READING COMPREHENSION 9th form 2nd term

Bridges of Friendship

My name is Maksym, and I am fifteen years old. I live in Ukraine with my parents and my younger sister, Marichka. Our home is always full of laughter, warm discussions, and delicious Ukrainian food. For me, family and our local traditions are the most important things in life. They always make me happy.

Everything became more exciting last autumn when Sam joined our class. Sam's family had just moved to Ukraine from Bristol, a big city in Great Britain, because of his father's new job. At first, Sam looked lost and could not communicate well. My best friend and I decided to help him. We sat together at lunch and taught him some basic Ukrainian phrases.

To help Sam feel at home, my parents invited him to spend a weekend with us. We wanted to show him Ukrainian hospitality. My dad took us to a historical museum, and my mum cooked traditional varenyky and borsch. Sam loved it! He told us that in Britain he lived in a quiet suburb, but he found Ukrainian families very warm and special.

Sam also wanted to share his culture with us. He organized a "British Night" at his house. He prepared English tea with milk and baked delicious sweet scones. Sam showed us photos of Bristol, its famous suspension bridge, and colourful street art. We talked for hours about school, teenage life, and our dreams for the future.

Thanks to this, I realized that true friendship has no borders or language barriers. What started as helping a classmate became a strong friendship between our families. Learning about another country made us more open-minded. I am proud of my Ukrainian roots, and I am happy to have a British friend.

Task 1. Read the text and decide: True (T), False (F)

1. Maksym has a younger brother who loves cooking.
2. Sam's family moved to Ukraine because of his father's new job.
3. Sam could speak Ukrainian fluently when he first arrived.
4. Maksym's mum cooked traditional Ukrainian food for Sam.
5. Sam's family in Britain used to live in the center of London.
6. Sam's hometown, Bristol, is known for its colourful street art.

Task 2. Choose the best answer: A, B, or C.

1. What are the most important things in life for Maksym?

A) Learning foreign languages at school.

B) His family and local traditions.

C) Travelling to different towns in Ukraine.

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2. Why did Sam look lost during his first days at school?

A) He did not like his new teachers.

B) He could not communicate well in the new place.

C) He missed the rainy weather of Great Britain.

3. Where did Maksym's dad take the boys during the weekend?

A) To a local historical museum.

B) To a traditional Ukrainian restaurant.

C) To a football match in Bristol.

4. What did Sam prepare for his Ukrainian friends during the "British Night"?

A) Traditional British fish and chips.

B) English tea with milk and sweet scones.

C) A presentation about the Queen of Great Britain.

5. What did the teenagers discover during their long conversation?

A) They have completely different dreams and hobbies.

B) They want to move to another country immediately.

C) They share the same hobbies and values despite living in different countries.

6. What is the main message of the story?

A) Moving to another country is too difficult for teenagers.

B) True friendship can easily cross borders and language barriers.

C) Ukrainian and British school systems are completely identical.

Task 3. Fill in the missing words from the text. Write ONLY ONE word in each gap.

1. Maksym has a younger sister named Marichka, and their house is always full of _____.
2. Sam and his family came to Ukraine from a big British city called _____.
3. During the weekend, Maksym's mother prepared traditional borsch and _____ for their guest.
4. For the "British Night", Sam prepared English tea with _____.
5. The teenagers talked for hours and discovered that they share the same hobbies and _____.
6. Maksym realized that true friendship does not have any language _____.

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