Spotlight 7	Reading Task 7704

Read the text and mark the statements

True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).

Yevgeny Plyushchenko is a famous Russian figure skater. He is the 2006 Winter Olympics gold medalist and 2010 Winter Olympics silver medalist; three-time World champion and seven-time European champion.

Figure skating is a supreme sport, a marriage of athleticism with gracious movements. It is truly a spectator's event. Undoubtedly, two of the leading candidates for male figure skating have been the Russians, Evgeni Plyushchenko and Alexei Yagudin. Together they have changed the sport and reached new heights that will be difficult for future skaters to reach. Yevgeny Plyushchenko is a great talent who first experienced the joy of skating on ice at the young age of four He was taken under the wing of renowned ice-skating trainer, Alexei Mishin and won the World Junior Figure Skating championship at the age of 14. At the 2002 Olympics, Plyushchenko finished second to Yagudin. However, shortly afterwards Yagudin retired from competition. Plyushchenko went on to win all competitions, finishing second only twice. He is one of the most technically gifted skaters the world has ever known.

In 2006, Plyushchenko announced that he would take a break from competition to heal previous injuries. After a gap of over two years, and worried about the state of Russian Ice Skating, Plyushchenko returned to competition winning the Russian and the European Championships setting a world record score along the way. Plyushchenko has one of the most successful careers. Evgeni Plyushchenko and Alexei Yagudin have always competed with each other. However, their rivalry (соперничество) also played its part in making the two better skaters. The competition between the two stimulated the other to perform better and better as each tried to outdo his rival. Promising to win an Olympic "home" crown in Sochi 2014, Plyushchenko began his comeback this season after a second knee operation. "I still experience certain health problems but I hope I can cope with them," said Plyushchenko. "The Russian championship is a very important tournament for me and I hope to win it for the 10th time."

A. Yevgeny Plyushchenko has more medals than any other skater.

B. Plyushchenko has won two Olympic medals.

C. Figure skaters need to be strong but graceful at the same time.

D. Competition with other Russian skaters made Plyushchenko a weaker athlete.

E. Plyushchenko came into figure skating when he was a teenager.

F. Yevgeny Plyushchenko had to leave sport for some time because of injuries.

G. He returned to compete with American skaters.

H. Yevgeny Plyushchenko was planning to win the major winter competition despite operations on his knee.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

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