



Read the text and mark the statements

1 (true), 2 (false) or 3 (not stated).

Back in the time. 1990s in Moscow

MOSCOW FLEA MARKET

In 1990s Izmaylovo Market was a famous open-air flea market located near the lovely Izmaylovo Park in Moscow and was one of the city's top tourist attractions.

The market covered an area of 3 km² and was constructed on three levels. The ground floor had got many stalls selling folk art and souvenirs including a huge range of colourful matryoshka dolls and other traditional wooden carvings and was very popular with tourists. Fur hats, linens, pottery, chess sets, toys and beautiful hand-made rugs from the Caucasus and Central Asia could also be bought there.

On the first floor of the market, one could find a range of old and second-hand products from cutlery or CDs to vintage cameras and other odds and ends while the top level houses a number of antiques and artwork dealers. One could find just about everything Russian at Izmaylovo Market and people say that prices on a lot of items were a lot lower than in the city centre.



There were also lots of food stalls serving fast food such as kebabs. Although the market was officially open every day from 9 am to 6 pm some sellers only came at the weekend. So, Saturday and Sunday was the best time to visit if you were looking for a bargain.

Izmaylovo Market was a great place to spend some time, have fun, and listen to buskers performing on the stage-set medieval palace just inside the entrance. Its beautiful surroundings also made it a great place to go for a walk with friends on a sunny day in Moscow.

1. Izmaylovo Market was the largest open-air market in Europe.
2. A lot of tourists visited the market.
3. All the things sold at the market were from Russia.
4. Products sold at the market tended to be cheaper than in the centre of Moscow.
5. The fast food sold at the market could be expensive.
6. The weekend was the best time to visit the market.