table tennis has a different scoring system, a smaller ball, smaller rackets, and a smaller playing area. Modern table tennis was invented at the end of the 19th century in England. Very soon the new sport became popular all over the world. In 1901, competitions with over 300 participants were already being held. According to numerous studies, table tennis has great effects on human health. It keeps the brain sharp and improves the player's coordination. Since 1988, table tennis has been an Olympic sport.

TEXT 8

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A zoo, also known as a zoological park or a zoological garden, gives people the opportunity to watch animals from different continents. There are hundreds of zoos all over the world. However, most of them are located in major cities. The first zoo in Russia was opened in 1864, in Moscow. It was a small zoological garden. On the opening day, only 287 animals were on display. Nowadays, the Moscow Zoo is one of the largest in Europe. The unique collection of the Zoo includes over 8000 kinds of animals and birds. Scientists study the animals' behavior and reproduction. They also breed rare animals there to stop them dying out.

TEXT 9

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Oxford University is the oldest university in the English-speaking world. It is also the second oldest university in the world. The University of Oxford is believed to have started in 1133. It is located in Oxford City on the Thames River, not far from London. Oxford University is one of the world's most impressive centres of education. There are students from different countries there. In fact, there is no building in Oxford called Oxford University. The University includes 38 colleges and related buildings. Over 22,000 students study English language and literature, geography, history, law, modern languages and other subjects there.

TEXT 10

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The rainforest can be described as a thick and very tall jungle. The term rain comes from the great quantity of water that these forests get throughout the year. The rainforests are the world's greatest natural resources. They are called the lungs of our planet. Half of all the kinds of plants and animals that exist on the planet live in the rainforests. Unfortunately, the area with rainforests is being reduced due to global warming. 100 years ago, the rainforests covered 14 per cent of the earth's surface. Now, it is only 6 per cent. Scientists say that if the process continues at this rate, the rainforests will have disappeared in 40 years.

Задание 2 устная часть, ответы на вопросы (2 предложения)

1. Attitude to Sports

1. How many lessons of PE (Physical Education) do you have a week?
2. What sports facilities do you have in your school?
3. What sport do you do regularly?
4. What winter sports are popular with you and your friends?

2. Best friend

1. What is your best friend like?
2. When did you and your friend meet for the first time?
3. How often do you see each other?
4. What do you like to do together?

3. City, town or village

1. Where is your hometown located?
2. What is your hometown famous for?
3. What is your favourite place in your hometown? Why do you like it?
4. What environmental problems do you have in your hometown?

4. School students' daily routines

1. What time do you usually go to bed in the evening?
2. How much time do you spend doing your homework?
3. What sports do you do regularly?
4. What do you do to help your parents about the house?

5. Eating habits

1. What is your favourite fruit?
2. What do you usually have for breakfast?
3. Where do you usually have lunch on weekdays?
4. Is there any food you don't like?

6. Holidays and special days

1. How old are you?
2. In what season do you have a birthday?
3. How do you usually celebrate your birthday?
4. What is the best birthday present you have ever had?

7. How do you spend weekends

1. How old are you?
2. What is your favorite day of the week?
3. When do you usually get up at weekends?
4. How do you usually spend your weekends?

8. Mobile phones

1. How old were you when you got your mobile phone?
2. What do you use your mobile phone for apart from talking?
3. Whom do you usually send SMSs to?
4. Where do you usually switch off your mobile phone?

9. Sports

1. What do you do at your physical education lesson at school?
2. Do you do your morning exercises or not? Why?
3. What sports do you like playing?
4. What sports competition do you enjoy watching?

10. Using the Internet

1. How old are you?
2. How much time do you spend on the Internet every day?
3. What do you use the Internet for?
4. What do you do in Internet Technology or Computer Studies lessons?