

Form 7

Listening Comprehension

Atlantis

In the fourth century B.C. the Greek philosopher Plato wrote about a mysterious civilization called Atlantis which existed long ago. Atlantis used to be a huge island situated to the west of Europe. A highly developed civilization lived there. But according to Plato the island and its people disappeared into the ocean about 11,500 years ago.

Since Plato first wrote about Atlantis, a lot of people tried to find the island. All of them were not successful. That is why now we believe that Plato invented Atlantis and its people. But some scientists disagree. They think that some people of Atlantis survived the destruction of the island and gave their knowledge to the Egyptians. Later the Egyptians founded their own developed civilization.

The debate about the existence of Atlantis will continue until scientists and archaeologists find the answer. Now we can do nothing but either to believe in Atlantis or not.

Exist – be around – существовать

Developed - развитой

Successful- успешный

Destruction- разрушение

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Listening Comprehension Test

Task 1. Underline two words from the text.

invented, appeared, sea, found, disagree

Task 2. Mark the following statements as true or false.

1. Plato was an Egyptian philosopher.
2. Plato was the first to write about Atlantis.
3. Nobody knows for sure if Atlantis ever existed.
4. Plato wrote that the island disappeared into the lake.

Task 3. Complete the sentences according to the text.

1. Plato wrote about Atlantis in the _____.
2. Atlantis was situated to the west of _____.
3. Atlantis and its people disappeared _____ ago.
4. Since Plato wrote about Atlantis a lot of people tried to _____.

Task 4. Answer the questions.

1. What kind of civilization was Atlantis?
2. What did Plato invent according to some opinions?
3. Where did Atlantis disappear long time ago?
4. Whom did the people from Atlantis give their knowledge to?

Task 5. Choose one of the three topics below and write 5 sentences on it.

1. The Ancient Egyptians.
2. Ancient Rome.
3. The Vikings in Great Britain.

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Lexical-Grammar Test.

I. Use the correct tense forms of the verbs in brackets.

Ever since it 1. _____ (build) three centuries ago, the Taj Mahal 2. _____ (describe/often) as the most beautiful building in the world. It 3. _____ (design) by a Turkish architect, and it 4. _____ (take) 20,000 workers 20 years to complete it. They 5. _____ (start) its construction in 1632 and 6. _____ (finish) in 1653. Thousands of tourists 7. _____ (visit) Taj Mahal every year. It 8. _____ (be) a symbol of eternal love.

II. Fill in the article where necessary.

Belarus lies in 1. ____ center of Europe. Minsk is 2. ____ capital of 3. ____ republic. Minsk crosses 4. ____ Svisloch River. Modern Minsk is 5. ____ city of numerous 6. ____ plants, 7. ____ factories and 8. ____ high-rise buildings. People who come to Minsk often visit 9. ____ Opera and Ballet House, 10. ____ Gorky Park and other sights there.

III. Fill in the right preposition.

1. Granny has bought a new dress for you. Can you try it ____, please.
2. Hurry up! The bus leaves ____ half an hour!
3. Peter gave ____ eating fast food two years ago after he had had trouble with the stomach.
4. Where have you been? I have been waiting ____ you for an hour.
5. The window was broken ____ his classmate.
6. When you arrive ____ Minsk Railway Station you will see it's nice and modern.

IV. Make new words from the ones given in brackets and fill them in the gaps.

1. She pays much attention to her _____ (appear)
2. A lot of people believe that _____ (child) is the best stage of life.
3. _____ (compete) people are often successful in life.
4. Mum says : "Susan, you shouldn't wear the blue dress to the party, it's _____ (fashion).
5. Gomel is situated in a _____ (picture) place on the right bank of the Sozh River.
6. Television is a wonderful _____ (invent) of the 20th century.
7. If it is cold indoors people feel _____ (comfort) there.

V. Choose the right variant.

- A. Excuse me, can you tell me 1. ____ the station?

B. Yes, certainly. 2.____ and then go 3.____ the church. Then 4.____the second turning on the left. The station is half 5.____ along the road.

A. OK. Thanks. How much 6.____approximately?

B. It`s about five 7.____from here. You 8.____miss it.

A.9.____

B. 10.____ welcome!

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| 1. A. the way to | B. how I must go to | C. where is the way to |
| 2. A. Turn to the right | B. Turn right | C. Turn the right |
| 3. A. past | B. along | C. at |
| 4. A. go | B. take | C. walk |
| 5. A. path | B. road | C. way |
| 6. A. it is | B. there is | C. is it |
| 7. A. minutes` walk | B. minutes` walking | C. minute`s walk |
| 8. A. don`t | B. aren`t | C. can`t |
| 9.A. I am happy! | B. That`s all right | C. Thank you |
| 10. A. You | B. You are | C. Your |

VI. Use either the gerund or the infinitive to fill in the gaps.

1. Not many people can _____ (to use) both hands well.
2. The British enjoy _____ (to walk) very much.
3. She isn`t afraid of _____ (to write).
4. My family want _____(to visit) Paris one day.
- 5.Two years ago Yan took up _____ (to jog).

