

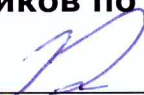
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Text A**Who Invented the Alphabet?**

When in 1905 a married couple of Egyptologists, Sir William and Hilda Flinders Petrie, first excavated the temple, documenting thousands of presents to gods, they discovered curious signs on the side of a mine. Then they began to notice them elsewhere, on walls and small statues. Some signs were clearly related to hieroglyphs, yet they were simpler than the beautiful pictorial Egyptian script on the temple walls. The Petries recognized the signs as an alphabet, though decoding the letters would take another decade, and tracing the prizes they had unearthed back to London, including a small, red sandstone sphinx with the same handful of letters on its side as those seen in the mines. After ten years of studying the inscriptions, in 1916 the Egyptologist Sir Alan Gardiner published his transcription of the letters and their translation: An inscription on the little sphinx, written in a Semitic dialect, read "Beloved of Ba'alat," referring to the powerful Canaanite goddess.

The story of the alphabet invention dates back four millennia ago. The research conducted by Orly Goldwasser dealt with the temple complex discovered by the Petris. The temple complex detailed evidence of the people who worked on these Egyptian mines in the Sinai. The stelas that line the paths record each expedition, including the names and jobs of every person working on the site. The bureaucratic nature of Egyptian society provides, today, a clear picture of the immigrant labor that flocked to Egypt seeking work. As Goldwasser puts it, Egypt was "the America of the old world." We can read about this arrangement in Genesis, when Jacob, "who lied in the land of Canaan"—that is, along the Levant coast, east of Egypt—traveled to Egypt to seek his fortune. Along with shepherds like Jacob, other Canaanites ended up mining for the Egyptian elites in Serabit, some 210 miles southeast by land from Memphis, the seat of pharaonic power. Religious ritual played a central role in inspiring foreign workers to learn to write. After a day's work was done, Canaanite workers could observe their Egyptian fellow-workers' rituals in the beautiful temple complex to Hathor. They also could marvel at the thousands of hieroglyphs used to dedicate gifts to the goddess. In Goldwasser's view, they were not confused by being unable to read the hieroglyphs around them; instead, they began writing things their own way, inventing a simpler, more **versatile** system to accompany their own religious offerings.

According to Goldwasser, the alphabet remained on the cultural periphery of the Mediterranean until six centuries or more after its invention, seen only in words scratched on objects found across the Middle East, such as daggers and pottery, not in any bureaucracy or literature. But then, around 1200 B.C., came huge political upheavals, known as the late Bronze Age collapse. The major empires of the near east—the Mycenaean Empire in Greece, the Hittite Empire in Turkey and the ancient Egyptian Empire—all disintegrated amid internal civil struggle, invasions and droughts. With the emergence of smaller city-states, local leaders began to use local languages to govern. In the land of Canaan, these were Semitic dialects, written down using alphabets derived from the Sinai mines. These Canaanite city-states flourished, and a restless sea trade spread their alphabet along with their production. Variations of the alphabet—now known as Phoenician, from the Greek word for the Canaanite region—have been found from Turkey to Spain, and survive until today in the form of the letters used and passed on by the Greeks and the Romans.

In the century since the discovery of those first scratched letters in the Sinai mines, the leading academic idea has been that it was highly educated people who probably created the alphabet. But Goldwasser's research is challenging that notion. She suggests that it was actually a group of illiterate Canaanite miners who **made the breakthrough**, ignorant in hieroglyphs and unable to speak Egyptian but inspired by the pictorial writing they saw around them. In this view, one of civilization's most profound and most revolutionary intellectual creations came not from an educated elite but from illiterate laborers, who usually get written out of history. Pierre Tallet, former president of the French Society of Egyptology, supports Goldwasser's theory: "Of course the theory **makes sense**, as it is clear that whoever wrote these inscriptions in the Sinai did not know hieroglyphs," he told me. "And the words they are writing are in a Semitic language, so they must have been Canaanites, who we know were there from the Egyptians' own written record here in the temple."

