

## БЛОК 1

### 7-8 классы

#### Страноведение

For each question, choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

1. What happened to London in 1665?

- A. In 1665 there was a terrible plague in London**
- B. In 1665 the Great Fire of London destroyed most of the city
- C. In 1665 there was a terrible flood in London
- D. In 1665 London was captured

2. Madame Tussaud's is a museum of \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. wax figures**
- B. western paintings
- C. ancient coins
- D. Oriental crafts

3. How is the London Underground often called?

- A. The box
- B. The tunnel
- C. The tube**
- D. The channel

4. When do the British celebrate Guy Fawkes Night?

- A. On the 5th of October
- B. On the 5th of November**
- C. On the 5th of December
- D. On the 5th of February

5. The bagpipe is \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. a musical instrument**
- B. a piece of furniture
- C. an item of clothing
- D. an accent

6. Richard I was called 'the Lionheart' because

- A. he fought with lions
- B. he was supposed to be very brave**
- C. he was very kind
- D. he was a successful ruler

7. What is the capital of Scotland?

- A. **Glasgow**
- B. Dublin
- C. Liverpool
- D. Edinburgh

8. Which is the nearest neighbour to the island Great Britain?

- A. France
- B. Italy
- C. **Ireland**
- D. Spain

9. What is the symbol of Northern Ireland?

- A. **Shamrock**
- B. B. Lily
- C. Daffodil
- D. Rose

10. What is the official church of England?

- A. The Roman Catholic Church
- B. **The Anglican Church**
- C. The Presbyterian Church
- D. The Orthodox Church

## **БЛОК 2**

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#### **Чтение**

**Read the text and questions below. For each question, choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.**

#### **Lake Vinney**

My favourite place for water sports is Lake Vinney, but it has only existed since 1975 when the valley was filled with water to provide electricity. Under the water is the village, Vinnthrope. Last week I talked to Pat Smithers, who runs a shop on the edge of the lake and looks after a huge car park. She gets up early to travel to her shop to sell newspapers and food and doesn't finish work till late because of the car park. She said drowning the village was the best thing that ever happened, as it brought a lot of business to the area, and the number of visitors from all over the country continues to increase, especially as there is a new road which means it is easier to get there. When I asked people enjoying the water sports, they said they never thought about the drowned houses and streets. When I spoke to some people in the café overlooking the lake, I was

surprised they still get angry about what happened. They used to live in Vinnthrope and were moved to other places in the area, among them thirty children who are now middle-aged, but they still miss the village. They say that nobody asked them what they wanted – they were told one day that everything was decided. They were separated from their friends and had to get buses to new schools instead of walking there together. It is a shame that these people lost their homes, and I hope something similar never happens again in the future. I would miss the water sports if they weren't there, however, and I must say that I hadn't ever thought about what was under the water until last week.

1. What is the writer trying to do?
  - A. **Describe what people think about the drowned village.**
  - B. Persuade people to take up water sports on Lake Vinney.
  - C. Discuss what might happen to Lake Vinney in the future.
  - D. Explain why people like living by Lake Vinney.
  
2. What do we learn about Pat Smithers?
  - A. She lives beside the lake.
  - B. She used to live in Vinnthrope.
  - C. She often visits the area on holiday.
  - D. **She earns her living near Lake Vinney.**
  
3. What do we find out about Lake Vinney?
  - A. It attracts tourists from abroad.
  - B. There are lots of houses on the banks.
  - C. **More people are visiting it every year.**
  - D. Mainly local people do water sports there.
  
4. What does the writer think about Vinnthrope?
  - A. He agrees with Pat Smithers.
  - B. **He feels sorry for the people who lived there.**
  - C. He thinks it should now be forgotten.
  - D. He has always felt guilty about water-skiing there.
  
5. Which of these an advert for lake Vinney?
  - A. **Come to Lake Vinney and water-ski or sail. No ugly car parks, shops or cafes around the lake to spoil the view.**
  - B. Come to Vinnthrope and stay in a hotel in the village. Enjoy the walks around the lake in complete peace and quiet.
  - C. Lake Vinney is perfect for all kinds of water sports. Wonderful café by the side of the lake and plenty of car-parking space.
  - D. Enjoy water-skiing on Lake Vinney, but leaves time to visit the old village beside the lake – nothing has changed there for 30 years.

**Read the text and questions below. For each question, choose TRUE if the statement is true according to the text, FALSE if the statement is false and NOT STATED if the information about this statement is not given in the text.**

Electric cars? Solar-powered buses? When most people imagine solutions to the problems of city air pollution they probably think of electricity and solar power. But the problem with an electric car is that the electrical energy stored within batteries has to be first produced by conventional means such as burning coal, which creates the very problem the car is supposedly designed to avoid. Even the battery disposal is an environmental hazard. As for solar power, at present the solar panels that catch the sunlight are twice as big as the cars they power. And speeds of ten kilometers an hour are hardly practical. What is required is a safe, cheap and highly efficient engine that produces fewer major air pollutants and only in small quantities. You may be surprised that the answer has been with us for quite some time.

The probable solution to city air pollution is a concept for an engine that was first proposed by a French scientist in 1824 and later designed and patented by a German refrigeration engineer in 1892, whose name was Rudolph Diesel. His design for an engine that would produce more energy output but burn less fuel became known as the diesel engine. Most people think of diesel engines as being efficient and cheaper to run but smelly and rather noisy.

