

Задания по чтению**1**

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1. What should you remember to stay safe using the Metro?
 2. Which is the longest Metro train route?
 3. When did the Moscow Metro start working?
 4. What are the advantages of the Metro compared to other means of transport?
 5. How fast does the Metro system grow?
 6. What are the inconveniences of using the Metro?
 7. What materials were used to decorate the Metro stations?
- A.** The idea of an efficient transportation system in Moscow dates back to the time of Russian Empire. However, it was not developed into a construction plan due to World War I and the Civil War. The government of the Soviet Union got back to the idea in the 1920s, and in 1935 the Moscow Metro accepted its first passengers. The opening ceremony took place on May 15th, at 7am. The city celebrated the event with parades, concerts and performances.
- B.** The population of Moscow is around 12 million people. There are also a lot of people who come to the capital on business, excursions or to change plane or train, as Moscow is the main transportation centre. If there was no underground transport, it would be impossible to avoid a traffic standstill in the city. In fact, the Metro is very punctual. There are no traffic jams underground and, when taking the Metro, the passengers save time and nerves.
- C.** Lots of the city passengers prefer the Metro to cars and buses in spite of some discomfort caused by too many people. The problem is that the stations, the passages between them, and the railway cars get really overcrowded in rush hours. Sometimes there are lines to enter the Metro, though, fortunately, the waiting time is quite short.
- D.** When you travel on the Moscow Metro, long magnificent staircases get you downstairs and upstairs. They run fast and you need to be really careful to step on and off them in time. To avoid accidents, never cross the waiting line at the station until the coming train stops completely. Remember that you should never lean on the doors of the railway cars when the car is in motion - it can be really dangerous.

- E.** Apart from being an efficient means of transport, the Moscow Metro is a very ambitious architectural and art project. The stations look radiant and brilliant due to marble, bronze, steel, milk glass and other luxurious interior materials. The best architects, such as L. Polyakov, K. Ruzhkov, A. Medvedev and others, worked on it. The chief lighting engineer was Abram Damsky, who cleverly used the light to highlight the beauty of the stations.
- F.** The first line of the Moscow Metro was 11 km long and included 13 stations. Now there more than 230 stations, most of which are underground, but there are also surface-level and elevated stations. The project that is currently in progress suggests that about 150 km of new lines are to be opened within ten years, between 2012 and 2022.

Запишите в таблицу выбранные цифры под соответствующими буквами.

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Вопрос						

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The start of my music career

It was Sunday morning and I was still in bed. I was in the habit of sleeping till late on Sundays as it was my only day off. Right, I had to go to school six days a week and that was awfully unfair. My friend George had all the weekends for himself, only because his parents were more relaxed about his education than my parents were. They sent him to a less prestigious school and George had less homework but more time for hanging around with other guys and playing the guitar.

I felt envious of George and deeply hurt as my mum often praised him for his musical hobby. She reproached me for my lack of interest in anything but it wasn't lack of interest, it was lack of time! Didn't I tell you I had only Sundays to relax?

Relaxing was my plan for that Sunday too, but the noise and loud voices in the living room made me fully awake.

'Here, a bit to the right. It will be convenient for Andrew to practice here.'

'Right, and we can arrange his concerts here.'

‘No-no! Now to the left, closer to the wall.’

Then there were some scratching sounds as if someone was moving furniture. I got out of the bed and headed to the living room.

There was a large black piano there. My dad, mum and two unknown men were pushing it, trying to squeeze it between the window and the cupboard.

‘Oh, you are just in time, Andrew,’ said my dad. ‘I never had an opportunity to learn to play music. But it's always been my dream. Now you'll make it come true.’

‘It's your dream, not mine,’ I wanted to reply but didn't say anything.

The music teacher came at ten. He was a small grey man with small grey eyes. He was wearing a grey suit and a grey hat. He spoke in a quiet voice. The man looked harmless but I understood that he would ruin my Sundays forever.

The teacher talked about famous pianists and composers and about how much I should practice.

I listened to him and invented all sorts of plans of how I could escape his lessons. To explain to my parents that music was not my passion? To refuse to take lessons? To get sick? The most reliable idea was to break the instrument. But how could I do it?

