Read the text and do the following exercise.

Belarusian seasons

The location of Belarus in temperate latitudes led to the change of seasons. According to the calendar, the length of all seasons is 3 months. But the beginning of the phenological season, that is, the stages of development of animate and inanimate nature, in Belarus does not coincide with calendar dates. It is determined by changes in nature due to temperature conditions. Long-term observations allow us to determine the beginning and duration of the seasons in Belarus. The greatest differences are observed when comparing the southwestern and northeastern regions of the country.

The beginning of spring is associated with the date of a stable transition of the average daily air temperature through 0 °C. Spring begins in early March in the south-west of the country, and at the end of this month in the north-east. Phenological spring is the shortest season of the year. It usually lasts from 35 to 45 days.

Phenological summer is considered to be a period of time with average daily air temperatures above 12°C. Summer begins in early May in the south-west of Belarus and in mid-May in the north-east. For most of the country, summer is the longest season of the year (140 to 160 days).

Autumn belongs to the transitional periods of the year and is slightly longer than spring in duration. Phenological autumn begins in the second half of September, when the stable average daily air temperatures drop below 12°C and it lasts 45–55 days until the air temperature goes below 0°C.

Winter begins in the second half of November after the average daily temperatures pass through 0 °C towards a decrease. This is the second longest season of the year (105-145 days), and in the north-east of the country it is even longer than summer.

Are the sentences true or false?

1. The location of Belarus in temperate latitudes led to the change of seasons.

True / False

2. The beginning of the phenological season in Belarus coincides with calendar dates.

True / False

3. The beginning of spring is associated with the date of a stable transition of the average daily air temperature through 0 °C. **True / False**

4. Phenological spring is the longest season of the year. **True / False**

5. Phenological summer is considered to be a period of time with average daily air temperatures above 12°C. **True / False**

6. For most of the country, summer is the shortest season of the year. **True / False**

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7. Autumn belongs to the transitional periods of the year and is slightly longer than spring in duration. **True / False**

8. Winter is the second longest season of the year. **True / False**

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