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This magical, mythical bird has long been a part of legends, dating back to ancient civilizations. In today's culture, the phoenix's legend is still going strong, with a major city in the USA named after the resurrecting (*воскресший*) beast and popular books and movies, including the successful «Harry Potter» series.

Since the story has come down to us through the oral tradition, there is no single version of it. It varies from teller to teller — each adding something of their own and changing tiny aspects of it. Nonetheless, the main facts of the legend of the Phoenix remain intact, even though the myth has been changed significantly.

According to the legend, the Phoenix is a supernatural creature that has an incredibly long lifespan, stretching to at least a thousand years. It cannot fall sick or get injured at any point in its lifetime. However, some believe that it does get affected by disease or drought, which leads it to prematurely (*преждевременно*) enter the next phase of its life.

Once that time is over, the bird builds its own funeral pyre (*погребальный костер*). The traditional story goes that the Phoenix ignites himself (*загорается*), burns to ash, and then rises again from the ashes to live another thousand years. This triumph has caused the bird to become the symbol of many groups and organizations.

Another version of the story is that before the fire consumes (*пожирать*) the bird, it lays an egg, which hatches a new phoenix. This phoenix will live to be a thousand years old before having an offspring in the same way. Nobody knows which version of the story is true, but all of them express the same theme: the triumph over adversity.

32. What is named after the resurrecting bird?

A) a movie B) a book C) a city D) «Harry Potter» ☐

33. Who changes tiny aspects of the story?

A) J. Rowling B) teller C) speaker D) legend ☐

34. What is the lifespan of a phoenix?

A) 100 B) 10000 C) 1000 D) 100500 ☐

35. Why has the Phoenix become a symbol?

A) It builds its own funeral pyre B) It rises again from the ashes
C) It ignites himself D) live another thousand years ☐

36. What does the phoenix do before the fire consumes it?

A) the triumph B) lives a thousand years C) lays an egg D) ignites himself ☐

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