When the lesson was over, my mum came into the room. She looked so happy that I didn't dare to tell her anything about my feelings.

‘Oh, Andrew, I'm so proud of you! I believe that you've got a gift for music. And we'd like to celebrate the beginning of your music career. Tonight we are going to the concert hall and you'll hear the best samples of classical music. You need to be dressed up and ready to go by 6pm.’

She carefully put three tickets on the black, polished piano lid.

2 Andrew and George learnt in different schools.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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3 Andrew had **no** hobbies.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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4 Andrew's father played the piano well.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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5 Andrew's music teacher was loud and very emotional.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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6 Andrew's music teacher came from a family of musicians.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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7 Andrew damaged the piano in his first lesson.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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8 Andrew's parents were going to take him to a concert that night.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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1. What cultural and media subjects took the name of Gorky Park?
 2. At what time is Gorky Park open to the public?
 3. How can you get to Gorky Park by public transport?
 4. What kind of films can you see in the open-air cinema in Gorky Park?
 5. What entertainment does Gorky Park offer in the cold season?
 6. What kinds of animals can you see in Gorky Park?
 7. Why is Gorky Park a great place to be active?
- A.** Gorky Park, officially named Gorky Central Park of Culture and Leisure, is a very popular place with the residents and guests of Moscow. It covers about 250 hectares and stretches along the bank of the Moskva River. The huge park is actually very close to the centre of the busy city — it is between Garden Ring and Third Ring Road and you can easily get there by bus or by Metro. The nearest Metro metro station is *Park Kultury*, and there are a few more stations within walking distance.
- B.** Gorky Park was the first amusement park created in the Soviet Union. It was opened in 1928 and became a model for lots of other parks set up across the country. In 2011, Gorky Park had major reconstruction and the amusement rides were removed. The place turned into an eco-friendly zone which works non-stop and is accessible round-the-clock, day and night, seven days a week. There is no entrance fee.
- C.** Gorky Park is a large recreational zone in a megapolis which gives its people an opportunity to relax and entertain in the open air. However, not all the seasons in Russia are warm enough for outdoor activities. Does this mean that in winter Gorky Park turns into a deserted place? Of course not! Gorky Park turns into a huge skating rink where people skate along the alleys, beautifully decorated with colourful lights.

- D.** You may be surprised to find a club for young naturalists in Gorky Park but it is really there and it is called *Green School*. Parents think it is a very good idea as city children do not have lots of opportunities to watch animals. On the territory of *Green School* they can see rabbits, parrots, turtles and other animals. Apart from that mini-zoo, children are welcomed to the garden, greenhouse, woodwork shop and library.
- E.** A quarter of a million people visit Gorky Park at weekends, which is a convincing indication of its popularity. There you can see students getting ready for their tests on the green grass, people practicing yoga and those taking dancing or drawing lessons in the open air. The spacious park provides lanes for jogging, table tennis equipment and football and volleyball pitches. You can also hire a bike or take part in the numerous workshops.
- F.** Probably, there's no person in Russia who has never heard of Gorky Park. Due to its popularity, it has been the setting for a number of films. The park was described in the novel *Gorky Park* by Martin Smith, which was later made into a film with the same name. The famous single *Wind of Change* by the rock band *Scorpions* refers to Gorky Park in the early 1990s. And, of course, *Gorky Park*, the Russian hard rock band that named itself after the park, contributed to the atmosphere of the place.

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Ответ:

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Вопрос						

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Circus story

I was almost late for school. I rushed into my class when the bell was ringing loudly.

To my surprise, Laura was not in the classroom yet. Laura was a newcomer in the class. She joined us at the beginning of that year and nobody knew where she had gone to school before. She was a quiet red-haired girl, very serious and hardworking. Nobody knew her ever to fail to do her homework. Why wasn't she at school now?

Though we were not very close friends, I decided to drop into her house on my way home. It was a small brick house at the corner of the street. Laura's family rented it when they moved to our town. A slim, elderly lady in a jumper and sports trousers opened the door. I explained to her who I was and she smiled warmly. She told me that Laura had got a bad cold but would be happy to see me, and showed me into her room.

Laura's cheeks were a bit red with fever but she was really glad to see me. We talked for a long time and I found out a lot about her and her family.

