

**Прочтайте текст и выполните задания к нему (22018).**

§ 1. "When I was a child, space was all I dreamt and talked about. As I grew up I became fascinated by science, which just made my passion stronger. I never doubted that one day I'd be an astronaut." As an adult, Anousheh left her native Iran, settled in the USA and started a telecommunications company. The company was so successful that she was eventually able to sell it for \$750 million. "The first thing that crossed my mind was that my life's goal might now be within reach and I signed up to become the first female private space explorer at a cost of around \$20 million."

§ 2. Of course, becoming a space tourist is not simply a matter of paying and picking up your ticket at the checkin desk; there is a strict six-month training programme. There was another obstacle to overcome, however, that wasn't entirely anticipated. "During my training, my husband came a few times, but still, it's not the same because ever since we got married, over 15 years ago, we've spent almost every day together."

§ 3. Ansari blasted off (стартовать) on September 18 along with a NASA astronaut and a Russian cosmonaut. It doesn't take long to achieve orbit, around 17 minutes, and that's when she got her first sight of the Earth: "Looking at it" from up there, you can't see any borders or any differences between races. All you see is one planet; one place that all of us have to take care of if we want to be able to live on it for a long time. You look at your safe shelter on Earth and then you turn around, see the blackness of the universe and realise that you have nowhere else to go, at least not for a while."

§ 4. Anousheh continually gets asked about the challenges she faced on board. To wash her hair, for example, she had to make a huge 'water bubble' and put it over her head. At the slightest sudden movement, little bits of water would escape and float away. In fact, there were many amusing situations caused by the lack of gravity. "After a while I got used to all this, though, and I felt so at home that in the end it was hard to go back to normality."

§ 5. Anousheh is proud of her status as the first female space tourist and intends to use her fame to raise awareness about space projects and to inspire women all over the world. The journey back to Earth was physically and emotionally exhausting for Anousheh. "But going into space was the most freeing experience I've ever had. I'd do it again in a heartbeat. If I could take my husband with me, I'd be tempted to never come back!"

**Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа в соответствии с содержанием приведенного выше текста.**

**A. *How was Anousheh eventually able to become the first female space tourist?***

- 1) She saved up while working in telecommunications.
- 2) She was invited to apply for it by the space programme.
- 3) She could afford it after selling her business.

**B. Which of the following is true of Anousheh's training?**

- 1) There was an unexpected challenge.
- 2) She found the course too long.
- 3) She enjoyed the feeling of independence it gave her.

**C. What was Anousheh reminded of when she first saw the Earth from space?**

- 1) how enormous the universe is
- 2) how far away from home she was
- 3) the importance of looking after the Earth

**D. What do we learn about Anousheh's time on the space station in paragraph four?**

- 1) She found it impossible to wash with water.
- 2) She got on very well with the other astronauts.
- 3) She took some time to get used to the conditions.

**Определите значение указанного слова в тексте.**

**A. obstacle (§ 2)**

- 1) complication 2) risk 3) danger

**B. awareness (§5)**

- 1) fear 2) knowledge 3) income

**Прочтайте тексты (1—4). Ответьте на вопросы (A43—A48). Выберите вариант ответа из предложенных.**

**1. Nanaimo Marine Festival**

Since 1967, the Nanaimo Marine Festival in Canada has hosted the International World Championship Bathtub Race. Every year, on a sunny Sunday in July, 200 brave contestants take the bathtub from their bathroom and attempt to sail it 58 kilometres across the sea to Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. Apart from 'the World's Cleanest Sport', there's plenty more to do during the four days of the festival, with a street fair, activities for kids, water sports, informative displays on boat safety, a marine food fair, and also the World Championship Waiters Race. Later on, there's a spectacular firework display in the harbour plus musical entertainment.

**2. The Raleigh BugFest**

Every September, the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences holds its insect festival in downtown Raleigh. Among the attractions is the Backyard Beekeeper, a class for anyone who

dreams of keeping bees or just finds them fascinating creatures. There's a \$10 fee for this workshop, and participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For kids there are arts and craftS projects, they can have their faces painted in various insect-like ways, and they can sing along to family music band, The Sandbox Band.

### **3. Barnesville Potato Days Festival**

This annual festival of all things potato-related in Barnesville, Minnesota dates back to the 1930s. Anything you can possibly do to a potato happens over the two days: you can fry it, throw it, race it, roast it, eat it, decorate it or sing about it — and lots more. First up is the Potato Peeling Contest, using an old-fashioned potato peeler or simply a sharp knife. Each contestant has three minutes to peel as many as possible, with the winner determined by the weight of the peeled potatoes. They are then boiled and mashed ready either for the Mashed Potato Eating Contest, or for the Mash Sculpture Contest.

### **4. Contraband Days: Louisiana's Pirate Festival**

As an 18th century legend says, the notorious pirate Jean Lafitte buried silver and gold treasure in his favourite hideaway in Louisiana, and this led to the area becoming known as Contraband Bayou. Nowadays Contraband Days is a themed pirate festival, winning awards as one of the top annual festivals in North America. A terrific variety of activities includes full-costume re-enactments of battles with pirates, boat races, and concerts that range from Gospel and Country to R&B and Classic Rock.

#### **Which festival**

- began because of a story told long ago?
- places restrictions on the admission of young visitors to one event?
- has a competition that involves preparing food for cooking?
- includes different kinds of music?
- gives advice on how to avoid accidents?
- has an event which can only be fully appreciated at night?