

Test 1.

I. Прослушайте интервью и решите, какие из следующих утверждений верны (T - true), неверны (F - false) или о них ничего не было сказано (NS - not stated)

1. United Press International is the only international news agency in the USA.
2. Reporters and news agencies from abroad use Associated Press and United Press International news materials.
3. The largest international agency in the world was organized in the previous century.
4. The US news agencies do not belong to the US Government.
5. American journalists try to keep apart the news itself and their opinions about it.
6. American journalists seldom sign¹ their news stories.



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

¹ to sign [saɪn] — подписывать

II. Прочтайте тексты и подберите к каждому заголовок (один заголовок - лишний).

- a) The Internet and Shopping
- b) A Habit Leading to Isolation
- c) A Threat to Firms and Companies
- d) The Possibilities of the Net
- e) Advantages and Disadvantages of the Internet

1. The Internet has lots of users. It has lately become extremely popular and is being applied by people of all ages and professions. With its help you can easily get the information you need for academic studies as well as for other purposes, shopping, for example. Besides you can get in touch with your friends in no time and socialize as long as you like. The Internet is also a source of entertainment. You can play games, download films and music either for free or at a very low price.

2. When you work on the computer, you are aware of all these advantages. But have you ever thought that for some people the same things may lead to great problems? Instead of going out to meet friends and relatives, such individuals prefer to stay at home and sit before their computers for hours often just wasting time. These people have little or no exercise and some of them even develop computer dependence. They prefer to chat online and have difficulties in real communication often leading to loneliness and psychological problems.

3. Thus we have to agree that the world of the Internet is not so perfect as it seems to be and as the advertisements say. It is true that on the Net the latest news and the information you need is available¹ to you when you are at home at any time. This is very convenient and fast. But with so much information available, it can take you quite a while to find what you really need. Besides there is so much advertising instead of real facts and true information. On the other hand, online shopping helps to save both time and money but often leads to the result you did not expect.

4. Nevertheless millions of people enjoy using the Internet. It's real fun to play computer games, to find new friends and to chat with old ones². But these are not the things people should do during their working hours. Yet, many Internet users do them. Computers have been installed³ in a great number of offices and it is next to impossible to make sure that all people there use their time properly. However, we all understand that modern life is not possible without the Internet.

PARAGRAPHS	1	2	3	4
TITLES				

EXTRA _____

III. Употребите глагол в нужной форме

1. Yesterday my glasses (find) _____ by one of the cleaners.
2. As I was driving to our cottage, I noticed that the road (rebuild) _____ in many places.
3. Where is Laura? — She (question) _____ by the police about the accident.
4. "Your drinks (bring) _____ in a minute," the manager said.
5. A lot of meetings (hold) _____ lately.
6. Rice (grow) _____ in China and some other Asian countries.

IV. Переведите

текущие новости	
унижение и стыд	
средства массовой информации	
угрожать моей жизни	
грубый ответ	