The lady who let me into the house was Laura's grandmother. Laura told me that when her granny was young, she worked in a circus. In fact, she started working there when she was six. Her mum and dad were acrobats and they took her into their performance. The public liked the cute little girl, and Amy (yes, the elderly lady was just Amy at that time) enjoyed wearing glittering costumes and getting applause. What she didn't like was wearing a wig¹ and a clown costume, but her parents often got her to take part in her twin brothers' clown performance.

'I really can't understand why she hated it so much. She looked so pretty in that outfit, didn't she?' commented Laura and showed me an old photo of a small girl with painted freckles and a red wig that covered half of her face.

'She probably worried that her classmates would make fun of her,' I suggested. 'You know how cruel kids can be sometimes...'

'Yes, I know,' said Laura and her smile faded as if it recalled some bad memories. 'But my granny was a homeschooler. The circus travelled all over the country and even abroad. They never stayed in one place for a long time and she could not attend school. She learned at home. Or, should I say, in a caravan because they all lived and travelled in a caravan.'

¹wig – парик

‘It was exciting, I guess,’ I said. ‘But not easy.’

‘Oh, yes, it was difficult but her parents, brothers and the other circus people helped her. Granny was good at languages. Her co-workers came from different countries and taught her their languages. Travelling and communicating with people is good language practice, isn’t it?...’

10 This academic year, Laura has been late to school only once.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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11 It was the first time the narrator had met Laura’s grandmother.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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12 Laura’s grandmother was the only child in the family.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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13 In the circus, Laura’s grandmother performed as a clown.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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14 Laura’s grandmother had **no** photos of herself as a child.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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15 Laura's grandmother did **not** go to school.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

Ответ:

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16 Laura's grandmother could speak five languages.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

Ответ:

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1. When was the Museum of Cosmonautics opened?
 2. What space-related tourist attractions are located near the Museum of Cosmonautics?
 3. How often does the Museum of Cosmonautics change its exhibits?
 4. What can the exhibits tell us about the early stage of space exploration?
 5. Where is the Museum of Cosmonautics located?
 6. What facilities does the Museum of Cosmonautics offer to its visitors?
 7. Where can you look for information about international space flights?
- A.** VDNKh is one of the central and most impressive Metro stations in Moscow. It is featured in tourist guides and there are always lots of people going in and out of the station. Right by the Metro Station exit, a monument to the Conquerors of Space will certainly attract your attention. It is not only an impressive monument - inside the base of the Space monument tower you will find the Museum of Cosmonautics - a unique museum with exhibits which are definitely worth seeing.
- B.** The monument to the Conquerors of Space was constructed in 1964 to glorify the first manned space flight. It is designed as a 107-metre high obelisk, and its shape resembles the fumes from the rocket. The shiny rocket is on the very top of the obelisk, heading up to the sky. The Museum of Cosmonautics appeared in the base of the monument much later. It welcomed the first visitors on April 10, 1981. The event was devoted to the 20th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's space flight.
- C.** There are several exhibit halls in the museum. In one of them, there are objects and documents referring to the beginning of the era of space exploration. There you can see replicas of the first satellites and the first space station, as well as some personal belongings of the first cosmonaut of the Earth. There are also some documents referring to the space flights as well as photos and videos which recorded the preparation for the first space flight.

- D.** After a three-year reconstruction, which was completed in 2009, a few new sections were added to the Museum of Cosmonautics. Before the reconstruction, the museum focused only on the achievements of the National Space Programme. Now, the new sections provide information about the space programmes of the USA and China. Of course, a special area is dedicated to the International Space Station, where space researchers from different countries work together.
- E.** Since the reconstruction, the Museum of Cosmonautics has displayed interactive exhibits, which include the simulator from the training centre. You can book a training session on board the spaceship and feel what real cosmonauts do. The museum has got a lecture hall, which is appropriate for educational events, a cafe, where you can have space food in tubes, and a gift shop. Of course, the museum meets the needs of people with disabilities.
- F.** The Museum of Cosmonautics welcomes visitors every day except Monday, from 10am till 7pm. However, if you are interested in the history of space exploration, it is highly recommended to explore the area around, too. The museum and VDNKh station are connected by a green alley with busts of cosmonauts, which is called the Cosmonauts Alley. The pavilion 'Cosmos' in the Exhibition Centre (VDNKh) displays a lot of artefacts from the National Space Programme.

