Spotlight 6 — Reading

Task 6708

Read the text and mark the statements

True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).

A philosophy professor stood in front of his class and had some things in front of him.

First, he began filling a large glass jar with rocks. The students agreed that the jar was full. So, the professor smiled and picked up a box of small pebbles (мелкие камешки, галька) and put them into the jar. The pebbles, of course, fell into the small spaces. Then the professor poured (высыпал) a box of sand into the jar, shook it, and the sand completely filled the jar.

Then he explained. "The jar represents your life," said the professor. "The rocks are the important things - your family, your religion, your health; if you lost everything else, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the smaller things that matter - your job, your house, your car. The sand represents the trivial things (мелочи). If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks, just like life.

Take care of the rocks first - the things that really matter. The rest is just sand." One student asked what a cup of coffee, which stands on the table, means. The Professor smiled and said: "Look, what happens!" then he poured the contents of the cup into the jar and the coffee was easily absorbed. "Now it's full", he said. "You know," the Professor continued, "the moral of the story is simple. No matter how full your life is, there is always room for a cup of coffee with a friend."

1. The Professor taught at an American university.

2. He filled the jar with water first.

3. His second step was to put some pebbles into the jar.

4. There was no space for the sand in the jar.

5. It took the Professor an hour to explain his experiment.

6. The glass jar meant the human life.

7. According to the Professor your job is more important than your health.

8. A family is one of the most important things in one's life.

9. If you fill your life with trivial things, you will have no time for big deeds.

10. One of the students offered the Professor a cup of coffee.

11. The coffee was strong and hot.

12. The story has no moral.

13. Even busy people should find time for a cup of coffee with a friend.

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