It is true that the black soot emitted from the exhausts of diesel lorries is far fewer of all the major air pollutants than petrol-driven engines, except for nitrogen oxides and black soot. However, soot can be trapped, and already new diesel engines are under development, being redesigned to burn diesel fuel in such a way that the nitrogen oxide gases are released into the air as harmless nitrogen and oxygen.

In fact, if all cars were running on diesel fuel, air pollution in major cities would disappear overnight. Why then has it taken this long to do something about it? The problem is that the disadvantages of diesel engines, which include greater noise and vibration as well as taking longer to start up, have meant that car manufacturers have been reluctant to invest in productions of more expensive diesel-powered cars – afraid that customers would not purchase their products. Fortunately, new technology is ensuring that diesel-powered engines become lean, clean and mean. It might not be long before city smog is but a distant memory.

6. Most people think the solution to city air pollution will be electric or solar-powered car.

- 1) **True**      2) False      3) Not stated

7. The diesel engine costs more to run.

- 1) True      2) False      **3) Not stated**

8. Diesel engines emit fewer air pollutants than petrol-driven engines.

- 1) **True**      2) False      3) Not stated

9. If all cars had diesel engines, traffic jams would disappear.

- 1) True      2) False      **3) Not stated**

10. Car manufacturers were afraid that they would lose customers if they produced diesel-powered cars.

- 1) **True**      2) False      3) Not stated

**БЛОК 3**  
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**Лексика и грамматика**

**Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.**

**The Airport man**

Yesterday Ahmed left his home for the first time in eleven years. But his home is a very unusual one – he has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the last eleven years living in an international airport. Ahmed had no family in his own country, so eleven years ago he set off to search (2) \_\_\_\_\_ his sister who lived in Scotland. He hadn't heard from her for (3) \_\_\_\_\_, but he had an old address. He never (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Scotland, however, because while he was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for a connecting flight, all his documents (6) \_\_\_\_\_ stolen and he had to ask for new ones. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ he had nowhere to go, he stayed in the airport. After a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ weeks, he was still there. He became (9) \_\_\_\_\_ as "Sir George" and all the airport staff liked him. Eleven years (10) \_\_\_\_\_ his documents arrived and he was free to go. But he no longer wanted to!

1	A	taken	B	passed	<b>C</b>	<b>spent</b>	D	used
2	A	to	<b>B</b>	<b>for</b>	C	from	D	at
3	<b>A</b>	<b>years</b>	B	times	C	long	D	ever
4	A	got	B	arrived	C	travelled	<b>D</b>	<b>reached</b>
5	<b>A</b>	<b>waiting</b>	B	thinking	C	booking	D	sitting
6	A	had	<b>B</b>	<b>were</b>	C	are	D	have
7	A	Although	B	Even	<b>C</b>	<b>As</b>	D	If
8	A	several	B	many	C	lot	<b>D</b>	<b>few</b>
9	A	called	<b>B</b>	<b>known</b>	C	told	D	said
10	A	following	B	since	<b>C</b>	<b>later</b>	D	next

**Choose the correct item**

11. Mr Brown wants to set \_\_\_\_\_ his own business.

**a. up**    b. off    c. out

12. Martin translated the poem \_\_\_\_\_ Italian.

- a. **into**   b. of   c. on

13. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ in a big house in the country.

- a. **used to live**   b. living   c. would live

14. James did very \_\_\_\_\_ in his exams.

- a. good   **b. well**   c. better

15. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ his car window smashed by a falling tree branch.

- a. **had**   b. will have   c. is having

16. I would prefer \_\_\_\_\_ at home rather than go to the theatre.

- a. stay   **b. to stay**   c. staying

17. We have never been to \_\_\_\_\_ Italy before.

- a. a   **b. --**   c. the

18. You are late! I \_\_\_\_\_ for half an hour.

- a. have waited   b. am waiting   **c. have been waiting**

19. Paula \_\_\_\_\_going to the beach at the weekend.

- a. promised   **b. suggested**   c. warned

20. The plane \_\_\_\_\_by the time I reached the airport.

- a. already left   **b. had already left**   c. had already been leaving

21. The secretary put me \_\_\_\_\_to the headmaster.

- a. up   **b. through**   c. down

22. \_\_\_\_\_the bad weather, we had a wonderful holiday.

- a. Despite**   b. Although   c. Whereas

23. Josie made \_\_\_\_\_an excuse to explain her lateness.

- a. out   **b. up**   c. for

24. Tom's mum \_\_\_\_\_ him not to touch the iron.

- a. warned**   b. invited   c. offered

25. Brian \_\_\_\_\_a suit made for him.

- a. having   b. has   **c. has had**

26. She gave me \_\_\_\_\_ very useful advice

a. a    b. any    **c. some**

27. I ran \_\_\_\_\_ some old records while I was tidying the attic.

**a. into**    b. across    c. after

28. The train \_\_\_\_\_ Manchester at nine o'clock.

a. is leaving    **b. leaves**    c. will leave

29. They \_\_\_\_\_ with friends at the moment.

a. stay    b. have been staying    **c. are staying**

30. By the end of the day, she \_\_\_\_\_ for ten hours.

a. will be working    b. will work    **c. will have been working**