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Ответ: Вопрос						

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Beware of the fire

'No, I don't think I can join your party, Martha. I'm a bit busy at the moment.' My cousin Cathy didn't even stop typing on her computer to reply. It looked like I had asked her for a big favour, though actually, I just reminded her that we were having a small barbeque party and wanted her to come and enjoy it too.

To say it straight, Cathy was a real bookworm, the only difference being that she was usually searching for information in electronic libraries instead of

traditional ones. She had subscribed to the most reputed libraries and was able to get an electronic version of almost any book, document or piece of information.

In fact, I really liked Cathy and was always glad to be around her, which would not be difficult if it wasn't for her obsession with learning. My family and Cathy's family lived next door to each other, in almost identical cottages. We shared a green lawn with a few parasols and a barbeque area.

'Are you sure you can't put it off for a while? It's my dad who's making the barbecue, and he's really good at it.'

'He's perfect at it!' Cathy said, turning around on her chair and giving me her attention at last. 'But I really can't be with you now. I need to have my project completed today so that I can submit it to my History teacher tomorrow.'

'Is it your homework?'

'Not exactly. But our teacher said that everyone who wants high grades should make a project about an ancient civilisation or a notable ancient event. It's the sort of task you may choose to do or not to do but...'

'I know what you chose. After school, you are going to enter the Faculty of History. It's your professional interest. So, what your project is going to be about?'

'It's about the Library of Alexandria. You probably know that it was Alexander the Great who came up with the idea of the library, and it was he who started the construction.'

'It was about a thousand years ago!'

'No, it was much earlier. Everything started two thousand three hundred years ago, when the rulers of Alexandria decided to collect all the knowledge of the world under one roof.'

'A very ambitious goal. And how did they plan to achieve it?'

'They collected books and manuscripts from all over the world. Each book that existed on earth should have had a copy in the Library of Alexandria. At its best time, the Library contained hundreds of thousands of books. The best scientists and scholars were invited to live in Alexandria, at the expense of the Emperor. However, in the 5th century CE², the Library was destroyed by a fire. There are lots of versions of how it happened and why it happened. I'm comparing the scattered information about it and I understand that that great fire is still a great mystery.'

Cathy suddenly stopped and smelled the air. 'I say,' she said, in a different, matter-of-fact voice. 'Are you sure someone is watching the barbeque? It smells like it's burning...' And we both rushed out of the room.

18 The barbeque parties were held every weekend.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

Ответ:

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² abbreviation for Common Era or Christian era: used when referring to a year after the birth of Jesus Christ

19 Martha avoided Cathy because she found her boring.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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20 Martha and Cathy lived far away from each other.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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21 At the time of the party, Cathy was busy with her school assignment.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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22 After finishing school, Cathy was planning to study History.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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23 Cathy's project was going to be about famous rulers of the past.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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24 Cathy planned to make a new special research into why the Library was destroyed.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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1. When are the military parades on Poklonnaya Gora held?
 2. What areas does the Museum of the Great Patriotic War consist of?
 3. What event from the past makes the site of the park a special place?
 4. What memorials on Poklonnaya Gora tell us about the military events of the 19th century?
 5. What activities are available to young visitors of Victory Park?
 6. Where can you see a list of the people who fought in the Great Patriotic War?
 7. How to get a good idea of Victory Park in the shortest possible time?
- A.** Victory Park is a huge open-air museum in a big and busy city. It is located on Poklonnaya Gora. The place has a remarkable history - historians say it was exactly the spot where Napoleon was standing and waiting for Russians to bring him the symbolic key of the city. It did not happen. And it was the turning point in the war of 1812 - the French army had to retreat and was completely defeated.
- B.** As the name Victory Park suggests, most memorials and exhibitions were created to honour the people who gave their lives for the freedom of the country. The Museum of the Great Patriotic War is one of such places. When you enter it, you get into the Hall of Commanders. In the centre of the museum there is the Hall of Glory. Below it, there is the Hall of Remembrance and Sorrow. There are also upper floors that display exhibits about the war.
- C.** The museum of the Great Patriotic War was opened to the public on May 9, 1995. Among the official exhibits, there are personal documents and personal belongings of the soldiers, photos and letters. The museum has got an electronic memory book, with the purpose of registering the name of every soldier and tracing their fate. The book is far from being completed - new entries appear in it every month.

