**Mechanics and Mathematics Faculty**

In 1922 the Pedagogical Faculty started its work at the BSU. Physics and Mathematics Department of the Faculty was organized to train teachers of mathematics, physics, as well as scientists.

Physics and Mathematics Faculty was founded in 1932/33. In 1958 the Faculty of Mathematics was organized as a result of the Physics and Mathematics Faculty division into two separate faculties: the Faculty of Physics and the Faculty of Mathematics. Doctor of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Professor D. A. Suprunenko was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics. In 1970 on the basis of three departments of the Faculty of Mathematics: Computational Mathematics, Differential Equations and Applied Mathematics the Faculty of Applied Mathematics was organized. In 1975 the Mechanics department started its work at the Faculty of Mathematics. And afterwards, the faculty was renamed and became the Faculty of Mechanics and Mathematics.

There are a lot of specialities at the Faculty:

• mathematics (research-and-production activities, research and educational work, economic activity, research-and-design work, information systems analysis and simulation, information technologies);

• mechanics (research-and-production activities, applied mechanics).

There are 11 Departments:

• Theoretic and applied mechanics; • Nano- and biomechanics; • Mathematical cybernetics; • Differential equations and systems analysis; • Higher algebra and information protection; • Geometry, topology and mathematical teaching methods; • General mathematics and informatics; • Theory of functions; • Web-programming and computer simulation;• Nonlinear analysis and analytic economics; • Functional analysis.

There are 32 Professors and Doctors of Sciences, 72 Associate Professors and Candidates of Sciences at the Faculty. More than 900 students attend their classes regularly and 300 get instructions by correspondence. About 50 people take their master's, post-graduate and doctorate courses at the Faculty.

Nowadays the Faculty of Mechanics and Mathematics is the leading educational and scientific institution in the field of mathematics and mechanics. The educational and research level of the faculty meets the world standards and in many respects passes ahead of them.

**Answer the questions**

**1. Introduction**

1)Why have you decided to enter the MM Faculty? Give you reasons?

**2. Description of the faculty.**

1) Where the building of the faculty is situated?

2) In what time do your classes start?

3) How many classes do you usually have in a day as a rule?

4) What subjects do you have?

5) What subjects are most difficult for you?

6) What subjects require a lot of homework to be done?

7) What should one do to be the top student in this or that subject?

8) Are there any lectures or seminars which you do attend but without much enthusiasm? Why?

9) What is the reaction of your teachers if you are often late for lectures?

10) Do you often or never make your instructors unhappy missing their classes?

11) What is more important in learning: abilities or hard work?

12) Do you think the marks you get in your exams are always fair and objective? Why?

**3. Other activities.**

1) What are student organizations united and coordinated by?

2) What extra class activities do you take part in?

3) What are the rights and duties of students?

4) In what way are (do) students engaged (take part) in research work?

5) What are your particular interests in mathematics?

6) Are you a member of any youth organization or society? What is its activity?

7) What celebrations / festivals / events at your Faculty do you enjoy most of all? Why?

8) What would you like to change at our Faculty?

**4. Your attitude to the studies**

1) What is more important for you at university: to learn new things or to meet your friends?

2) Do you experience difficulties in socializing with your group mates or teachers at the University? If yes, why?

3) What do you miss most about your home and your hometown?

**5. Career prospects**

1) Many of the MMF graduates have become famous scientists, statesmen and public figures, haven’t they? (Support the statement)

2) Where can the Faculty graduates work?

3) Why do we need knowledge? What does the proverb “Knowledge is power” mean? What is the best way of getting knowledge?