



Match the titles to the paragraphs of the text. One title is extra.

1. THE GAME FOR THE EDUCATED
2. FIRST CHAMPIONS
3. MOVING TO THE OLYMPICS
4. THE ORIGIN
5. CHESS AND GREAT PEOPLE

Chess in Russia

- A.** Chess is a board game played between two players. It is played on a chessboard, which is a square-checked board with 64 squares arranged in an eight-by-eight grid (cerka). Chess combines elements of art (in terms of chess composition), science and sport. The name originates from the Persian language: checkmate, meaning "the ruler died". Chess appeared in the 6th century in India. In the 9th and 10th century chess appeared in Europe. In 1886 championships all over the world began.
- B.** The history of chess in Russia began in the 12-14th centuries as a result of the Tatar-Mongol Yoke's influence. Since the late 18th and early 19th century the first chess clubs and Russian chess books appeared in Russia. Thanks to the efforts of such outstanding chess players as Alexander Petrov, Karl Yanish and others chess got popularity among noble people, and later among intelligentsia, gradually becoming one of the main indicators of educational level of the society.
- C.** Many prominent writers played chess and loved it. Such great Russian writers and poets as Alexander Pushkin, Mikhail Lermontov, Ivan Turgenev, Leo Tolstoy, found great joy in playing chess, which also contributed to the game's growing popularity in Russia. In the life of Leo Tolstoy chess occupies a special place. He played chess almost every day, finding time for the game. Tolstoy wasn't a good player. When he won, he was happy like a child; at a loss he was distressed.
- D.** Chess is a popular game in Russia. Today many people play chess for pleasure, they also take part in different competitions. For years, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, the president of the World Chess Federation, has been trying to get chess accepted as part of the Olympics. The effort has included introducing drug tests to follow regulations of the International Olympic Committee. Experts have been discussing if chess is a sport for many years because there is no physical element in chess. Still, many countries already recognise chess as a sport.

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