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When the Street Light First Came to London, Disaster Came

The 20-foot monster rose up in the middle of the road, between Bridge Street and Great George Street in London, two arms stretching up during the day, a gas lamp glowing at night. Built by engineers, designed by a railway manager, and approved by Parliament, the strange construction had a purpose as serious as its appearance was strange: to protect pedestrians from carriage traffic and keep the streets outside the House of Parliament from filling with heavy traffic. On December 9, 1868, London became the first city to have a traffic light.

One tourist commented on a road accident that included advertising vehicles, hackney coaches, donkey carts, and a cat's-meat man. Another noted the courtiers sitting in their carriages, dressed in finery and snacking on biscuits as they awaited the end of a long "traffic lock." According to historian Judith Flanders, "The nature of horse transport meant that some slowdowns were **inevitable**." As she writes in *The Victorian City: Everyday Life in Dickens' London*, "Plans for improvement were made. And remade. And then remade again." Meanwhile, an average of three or four people died in street traffic incidents every week. The lack of traffic regulations only made the problem worse. Every street had different rules for how it should be crossed, and even then, the rules were rarely obeyed. But railway manager John Peake Knight had a possible solution. Knight had already made a mark when it came to safety on commuter rails. He ordered carriages be lit with electricity, and to install pull-bells in cars that would let passengers send guards a signal to stop the trains. In 1865, he suggested using a semaphore signal for streets in London, using the same principle as already in use on railway lines. The pillar would include two red arms, lowered when traffic could flow freely, held up to make drivers stop and let pedestrians cross.

The structure would hardly be recognizable today. Compared to the modern lights seen at every corner, this lamp was an architectural attraction. "Gothic decoration at the base supported an iron pillar empty inside, painted green and golden. The pillar then evolved into a thick metal loop, surrounded at the top by big leaves which appeared to be growing out of an octagonal box containing the lamps with a pineapple atop," writes James Winter in *London's Teeming Streets, 1830-1914*. Despite its quite tasteless design, the lamp was a marvel. Newspapers reported its success. Engineers predicted the arrival of these technological wonders on every street, with an accompanying police officer to operate them. But within a month all excitement had faded; the design proved to have a fatal **flaw**.

The glamorous appearance of the first street light in London did not have any practical value, though. Back then, in the 19th century, London was a dangerous place for commuters. The medieval city had been constructed along routes following the Thames River, and the Industrial Revolution brought more workers and horse carts on the narrow roads. In 1803, two men and a woman were trapped between coal wagons and crushed to death in the Strand because of traffic jams. In 1811, London Bridge hosted 90,000 pedestrians, 5,500 vehicles and 764 horse riders in a single day. And the flood of people only continued to grow. By 1850, about 27,000 commuters entered the city daily from outside towns, and they represented only a tenth of the total number of

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After this failure London continued to struggle with its traffic issue for decades. A written document on how to improve traffic in 1871 noted that even if such rules were applied, no one would obey. It took more than half a century before traffic signals returned to London again. As the city grew and motor vehicles arrived, so too did a new, electric form of stoplight. By 1925 police-operated traffic signals had returned, and in 1926 the first automated light appeared. But however much safer and more effective the new apparatus was, it could never quite live up to the luxurious style of London's first traffic light.

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Верно

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Reread the two assembled texts. Choose the meaning the words and phrases in bold have in one of the texts

What does the word "flaw" mean?

Выберите один ответ:

- a. defect
- b. gap
- c. appearance
- d. advantage

Правильный ответ: defect

Вопрос 4

Верно

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What does the word "likely" mean?

Выберите один ответ:

- a. probably
- b. certainly
- c. fortunately
- d. surely

Правильный ответ: probably

Вопрос 5

Верно

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What does the word "objection" mean?

Выберите один ответ:

- a. dissatisfaction
- b. disagreement
- c. displeasure
- d. disregard

Правильный ответ: disagreement

Вопрос 6

Верно

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What does the word "versatile" mean?

