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*Конкурс понимания устной речи*

Listen and spell correctly the names of these towns and cities in Britain. You will hear the recording twice.

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*Конкурс понимания письменной речи*

Read the text and mark the following statements 1 – 10 as (1) TRUE, (2) FALSE и (3) NOT STATED.

**Selfie sticks**

A selfie stick is a term for a small camera arm that is used to support a mobile device or a camera to take a selfie photograph from a distance. This allows for shots to be taken at angles and distances that would not have been possible with the human arm by itself. The sticks can typically change their length, with a handle on one end and an adjustable clamp on the other end to hold the device in place. They are most commonly used for taking selfies with camera phones. Some are connected to a smart phone via its jack plug, while others will need Bluetooth controls. The connection between the device and the selfie stick lets the user decide when to take the picture or start recording a video by clicking a button located on the handle. Models designed for compact cameras have a mirror behind the view screen so that the shot can be lined up.

You may say that a monopod does the same. However, it is not true. In contrast to a monopod for stabilizing a camera on the ground, a selfie stick's arm is thicker and stronger at the opposite end from the camera in order to provide a better grip and balance when held aloft. Extended forms of selfie sticks can hold laptop computers to take selfies from a webcam.

You may be surprised to find out that selfie sticks actually have a long history. Homemade selfie sticks could date back as early as 1925. A photo from that year shows a man taking a photograph of himself and his wife, with the aid of a long pole which is pointed towards the camera and out of frame. Amateur box cameras of the period would not have been able to capture a self-portrait in focus when held at an arm's length, requiring photographers to use remote shutter devices such as cables or sticks. A device which has been likened to the selfie stick appeared in the 1969 Czechoslovak sci-fi film *I Killed Einstein, Gentlemen*. One character from the movie holds a silver stick in front of herself and another character, smiles at the end of the stick as it produces a camera flash, and immediately unfurls a printed photograph of the pair from the stick's handle. People's attitude to selfie sticks has been changing over time. When selfie sticks first appeared, people went crazy over them and sales of selfie sticks were incredibly high. Still, in 1995 selfie sticks were proclaimed as a totally useless invention, but they still gained the global popularity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. There is a large variety of selfie sticks available on the market, and more and more variations of selfie sticks appear every year.

The selfie stick was listed in *Time* magazine's 25 best inventions of 2014, while the *New York Post* named the selfie stick the most controversial gift of 2014. At the end of December 2014, *Bloomberg News* noted that selfie sticks had ruled the 2014 holiday season as the must-have gift of the year.

Despite being a rather convenient thing for an enthusiastic traveller, selfie sticks receive quite a lot of criticism. To start with, they have caused several accidents as people concentrate too much on them. That is why many major entertainment parks all over the world, including Disneyland, have banned using selfie sticks on their territories. One more point is that selfie sticks are associated with narcissism and self-absorption of the contemporary society.

**См. продолжение на обороте!**

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1. A selfie stick is a type of a camera.
2. You need Bluetooth to control a selfie stick.
3. Monopods are the same as selfie sticks.
4. Selfie sticks appeared in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
5. Many people love selfie sticks.
6. You can see selfie sticks in many foreign films.
7. Shops offer various selfie sticks.
8. in the USA every tourist has a selfie stick.
9. There are some problems connected with selfie sticks.
10. You can use a selfie stick in Disneyland.

*Лексико-грамматический конкурс*

Часть 1

Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct grammar forms of the words in CAPITAL LETTERS.

**The Tomato**

Do you like tomatoes? Many people think of and use it as a vegetable, in fact, it 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT BE) one. It's a fruit. People in Central America 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (FIND) out how to use tomatoes long ago. They 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (EAT) tomatoes for many centuries already. When the Spanish arrived in Mexico in the early 1500s, they 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (SEE) tomatoes and took 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (THEY) to Europe. Before that, no one in Europe 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (EVER SEE) a tomato! When tomatoes 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (ONE) appeared in Italy and Britain, many people were scared because they 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (THINK) poisonous. They wanted to grow tomatoes only for decoration, and a tomato was the 9 \_\_\_\_\_ (POPULAR) pot plant then. Gradually, people got used to 10 \_\_\_\_\_ (EAT) tomatoes, and now you can find this tasty fruit in many recipes.

Часть 2

Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct lexical and grammar forms of the words in CAPITAL LETTERS.

**Bondi Beach**

Bondi Beach is situated in New South Wales in Australia. It is one of the most 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (BEAUTY) urban beaches not only in Australia, but also in the world. It is 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (EXTREME) impressive with its picturesque location. Perfect for sunbathing and swimming, Bondi is the best place for 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (ENTERTAIN) and to get cooler in the hot summer days, when temperatures can reach 40 degrees.

Actually, Bondi Beach is one of the most 4 \_\_\_\_\_ (ATTRACT) places to live in Sydney. It represents a peninsula that separates the bay from the open ocean. There are two beaches – one facing the bay and one facing the Pacific. This makes Bondi Beach perfect for 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (SURF) and other water sports, while the bay waters are calm even in windy weather. So, if you find yourself in Australia, don't miss a chance to visit this 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (FORGET) place.

Часть 3

Find the odd notion out. Explain why you think so to get an EXTRA point.

1.	A) M. Jackson	B) E. Presley	C) Britney Spears	D) Sade
2.	A) Prince Charles	B) Cardiff	C) Snowdon	D) Ben Nevis
3.	A) Elizabeth II	B) London	C) Sydney	D) Kangaroo
4.	A) Canada	B) The USA	C) India	D) New Zealand
5.	A) Fish and chips	B) Hamburgers	C) Shepherd's pie	D) Haggis

*Конкурс письменной речи*

Напишите короткую заметку (120 – 150 слов) в школьную газету о Вашем мнении о необходимости бесплатного питания для школьников. Выразите свою точку зрения, обоснуйте ее, приведите примеры, дайте рекомендации администрации школы по поводу необходимости организации бесплатного питания для школьников. Форма свободная.

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Часть 3

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