**Барсуков Максим, Writing 5. Write a for-and-against essay.**

The world we live in is complex and ambiguous. Since ancient, mankind has been trying to understand how the universe works. Now it is believed that educational genre of popular science helps people whose knowledge is not enough to understand a complex scientific language to understand the essence of many phenomena. Nevertheless, how much «science» is in the popular science, and how much is «pop»?

On the one hand, the pop science allows people who are not scientists to be interested in scientific things. In addition, it strengthens public trust in science, which contributes to public support and funding for scientific research, which is certainly a benefit.

On the other hand, pseudoscience can be disseminated under the guise of scientific information by both representatives of the academic community themselves and those who successfully disguise themselves as them. Using the results of dubious research they can manipulate a gullible audience, and thus spread disinformation.

To summarize, I think that the real task of popular science literature is to simplify the complex, not distort the meaning. Moreover, the proper popular science can help defeat pseudoscience, because the only true method of combating it can only be scientific – even minimal – education for everyone.