Прочитайте текст и выполните задания.

Прочитайте текст. Определите, какие из приведённых утверждений ***13–19*** *соответствуют содержанию текста (****1 – True****), какие не соответствуют (****2 – False****) и о чём в тексте не сказано, то есть на основании текста нельзя дать ни положительного, ни отрицательного ответа (****3 – Not stated****). Запишите в поле ответа цифру* ***1, 2*** *или* ***3****, соответствующую выбранному Вами варианту ответа.*

Fish and chips

Long before the *Big Mac* was invented, Britain had its own national form of fast food – fish and chips (or *fish'n'chips* for short). *Fish'n'chips* was a relatively balanced and healthy meal that people could eat in the street on the way home from work, or during their lunch-break. Wrapped in newspaper, it would keep warm even on the coldest days of the year. Besides, serving *fish'n'chips* in newspaper helped to keep prices low.

No British town is more than 150 km from a sea port, and most are much closer. So when railways were built in the 19th century, fresh sea fish could easily be bought in all British towns. Cheaper than meat, sea fish became a popular source of protein. By 1870, *fish and chip shops* were opening all over the country and soon every town in Britain had its *fish'n'chip shops*. For a hundred years, they were a popular British style restaurant.

In the last quarter of the 20th century, things changed. "Fish and chips are not so popular with young people these days," says Lizzie, a teenager. "Most of the time, if young people want to eat out, they'll go to a Burger King or a Chinese take-away. Fish 'n' chips is a bit old-fashioned. But there are still cheap chip shops around. We sometimes have it at home, and we go and get it from the chip shop. It saves cooking!"

Thousands of chip shops have closed in the last twenty-five years. Some have been turned into Chinese or Indian take-aways, others have just closed. They have survived best in seaside towns, where the fish is really fresh, and people visit them more as a tradition than for any other reason.

Yet nothing, perhaps, can save the classic *fish'n'chip* shop from disappearance. *Fish'n'chips* wrapped in newspaper is already just a memory. European hygiene rules don't allow food to be wrapped in old newspapers, so today's chip shops use cardboard boxes. Of course, you can still eat fish and chips with your fingers if you want, but there are now plastic throw-away forks for people who do not want to get greasy fingers!

In spite of these changes, the classic *fish'n'chip* shop could disappear in a few years' time for another reason – lack of fish. For over ten years European agriculture ministers have been trying to solve the fish problem but with little success. As a result of industrial fishing, some types of fish are disappearing. Limits on the number of fish that can be caught have been introduced, but fishermen in Britain and other countries protest against them because jobs are lost. At some point, thousands of European fishermen could lose their jobs anyway, as there will be few fish left to catch. Soon sea fish will become rarer and, as a result, more expensive.

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The traditional *fish'n'chip* shops will certainly continue to reduce in number. Soon cheap *fish'n'chip* shops will be gone completely. Fish and chips, however, will survive as a high-priced specialty in some expensive restaurants. In the years to come, they may become the only place where you can try this traditional English dish.

Задание №1. Выберите правильный ответ.

Fish'n'chips became popular much earlier than Big Macs.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

Задание №2. Выберите правильный ответ.

Traditionally, only species of fish with white meat were used to make fish'n'chips.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

Задание №3. Выберите правильный ответ.

In the 19th century, in Britain, fish was more expensive than meat.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

Задание №4. Выберите правильный ответ.

According to Lizzie, today's young people prefer burgers to fish'n'chips.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

Задание №5. Выберите правильный ответ.

The number of fish'n'chip shops in Britain is rising steadily.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

Задание №6. Выберите правильный ответ.

New packaging has made *fish'n'chips* more popular.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

Задание №7. Выберите правильный ответ.

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In the near future there will be fewer places where people can try fish'n'chips.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

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