VII. Correct one grammar mistake in each sentence.

1. Parents always give children a lot of good advices.
2. Money are less important than health, love and family.
3. I haven`t eaten salad for last week.
4. We haven`t read neither of these books. Are they interesting?

Key

Listening Comprehension. (max .32 points)

I. invented, disagree (2 points)

II 1. false 2. true 3. true 4. false (4 points)

III. 1. 4th century 2. Europe 3. 11,500 years 4. Find the island
(8 points)

IV 1. Atlantis was a (highly) developed civilization . (8 points)
2. Plato invented Atlantis (the place and its people)
3. Atlantis disappeared into (in) the ocean.
4. People from Atlantis gave their knowledge to the Egyptians.

V. (10 points)

Lexical-Grammar (max 32 points)

- I. 1. was built 2. is described 3. was designed 4. took 5. started
6. finished 7. visit 8. is
- II. 1. the 2. the 3. the 4. the 5. a 6. - 7. - 8. - 9. the
10. -
- III. 1. on 2. in 3. up 4. for 5. by 6. at
- IV. 1. appearance 2. childhood 3. competitive 4. old-fashioned
5. picturesque 6. invention 7. uncomfortable
- V. 1. A 2. B 3. A 4. B 5. C 6. C 7. A 8. C 9. C 10. B
- VI. 1. Use 2. walking 3. writing 4. to visit 5. jogging
- VII. 1. advice 2. is 3. since 4. either

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7 Form

Reading

New Zealand is a country in the south-western Pacific ocean. The country is the size of Colorado. It is separated from Australia by the Tasman Sea. It consists of two main islands: the South Island, the North Island and a number of smaller islands. The North Island is long and volcanic in its south central part. This area has many springs and geysers. The South Island has the Southern Alps along its west coast, with Mount Cook the highest point.

The first settlers of New Zealand were Maoris. The Maori named New Zealand Aotearoa, which is usually translated into English as 'The Land of the Long White Cloud'. The Dutch cartographers called the islands Nova Zeelandia, after the Dutch province of Zeeland.

The population of New Zealand, about 4 million people, is mostly of European descent. The official languages are English and Maori. New Zealand English is close to Australian English in pronunciation.

The climate in the country is mild. Of the main cities, Christchurch is the driest (640 mm of rain per year) and Auckland is the wettest. As grass grows very quickly, the main industry in New Zealand is agriculture, especially cattle farming, marine fishing, fruit production.

Because of its long isolation from the rest of the world, New Zealand has extraordinary flora and fauna. About eighty per cent of the flora in New Zealand occurs only in New Zealand. The varied landscape of New Zealand has made it a popular location for the production of television programmes and films, including "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Last Samurai".

Queen Elizabeth II is the Queen of New Zealand and the Head of state but her position is largely symbolic. The Head of Government is the Prime Minister.

I. Are these statements true or false?

1. New Zealand is bigger than Colorado.
2. It is separated from Australia by the Atlantic ocean.
3. New Zealand is a popular place for film production.
4. The South Island has the mountains along its west coast.
5. There are springs and geysers in the North Island.

II. Choose the best variant – a, b or c.

1. The first settlers of New Zealand were
 - a) Maories
 - b) The Dutch
 - c) The English
2. New Zealand English is close to ... English in pronunciation.
 - a) American
 - b) Australian
 - c) Maori
3. About ... of flora of New Zealand occurs only in New Zealand.
 - a) 18%
 - b) 8%
 - c) 80%
4. New Zealand consists of 2 main
 - a) territories
 - b) states
 - c) islands
5. The main cities of New Zealand are
 - a) Sydney and Canberra
 - b) Christchurch and Auckland
 - c) Melbourne and Perth

III. Answer the questions below.

1. Where is New Zealand situated?
2. What is the population of the country?
3. What are the official languages in New Zealand?
4. What are the main industries in New Zealand?
5. Who is the head of state?

Key (max 15 points)

I. 1.F 2.F 3.T 4.T 5.T

(5 points)

II. 1.a 2.b 3.c 4.c 5.b **(5 points)**

III. 1.in the south –western Pacific ocean **(5 points)**
2. 4 million people
3. English and Maori
4. Agriculture(cattle farming, marine fishing, fruit production)
5. Queen Elizabeth II