- D.** Poklonnaya Gora is a place that reminds us of the most important victories of the country. The Arc de Triumph, which is in the middle of Kutuzovsky Avenue, beside Victory Park, was constructed to commemorate the triumph of the Russian army over the French army. In 1812, the French army, headed by Napoleon, tried to conquer the country but was defeated. The Museum-Panorama *The Battle of Borodino* features the powerful scenes of the most important battle of that war.
- E.** The territory of the park is really huge and about 800000 people visit it every year. For first-time visitors, it is recommended to take a sightseeing tour. The mini-train will take you round the park. The whole tour lasts for about twenty minutes. During the trip you will listen to a brief story of the Park and will become aware of the main landmarks which should be seen. Alternatively, you can use a map - the navigation system in the park is very clear.
- F.** There are a lot of samples of heavy weapons in Victory Park. Tanks, ships and planes are displayed on the territory and visitors can go up to them to have a close look. Children are usually the most impressed. However, along with studying the themed exhibits, children and teenagers have many other opportunities to enjoy their time in the park. There are two large playgrounds, and spacious alleys for riding bikes, roller skating and skateboarding. There are also different art and drama studios which children can attend for an outing or on a regular basis.

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Big plans

‘Is it going to be my room?’ Ken asked, looking around with delight. ‘And I can choose furniture for it, can’t I?’

As far back as Ken could remember, their family had lived in a small flat in the historical centre of the city. Their friends envied them - there were always shows, concerts and exhibitions in the area, which was a magnet for tourists and

was never quiet. The location was very convenient, but for tourists, as Ken's mother kept saying. Indeed, there were not enough shops around, the streets looked very pretty but they were narrow and it was a problem to park there. The bedrooms in their flat were nice but small and when Max was born, the family decided to move to another place. It was very inconvenient for two brothers to share one bedroom.

Fortunately, it did not take long to find a three-bedroom flat in a new residential area. Instead of groups of tourists walking along the paved streets, there were wide avenues with lots of cars. Instead of two-storey houses there were large blocks of flats. Ken liked the new place, especially when he saw a sports centre right opposite their block. He'd been swimming since he was four and now had a good chance of joining the regional swimming team if he practiced a lot.

Actually, Ken was very ambitious. His favourite celebrity was Alexander Popov, and he was already considering where in the new room he would fix his photos and posters. Both Ken and his coach believed Popov was an extraordinary swimmer and a very charismatic person. Actually, the leading sports experts of the world shared that opinion too. They called Alexander Popov the greatest sprint swimmer in history - that is why his nickname was *King of Short Distance*.

Years before, Ken's coach was a real fan and followed Popov across Europe to see him competing. He planned to go to see the swimming competitions in Russia and even bought a plane ticket, but he had to cancel his trip at the last moment due to some family circumstances. The coach still wanted to go to Russia one day. He said it was a country everyone should see, at least once. However, with a family to support and young sportsmen to train, it was not easy to fulfil his dream.

'I'll go there one day anyway,' Ken's coach kept saying. 'Probably when I take you to the international competitions which will be held in Russia.'

Ken laughed at that but, deep in his heart, he cherished the hope that one day the plan would come true. Ken loved seeing new places and meeting new people. He was a very open-minded person, curious for new experiences. He had never been abroad at that time, and his family seldom travelled further than the neighbouring town, but in his dreams, he flew all over the world, took part in all sorts of water sports events and, of course, won medals and the hearts of millions of fans.

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Ken's former home was in an area popular with tourists.

1) True

2) False

3) Not stated

Ответ:

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27 Ken and Max were of the same age.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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28 Ken did swimming as a regular sport.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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29 Alexander Popov and Ken's coach knew each other personally.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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30 Ken's coach had been to Russia.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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31 Ken's coach used some of Alexander Popov's techniques in his coaching practice.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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32 Ken had lived in several countries due to his father's business.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ответ:

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