Выберите один ответ:

- a. diverse
- b. difficult
- c. universal
- d. various

Правильный ответ: universal

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What does the word "inevitable" mean?

Выберите один ответ:

- a. unavoidable
- b. necessary
- c. frequent
- d. constant

Правильный ответ: unavoidable

Вопрос 8

Верно

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What does the verb "pick up" mean?

Выберите один ответ:

- a. cut
- b. get
- c. lift
- d. buy

Правильный ответ: get

Вопрос 9

Верно

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What does the phrase "made the breakthrough" mean?

Выберите один ответ:

- a. scratched hieroglyphs
- b. made a discovery
- c. created the theory
- d. understood hieroglyphs

Правильный ответ: made a discovery

Вопрос 10

Неверно

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What does the phrase "makes sense" mean?

Выберите один ответ:

- a. provable
- b. sensitive
- c. doubtful
- d. acceptable

Правильный ответ: acceptable

Вопрос 11

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
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What does the phrase "was up for debate among the drivers themselves" mean?

Выберите один ответ:

- a. drivers doubted the use of the traffic signal
- b. drivers were ready to get controlled
- c. drivers wanted to arrange a debate on the issue
- d. drivers differed in their views of the point

Правильный ответ: drivers differed in their views of the point

Вопрос 12

Верно

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What does the phrase "taken down" mean?

Выберите один ответ:

- a. destroyed
- b. replaced
- c. lowered
- d. removed

Правильный ответ: removed

Вопрос 13

Верно

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The first electric lights in London appeared at the end of the 19th century.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 1

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One of the original purposes for its erection was to influence the traffic inside the House of Parliament.

Выберите один ответ:

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Правильный ответ: 1

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The structure looked fairly similar to its modern version.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. 0
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- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 1

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The design of this technical marvel was as plain as its purpose was serious.

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- a. 0
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Правильный ответ: 1

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London of the time was a very dangerous place for commuters.

Выберите один ответ:

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- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 0

Вопрос 18

Верно

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Medieval system of roads, as well as too narrow streets and absence of traffic regulation brought about fatal road accidents proved by historical records.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 0

Вопрос 19

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Traffic regulation was well organized on public roads only.

Выберите один ответ:

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- c. 2
- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 1

Вопрос 20

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For every street there were specific rules and it made the problem worse.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 0

Вопрос 21

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из 1,00

Here is a summary of the article "When the Street Light First Came to London Disaster Came". However, it contains some factual errors. Decide which of the sentences contain an error if any. There can be more than 1 error in a sentence. Some sentences do not have factual errors at all. If there are no errors in the sentence, choose "0".

It was a railway manager John Peak Knight who first came up with the idea of using light signals for traffic regulations on commuter rails.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 1

Вопрос 22

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из 1,00

Here is a summary of the article "When the Street Light First Came to London Disaster Came". However, it contains some factual errors. Decide which of the sentences contain an error if any. There can be more than 1 error in a sentence. Some sentences do not have factual errors at all. If there are no errors in the sentence, choose "0".

The idea was promptly supported by the Parliament.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 0

Вопрос 23

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из 1,00

Here is a summary of the article "When the Street Light First Came to London Disaster Came". However, it contains some factual errors. Decide which of the sentences contain an error if any. There can be more than 1 error in a sentence. Some sentences do not have factual errors at all. If there are no errors in the sentence, choose "0".

The technology used made engineers believe the project to be a failure, and papers were amazed at the innovation.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 1

Вопрос 24

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из 1,00

Here is a summary of the article "When the Street Light First Came to London Disaster Came". However, it contains some factual errors. Decide which of the sentences contain an error if any. There can be more than 1 error in a sentence. Some sentences do not have factual errors at all. If there are no errors in the sentence, choose "0".

