

*Задание В1 – В 7 Установите соответствие между заголовками 1–8 и текстами А–Г. Запишите свои ответы в таблицу. Используйте каждую цифру только один раз. В задании есть один лишний заголовок.*

1. National language
2. Freedom of media
3. Customs and traditions
4. Public transport
5. Geography
6. Leisure and sport
7. Modern history
8. Economic outlook

**A.** Lithuania is situated on the eastern Baltic coast and borders Latvia in the north, the Kaliningrad region of the Russian Federation and Poland in the southwest, and Belarus in the southwest and east. The geometrical centre of Europe lies in eastern Lithuania 25km north of its capital Vilnius. The landscape varies between lowland plains and hilly uplands and has a complex network of rivers.

**B.** Lithuania has historically been the least developed of the Baltic republics, with a smaller industrial base and greater dependence on agriculture. Sugar beet, cereals, potatoes and vegetables are the main crops. Lithuania's foreign trade has gradually changed during the 1990s, and now the European Union, not Russia, is its main trading partner.

**C.** Lithuanian is the mother tongue for 80% of the population. After the country joined the European Union in 2004 this language has become one of the EU official languages. Lithuania has a large number of dialects for such a small territory, including High Lithuanian and Low Lithuanian.

**D.** Lithuania offers different opportunities for a nice vacation. You can explore a range of large sand dunes and pine forests while hiking in the Curonian Spit National Park, take part in some action sports in Nida, a village that makes a true paradise for sailing, windsurfing, paragliding and kiting, or try out more extreme sports, such as hot-air ballooning and gliding.

**E.** Those who are interested in folklore may enjoy their stay in Lithuania in any season of the year. The Mardi Gras celebrations are held in various Lithuanian cities and small towns at the beginning of February. The Folklore Festival is held in Vilnius' Old Town during in May. There you can see craft fairs, taste traditional dishes, join song and parties and listen to psalms.

**F.** Lithuania's TV market is dominated by commercial channels. The radio market is similarly competitive. Lithuania's media are free and operate independently of the state, and there are no government-owned newspapers. However, politicians do occasionally attempt to influence editorial policy.

**G.** In cities and towns there are buses and trolleybuses, which usually run from 05.00 to 23.00, but times do vary between routes. You can't pay the fare to the driver in cash but you can buy coupons from him. Coupons can be also bought at news kiosks before boarding. Minibuses are less crowded but more expensive.

*Задание С 1 – С 5 Преобразуйте, если это необходимо, слово так, чтобы оно грамматически соответствовало содержанию текста.*

## Balloon Fiesta

If you love stories by Jules Verne and have always dreamt of going for a ride in a hot air balloon, England is the country for you. Every August England celebrates the \_\_\_\_\_ **BIG** hot air balloon festival in Europe. This is the day to congratulate our veterans many of whom \_\_\_\_\_ **PAY** for victory with their lives. But finally, becoming impatient, I turned to signal for service and saw the neon sign. That was the \_\_\_\_\_ **BAD** moment ...I discovered that I was sitting outside a store selling garden furniture. It \_\_\_\_\_ **BEGIN** in 1978 when Don Cameron decided to create an event that would help balloonists from all over the world to get together. It was a great idea. Before a rugby match, the "All Blacks" dance a special Maori war dance. The Maories are the New Zealand aborigines. It \_\_\_\_\_ **NOT MEAN** that all the players in the team are Maori but they all perform the dance.

*Задание C 6- C 11 Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски словами, напечатанными в правой колонке под цифрами 1–8. Каждое из этих слов может быть использовано только один раз. В ответе укажите цифры, под которыми значатся выбранные Вами слова. Два слова в этом списке 1–8 лишние.*

- 1) hot
- 2) across
- 3) near
- 4) constructed
- 5) recognized
- 6) different
- 7) patent
- 8) suitable

## Water skiing

One day a young man who lived C 6 \_\_\_\_\_ the lake in a small American town asked himself, "Why can't people ski on water if they can ski on snow?" With his brother's help he constructed several models of skis to test his ideas. He C 7 \_\_\_\_\_ on the local lake for a few days and created skis C 8 \_\_\_\_\_ for the water. This happened in 1922. The young man, who was only 18 at that time, didn't C 9 \_\_\_\_\_ his invention. However, he performed a lot of shows C 10 \_\_\_\_\_ the country that made him and the sport of water skiing popular. Later, he was C 11 \_\_\_\_\_ as the creator of a new sport – water skiing.

Water skiing equipment has been greatly improved since that time, and the number of people who enjoy this sport is growing in many countries.