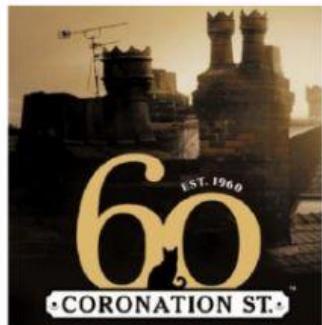


Europe's Longest Running Soap Opera

I. Read the text and answer the questions.

At 7 pm on 9th December 1960, a new program about an imaginary place called Weatherfield in the North of England was shown on British TV. The show was called *Florizel Street*, but later its name was changed to *Coronation Street*. It was written by 19 year old Tony Warren, who based it on his grandmother's neighborhood in the North West of England.



The program was about the people who lived in *Coronation Street*. Warren wrote twelve episodes for the first season. And, in case the series failed, he also wrote a final episode about a builder's plans to knock down the houses on the street and build something new.

To viewers' relief, this episode has never been shown. *Coronation Street* was an instant success. Over 6,000 episodes later, it's still the most popular "soap" in Britain. "*Corrie*", as many call it, is now shown five times weekly and about 9 million people watch each episode. There are *Coronation Street* web sites, fan clubs and chat rooms. Books have been written about it and it is even studied on university courses. Over the years *Corrie*'s actors have become famous, and many celebrities have appeared on the "the street", including members of the British royal family.

"*Corrie*" is not only shown in Britain. You can also watch it in Canada, Australia and Sweden... and really anywhere that satellite television reach.

1. Weatherfield is a town in the North of England.	RIGHT	WRONG	DOESN'T SAY
2. People did not like the name <i>Florizel Street</i> .	RIGHT	WRONG	DOESN'T SAY
3. The first episodes of <i>Coronation Street</i> were written by a teenager.	RIGHT	WRONG	DOESN'T SAY
4. Tony Warren still writes all the episodes of <i>Coronation Street</i> .	RIGHT	WRONG	DOESN'T SAY
5. 6,000 people watch each episode of <i>Coronation Street</i> .	RIGHT	WRONG	DOESN'T SAY
6. You can find information about <i>Coronation Street</i> on the Internet.	RIGHT	WRONG	DOESN'T SAY
7. Thanks to modern technology, people all over the world can watch " <i>Corrie</i> ".	RIGHT	WRONG	DOESN'T SAY
8. Members of the British royal family appear in every episode of the popular show.	RIGHT	WRONG	DOESN'T SAY