The expectations as to drivers' behavior were different, but scholars' findings are that drivers did not show disobedience.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 0

Вопрос 25

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Here is a summary of the article "When the Street Light First Came to London Disaster Came". However, it contains some factual errors. Decide which of the sentences contain an error if any. There can be more than 1 error in a sentence. Some sentences do not have factual errors at all. If there are no errors in the sentence, choose "0".

The first attempt to introduce this technological marvel was a success.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 1

Вопрос 26

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Here is a summary of the article "When the Street Light First Came to London Disaster Came". However, it contains some factual errors. Decide which of the sentences contain an error if any. There can be more than 1 error in a sentence. Some sentences do not have factual errors at all. If there are no errors in the sentence, choose "0".

Within a month the apparatus was installed in many more places in the town.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 1

Вопрос 27

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из
1,00

Here is a summary of the article "When the Street Light First Came to London Disaster Came". However, it contains some factual errors. Decide which of the sentences contain an error if any. There can be more than 1 error in a sentence. Some sentences do not have factual errors at all. If there are no errors in the sentence, choose "0".

A new improved model of the gas lamp returned to London in 1925.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

Правильный ответ: 1

Вопрос 28

Верно

Баллов: 5,00 из
5,00**You have read the article "Who Invented the Alphabet?" Put these events in the correct chronological order.**

Four millennia ago Ancient Egypt was a place like America today: lots of people of different ethnicities arrived there to work for Egyptians elites in Serabit – the seat of pharaonic power. The work was to mine. One of such peoples was the Canaanites. Egyptians had their system of writings – hieroglyphic one – and their culture was great.

Observing Egyptian religious rituals inspired illiterate foreign workers to learn to write through their marveling at the thousands of hieroglyphs. The Egyptians used their writing to offer their gifts to the goddess. According to a scholar, the Canaanites started writing hieroglyphs in their own way, inventing a more developed system of writing – the alphabet – to serve their own religious needs.

For six centuries after its invention, the alphabet was used only in the Middle East. It is concluded from seeing the words written with its usage on simple objects like pots found at the area. Around 1200 B.C. the major Empires of the near east collapsed and new smaller city-states emerged. Local leaders of those political entities started using local languages to govern. In the land of Canaan they spoke Semitic dialects. The dialects were written down with the use of the alphabet derived from the Egyptian mines. Later the alphabet spread due to the flourishing of the Canaanite city-states and their successful sea-trade activities. Its variations have been found from today's Turkey to Spain and they survive until now in the form of the Greek and Roman letters.

In 1905 a British couple of Egyptologists excavated the temple and the signs of the alphabet were discovered. The same signs were found in the mines and on small objects like statues. The small statue of sphinx was brought back to London and studied thoroughly. The signs differ from Egyptian hieroglyphs and have been identified as the alphabet by modern academia.

In 1916 the scholars managed to decipher them and understand the message of the inscriptions on the sphinx: it was addressed to the Canaanites goddess. A century later another scholar from Israel came up with an idea that the meaning of the discovery is far greater: it allows to suppose that it was illiterate laborers working in the mines, not the elite Egyptians scribes who invented the alphabet. The hypothesis has both proponents and opponents.

Ваш ответ верный.

Комментарий:
Ответ корректный.

Вопрос 29

Выполнен

Баллов: 20,00

из 20,00

Write a commentary on the given information from the article "Who Invented the Alphabet?" Your commentary is to be between 150-180 words. You are not allowed to cite from the original text pieces longer than 4 words running. Your text should contain various points of view including your own.

To fulfil the task successfully you are:

- **to briefly convey the content of the article**
- **to mention various/possible views of the issue**
- **to divide your text into logically connected paragraphs**

Scientists were always guessing where the alphabet came from. Learning the history of Ancient Egypt they were investigating hieroglyphs but suddenly noticed something that didn't seem to be hieroglyphs. It took many years to decode those signs but when it happened the scientists found out it was the first alphabet.

