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СТРАНОВЕДЕНИЕ

Тексты для самостоятельной работы

***Прочтите текст, выполните предложенные задания***

**Big Red London Buses**

What is the best-known symbol of London? Big Ben? St Paul's Cathedral? Can it be the big red London double-decker bus? It certainly can be. Every day, thousands of Londoners use the big red buses to move around the town. Every tourist knows that a one-day London bus pass can be used on all bus routes. London bus can offer a wonderful way to see the sights of Britain's capital city.

Since 1911 the big red motor bus has been London's 'king of the road'. The idea of the 'double-decker' is much older than the motor bus. Until the 1930s the 'double-decker' bus had no roof. Some passengers sat inside, and the rest travelled on the roof. It was too bad if it was raining! But then all new buses became equipped with roofs over the upper deck.

Today the only open-topped buses are the special tourist buses.

The most popular buses are those from the 'Routemasters' which date from the 1950s and 60s. It is popular because it has an open platform at the back end and passengers can climb on and off when they want, even if thebus is moving (though this is not recommended!). These buses were designed specially for London, by people who knew what London needed. They have served their purpose well!

**1. Match the English words and expressions with their Russian equivalents.**

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| 1) best-known | а) оборудовать |
| 2)bus pass | b) соответствовать цели |
| 3) route | с) пассажиры |
| 4) to offer | d) рекомендовать |
| 5**)**to equip | e) хорошо известный |
| 6) to climb on/off | f) садиться/сходить (об автобусе и т.п.) |
| 7) sights | g) быть созданным |
| 8) passengers | h) маршрут, путь |
| 9) to be designed | i) достопримечательности |
| 10) to serve the purpose | j) автобусный билет |
| 11) to recommend | k) предлагать |

**2. Choose the right tense in the following sentences:**

1. Some passengers sat inside, and the rest travelled on the roof.

a) The Past Continuous

b) The Past Simple

c) The Present Simple

2. Today the only open-topped buses are the special tourist buses.

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| a) The Present Continuous | b) The Present Simple | c) The Present Perfect |

3. They have served their purpose well!

a) The Present Simple

b) The Past Simple

c) The Present Perfect

**3. Choose the right answers.**

**1) How do the Londoners use the big red buses?**

a) They use them to move to another countries. b) They use them to move around town. c) They don't use them at all.

**2) What kind of a London bus pass offers a wonderful way to see the sights?**

a) a one-day bus pass; b) a seven-days bus pass; c) a three-days bus pass

**3) How were all new buses equipped?**

a) They were equipped with upper decks.b) They were equipped with roofs.

c) They were equipped with new wheels.

**4) How are open-topped buses used?**

a) as special tourist buses; b) as special buses for workersc) as special buses for students

**5) Why is the 'Routemaster' the most popular bus?**

a) Because it is the fastest bus.b) Because it is the warmest bus. c) Because passengers can climb on and off when they want in this bus.

**4.** **Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?**

a) Since 1911 the red motor bus has been London's 'king of the road'.b) Thousands of Londoners use the big red buses to move to other countries.c) A one-day London bus pass is used only on one bus route. d) London bus offers a wonderful way to see the sights of Britain's capital. e) New buses were equipped with floors.

f) The special tourist buses are open-topped. g) The Routemaster has an open platform at the back end. h) Passengers can climb on and off the bus only when it is not moving.

**5. Translate this sentence:**These buses were designed specially for London.

**6.** **Make up the questions to the following sentences**:

a) Every day, thousands of Londoners use the big red buses to move around the town.

How often … ?

b) London bus can offer a wonderful way to see the sights of Britain's capital city.

What way … ?

c) Since 1911 the big red motor bus has been London's 'king of the road'.

How long … ?

***Part 2.USE OF ENGLISH***

***Прочтите текст, постарайтесь понять, какие слова в нем пропущены и заменены цифрами. Вставьте вместо цифр (1-10) слово, выбрав одно из предлагаемых ниже.***

Jane spoke to the tree. “Every summer it’s the same. “All (**1**) friends go on a trip with their (**2**) and leave me alone with nobody to (**3**) with.” She got onto a long branch. She could (**4**) the school roof and playground. She saw the roof of her friend’s (**5),** and she began to feel sad. Suddenly the (**6**) began to shake. Jane looked down to see Mona. All Jane’s school (**7**) made fun of Mona. “Just (**8**) luck,” she thought.

“Do you (**9**) to play?” asked Mona. Jane wanted to shout, “(**10)** bother me!”

but didn’t because her mother could hear.

**1**. A. my B. their C. her

**2**. A. animals B. families C. brothers

**3**. A. play B. eat C. dance

**4**. A. look B. touch C. see

**5**. A. head B. house C. home

**6**. A. tree B. hand C. leg

**7**. A. teachers B. pupils C. friends

**8**. A. my B. her C. our

**9**. A. like B. want C. know

**10**. A. Please B. Let’s C. Don’t

Part 3. WRITING

*Напишите ответное письмо Марии, ответьте на все предложенные вопросы. Соблюдайте правила оформления личного письма. Объем выполненной работы, включая адрес 45-65, слов.*