Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.



Every tourist who comes to New York visits the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building, and the Rockefeller Center . But few people ever see one of New York's most interesting sights, a small island located in the East River only 300 yards from Manhattan Island. The island has a rich history.

In 1637, the Dutch governor of New York bought the island from the Indians. It was used to raise hogs (pigs) and was called Hog Island. The name was after changed to Blackwell Island after being sold to the Blackwell family. It was purchased by the city of New York in 1828.

It soon became the place where the city only sent its homeless people– the poor, orphans and drug addicts. By 1934 conditions on the island had become so bad that the city decided to take action. From then on, things began to improve.

Today, Roosevelt Island, named after Franklin D. Roosevelt, is one of the most beautiful areas of the city. The old buildings are gone and so are the poor people who once lived there. There are many beautiful buildings, offices and shops there.

The best time to visit the island is in the late afternoon. From the southern tip of the island, you can see the sun go down as the lights of Manhattan come up across the water. You get a magical feeling – the feeling of being so near the heart of the city, and yet so far way.

1. Roosevelt Island is
   A one of the 3 main tourist attractions in New York.
   B not very frequently visited by tourists.
   C a shelter for homeless people.



2. In the 17th century the island was used as a
   A city prison.
   B place for raising pigs.
   C farm.

3. The city of New York bought the island from the
   A Blackwell family.
   B Indians.
   C Dutch governor.

4. All-in-all the name of the island has been changed
   A once.
   B twice.
   C thrice.

5 Roosevelt Island was the place where the city sent
   A the police.
   B the Indians.
   C the poor.