Orly Goldwasser was the one to investigate it attentively and passionate. Before their investigation it was believed that alphabet was created by intelligent people but Orly found out this alphabet was created by common people who didn't know hieroglyphs but wanted to be able to write some information down. There are still some people who put Goldwasser's theory in question and believe that uneducated people could not create something as important as an alphabet.

I personally believe into Orly's investigation because I think all the mainest discoveries and inventions were made because of need. I think those common people really wanted to be able to write something and that's why they invented alphabet. Why would intelligent people who already knew hieroglyphs need to create a new way of writing?

Комментарий:

Коммуникативная задача раскрыта полностью.

Вопрос 30

Верно

Баллов: 2,00 из
2,00

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE the word given. DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS. The number of words you should write is specified in each sentence.

It took the teacher twenty minutes to explain the new rule to the students.

TO

The new rule was twenty minutes. (5 words)

Правильный ответ: EXPLAINED TO THE STUDENTS FOR

Комментарий:
Ответ корректный.

Вопрос 31

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из
2,00

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE the word given. DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS. The number of words you should write is specified in each sentence.

I was amazed at a lot of books on the shelves of the library.

LARGE

The large number of books on the shelves of the library amazed me greatly. (4 words)

Правильный ответ: A LARGE NUMBER OF

Комментарий:
Ответ некорректный.

Вопрос 32

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из 2,00

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE the word given. DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS. The number of words you should write is specified in each sentence.

We were lucky enough to catch the train as it left later than it was to.

TIME

We were lucky enough to catch the train as it didn't leave

correct time . (2 words)

Правильный ответ: ON TIME

Комментарий:

Ответ некорректный.

Вопрос 33

Верно

Баллов: 2,00 из 2,00

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE the word given. DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS. The number of words you should write is specified in each sentence.

You cannot hear anyone because of the too loud music.

SOUNDS

The music sounds too loud to hear anyone. (5 words)

Правильный ответ: SOUNDS TOO LOUD TO HEAR

Вопрос 34

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из 2,00

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE the word given. DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS. The number of words you should write is specified in each sentence.

"She cooks well," Anna said

GOOD

'She is good at cooking ,'" Ann said. (4 words)

Правильный ответ: is a good cook

Вопрос 35

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из 2,00

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE the word given. DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS. The number of words you should write is specified in each sentence.

The movie I watched yesterday impressed me greatly.

ON

The movie I watched yesterday had a great impression on me. (5 words)

Правильный ответ: MADE A GREAT IMPRESSION ON

Вопрос 36

Верно

Баллов: 2,00 из 2,00

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE the word given. DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS. The number of words you should write is specified in each sentence.

I don't know why he has not come.

FOR

I don't know the reason for him not coming. (5 words)

Правильный ответ: REASON FOR HIS NOT COMING

Вопрос 37

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из 2,00

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE the word given. DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS. The number of words you should write is specified in each sentence.

People from Portugal eat plenty of seafood.

DIET

The diet of portugalian people includes plenty of seafood. (4 words)

Правильный ответ: DIET OF THE PORTUGUESE

Вопрос 38

Верно

Баллов: 2,00 из 2,00

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE the word given. DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS. The number of words you should write is specified in each sentence.

The strong winds have broken a window in the old house.

BEEN

A window in the old house the strong winds. (4 words)

Правильный ответ: has been broken by

Вопрос 39

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из 2,00

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. DO NOT CHANGE the word given. DO NOT USE SHORT FORMS. The number of words you should write is specified in each sentence.

I read many novels by Dickens when I was a student, and I liked them very much.

WAS

my favorite reading when I was a student.

(3 words)

Правильный ответ: DICKENS'S NOVELS WAS

Вопрос 40

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из 1,00

Read the following passages and identify whether the events described in them relate to the history of Great Britain or not. Choose "True" if the passage tells us about Great Britain and "False" if it doesn't.

