Read the texts. Say, if the statements below are TRUE, FALSE or NOT STATED.

The city of Oxford

The city of Oxford is like London. It is old and it is situated on the river Thames. Oxford is a beautiful and a very green city. Green fields and parks surround it. Green gardens with a lot of flowers and trees surround the colleges. The river Thames is situated quite near the city.

Oxford has existed since 912. The university was founded in the 12th century. Today it consists of 35 independent colleges and five "halls". Every year more than one thousand students from different countries enter Oxford University. The entrance exams are difficult. It is necessary to work hard to become a student of Oxford. The students have to pay for their studies.

The academic year in England has three terms which usually last from the beginning of October to the middle of December, from the middle of January to the end of March and from the middle of April to the end of June.

Exams take place at the end of each term. If a student fails in an exam, he may be allowed to take it again. Only two reexaminations are usually allowed.

The University of Oxford has a tutorial system of education: every student has a tutor who plans his work. Each week some students come to see him, they discuss different questions connected with their studies, they tell their tutor about the work they have done.

The students of Oxford spend their morning hours working. They have lectures and seminars or they study in the rooms. At two they have a dinner break which lasts till four. After tea they continue their studies.

The life of the students at Oxford is interesting. The university has many societies and clubs, enough for every interest. Almost all the students go in for some kind of sport.

1. Oxford is a green city because it is situated on the river Thames.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

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2. The university of Oxford was founded in the 10th century.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

3. To become a student of Oxford it is necessary to pass difficult entrance exams.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

4. The academic year in England has three terms.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

5. If a student fails in an exam he is allowed to retake it, but only twice.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

6. A tutor helps his students to choose some kind of sport to go in for.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Cambridge University

Cambridge University is the second-oldest university in the English-speaking world (after the University of Oxford) and the seventh-oldest in the world.

The story of Cambridge University begins in 1209 when several hundred students arrived in the little town of Cambridge after having walked 60 miles from Oxford. These students were all churchmen and had been studying in Oxford at that city's well-known schools. It was a hard life at Oxford for there was constant trouble, even fighting, between the citizens of the town and the students. Then one day a student accidentally killed a man of the town. The Mayor arrested three other students who were innocent and they were put to death. In protest, many students left Oxford, some of them went to Cambridge. And so the new University began.

It was Cambridge University. Of course, there were no Colleges in those early days and student life was very different from what it is now. Students were of all ages and came from anywhere and everywhere. Life in College was strict. Students were forbidden to play games, to sing (except sacred music), to hunt or fish or even to dance. Books were very rare and all the lessons were in the Latin language which students were supposed to speak even among themselves.

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In 1440 King Henry VI founded King's College, and other colleges followed.

Nowadays there are more than 30 different colleges, including five for women students and several mixed colleges, in the University. The number of students in colleges is different: from 30 to 400 or 500.

The training course lasts 4 years. The academic year is divided into 3 terms. The students study natural and technical sciences, law, history, languages, geography, medicine, economics, agriculture, music and many other subjects. After 3 years of study a student may proceed to a Bachelor's degree, and later to the degrees of Master and Doctor.

There are many ancient traditions that are still observed at Cambridge. Students are required to wear gowns at lectures, in the University library, in the street in the evening, for dinners in the colleges and for official visits. One more tradition is to use Latin during public ceremonies of awarding degrees.

All the students must pay for their education, examinations, books, laboratories, university hostel, the use of libraries. The cost is high. It depends on college and university speciality. Very few students get grants.

Many great men studied at Cambridge, for example, Bacon (the philosopher), Milton and Byron (the poets), Cromwell (the soldier), Newton (the outstanding physicist), Darwin (who is famous for his theory of evolution) and Kapitsa (the famous Russian physicist).

1. Cambridge University was started by the students of Oxford University.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

2. In early days of Cambridge University the students were taught in English.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

3. The first students of Cambridge University got only religious education.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

4. There are several female colleges in Cambridge University.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

5. The students of the University study Oriental languages.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

6. The students wear uniform in the University.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

7. The education at Cambridge University is free.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

8. There are famous scientists among the graduates of Cambridge University.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

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