Princess Elizabeth was in Kenia when news of her father's death reached her. She immediately returned to her home land and was crowned on 2 June 1953.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. true
 b. false

Правильный ответ: true

Вопрос 41

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Read the following passages and identify whether the events described in them relate to the history of Great Britain or not. Choose "True" if the passage tells us about Great Britain and "False" if it doesn't.

On the domestic front the political crisis took a radical turn when a group of insurgents led by the extremist Jacobins attacked the royal residence and arrested the king on August 10, 1782.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. true
 b. false

Правильный ответ: false

Вопрос 42

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Read the following passages and identify whether the events described in them relate to the history of Great Britain or not. Choose "True" if the passage tells us about Great Britain and "False" if it doesn't.

In August of 1789, the Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen, a statement of democratic principles grounded in the philosophical and political ideas of Enlightenment thinkers like Jean-Jacques Rousseau.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. true
 b. false

Правильный ответ: false

Вопрос 43

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Read the following passages and identify whether the events described in them relate to the history of Great Britain or not. Choose "True" if the passage tells us about Great Britain and "False" if it doesn't.

A fire broke out at Thomas Farriner's bakery in Pudding Lane a little after midnight on Sunday 2 September 1666. The family was trapped upstairs but managed to climb from an upstairs window to the house next door. After an hour the parish constables arrived.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. true
 b. false

Правильный ответ: true

Вопрос 44

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из
1,00

Read the following passages and identify whether the events described in them relate to the history of Great Britain or not. Choose "True" if the passage tells us about Great Britain and "False" if it doesn't.

The fire spread quickly, blazing through the mass of medieval rafters – known as "the forest" – and bringing down the iconic spire. For a few critical hours, firefighters warned the President that Notre Dame might not be saved.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. false
 b. true

Правильный ответ: false

Вопрос 45

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из
1,00

Read the following passages and identify whether the events described in them relate to the history of Great Britain or not. Choose "True" if the passage tells us about Great Britain and "False" if it doesn't.

When Charles finally came to power in 1660, following Cromwell's death, he at once arrested Argyll for collaborating with the Commonwealth and had him beheaded the following year.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. true
 b. false

Правильный ответ: true

Вопрос 46

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из
1,00

Read the following passages and identify whether the events described in them relate to the history of Great Britain or not. Choose "True" if the passage tells us about Great Britain and "False" if it doesn't.

The Conspiracy of Amboise, formed by Huguenots with the object of kidnapping the boy-king Francis II resulted in the death of all the plotters except Louis I de Bourbon, Prince de Conde.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. false
 b. true

Правильный ответ: false

Вопрос 47

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из
1,00

Read the following passages and identify whether the events described in them relate to the history of Great Britain or not. Choose "True" if the passage tells us about Great Britain and "False" if it doesn't.

That night anchorman Hanns Joachim Freidrichs proclaimed, "This 9 November is a historic day. The GDR has announced that, starting immediately, its borders are open to everyone. The gates in the Wall stand open wide."

Выберите один ответ:

- a. true
 b. false

Правильный ответ: false

Вопрос 48

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Read the following passages and identify whether the events described in them relate to the history of Great Britain or not. Choose "True" if the passage tells us about Great Britain and "False" if it doesn't.

The Black Death swept across the country. Well over the quarter of the population are believed to have died, devastating villages and towns. The plague had profound impact on society – leading to relative peace for a time and providing wage rises to surviving peasants – paving the way to the Peasants Revolt and helping to end serfdom.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. false
 b. true

Правильный ответ: true

Вопрос 49

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Read the following passages and identify whether the events described in them relate to the history of Great Britain or not. Choose "True" if the passage tells us about Great Britain and "False" if it doesn't.

The Battle of Waterloo was the final clash after years of war between European nations and French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte. The allied forces led by Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon's imperial ambitions. This led to peace in Europe for years to come.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. true
 b. false

Правильный ответ: true

Вопрос 50

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Now show how well you know the history of English-speaking countries. Read the article. There are 10 gaps in it. Choose the correct option for each one.

Independence Day

On (50) _____, (51) _____ declared independence from (52) _____. This day has become known as Independence Day. It is also often called (53) _____ or (54) _____. To commemorate this event, Independence Day is (55) _____ for people in (56) _____. This day is very important for the population, and it is celebrated with firework displays, parades, carnivals, and big sporting and musical events. Families often get together to have barbecues, picnics and family meals. People also display (57) _____ flag, and (58) _____ banners.

One lesser known fact about Independence Day is that the actual day the country became independent might be different. If one of the Founding Fathers of the state's independence, John Adams, was alive today, he might think it is celebrated two days later. Indeed, most signatures on the Declaration of Independence actually took place on (59) _____, and only two people signed the document two days later.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. July 2, 1677
- b. July 14, 1677
- c. July 4, 1776
- d. June 4, 1776

Правильный ответ: July 4, 1776

Вопрос 51

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Now show how well you know the history of English-speaking countries. Read the article. There are 10 gaps in it. Choose the correct option for each one.

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Выберите один ответ:

- a. the United States
- b. South America
- c. Great Britain
- d. England

Правильный ответ: the United States

Вопрос 52

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Now show how well you know the history of English-speaking countries. Read the article. There are 10 gaps in it. Choose the correct option for each one.

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Выберите один ответ:

- a. the United States
- b. Great Britain
- c. Spain
- d. France

Правильный ответ: Great Britain

Вопрос 53

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

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Выберите один ответ:

- a. the fourth of June
- b. the fourteenth of July
- c. the second of June
- d. the fourth of July

Правильный ответ: the fourth of July

Вопрос 54

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00**Now show how well you know the history of English-speaking countries. Read the article. There are 10 gaps in it. Choose the correct option for each one.**

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Выберите один ответ:

- a. July the Fourteenth
- b. July the Fourth
- c. July the Second
- d. June the Fourth

Правильный ответ: July the Fourth

Вопрос 55

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Now show how well you know the history of English-speaking countries. Read the article. There are 10 gaps in it. Choose the correct option for each one.

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Выберите один ответ:

- a. a regional public holiday
- b. a popular holiday
- c. an international holiday
- d. a national holiday

Правильный ответ: a national holiday

Вопрос 56

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Now show how well you know the history of English-speaking countries. Read the article. There are 10 gaps in it. Choose the correct option for each one.

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Выберите один ответ:

- a. the US
- b. the whole world
- c. South America
- d. Great Britain

Правильный ответ: the US

Вопрос 57

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

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Выберите один ответ:

- a. England's
- b. the US'
- c. the UN's
- d. Great Britain's

Правильный ответ: the US'

Вопрос 58

Верно

Баллов: 1,00 из
1,00

Now show how well you know the history of English-speaking countries. Read the article. There are 10 gaps in it. Choose the correct option for each one.

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Выберите один ответ:

- a. yellow, blue and green
- b. blue and white
- c. red, blue and white
- d. red and white

Правильный ответ: red, blue and white

Вопрос 59

Неверно

Баллов: 0,00 из
1,00

Now show how well you know the history of English-speaking countries. Read the article. There are 10 gaps in it. Choose the correct option for each one.

Independence Day

On (50) _____, (51) _____ declared independence from (52) _____. This day has become known as Independence Day. It is also often called (53) _____ or (54) _____. To commemorate this event, Independence Day is (55) _____ for people in (56) _____. This day is very important for the population, and it is celebrated with firework displays, parades, carnivals, and big sporting and musical events. Families often get together to have barbecues, picnics and family meals. People also display (57) _____ flag, and (58) _____ banners.

One lesser known fact about Independence Day is that the actual day the country became independent might be different. If one of the Founding Fathers of the state's independence, John Adams, was alive today, he might think it is celebrated two days later. Indeed, most signatures on the Declaration of Independence actually took place on (59) _____, and only two people signed the document two days later.

Выберите один ответ:

- a. July 12
- b. June 4
- c. July 2
- d. July 4

Правильный ответ: July 4

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