

Прочитайте тексты и установите соответствие между текстами и их заголовками: к каждому тексту, обозначенному буквами А–G, подберите соответствующий заголовок, обозначенный цифрами 1–8. Используйте каждую цифру **только один раз**. В задании есть **один лишний заголовок**.

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| 1. Generation gap | 5. Conflicts with friends |
| 2. Attractive but unhealthy | 6. Parents' ambitions |
| 3. Youth movements and societies | 7. Are teenagers happy? |
| 4. Always busy | 8. They want to earn and spend |

- A. The age between 14 and 17 is often considered to be one of the best periods in a person's life. Grown-ups remember it with excitement and happiness. The wish they were teenagers again. However, most teenagers won't agree with this point of view if they were asked. They're sure that they are facing a lot of difficult problems and that's quite true.
- B. Smoking has become one of the most important problems for modern teenagers. About 40 percent of teenagers are attracted by the bright cigarette advertisement. It seems they just don't realize the harm it does to their health, because advertisements show smoking as something positive. They really believe that smoking will make them look like they're cool and grown-up.
- C. In fact, teenagers have got a lot of work. They're busy with their studies, household chores, some of them have jobs. They can't even find a moment to entertain themselves at times. It's a more serious problem especially for those who are responsible and want to be successful students and good children.
- D. The problem number one for most young people is between fathers and sons. All young people want to be independent, they want their parents to listen to their opinion. As for parents, they want to control their children's lives. At the same time some parents can't find a common language with their kids and simply don't pay enough attention to them.
- E. They say that all teenagers want to have a lot of money to dress well, to go to theatres, to visit foreign countries, to eat what they want and to buy books. But how can they do all these things? They have to get some money and it's possible to do it. Some teenagers wash cars, others sell newspapers, help elderly people and babysit.
- F. School ages are also very difficult. Children are always stressed because of their marks at school. It seems to teenagers that they do a lot of homework, but mothers and fathers are never satisfied. They want their children to have the highest marks at school. Teenagers do their best, but adults are never happy. They always want more.
- G. There are many organizations which unite young people. Teenagers get together because of common interests and beliefs. Members of every organisations have their own attitudes to the world. There are some informal clubs, for example: emos, hippies, punks, and so on. However, some teenagers choose to join more serious groups like Greenpeace.

Запишите в таблицу выбранные цифры под соответствующими буквами.

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Прочитайте текст. Определите, какие из приведённых утверждений **10–17** 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**). В поле ответа запишите одну цифру, которая соответствует номеру правильного ответа.

Christmas Tree Memories

My name is Ted. I grew up in the 50s, but my childhood memories are still alive. The most pleasant of them is the family Christmas tree. Besides my mum and dad, there were five children in the family. We all took part in decorating the Christmas tree, one way or another. It was a special time for me as dad took us for a trip to the winter forest.

The experience was special as only boys were allowed to go to the countryside to pick out the tree. At the age of five I felt proud to be in a man's adventure. I remember walking through the forest with dad looking for the perfect, large tree. We had a tall ceiling in the living room, so a small tree did not look right there.

At the age of five, even a small tree seemed great to me. To measure a tree I raised my hands above my head and looked up. If I could reach the top of the tree I thought it was big enough. Dad, however, always chose the perfect tree very carefully.

Once he had made his choice, he took out an axe to cut down the tree. I wanted to help my dad and brothers, but they always told me to stand back. When the cutting began, I tried to hold the tree up. I was afraid the tree would fall on them and I felt strong enough to hold it.

After the tree was down we took it to the car and went back home. I don't remember how we got that large tree through the door, but it was always right. Then dad got the tree to stand up and we could start the decorating. The tree, the boxes with decorations and a tall ladder took up the whole room.

All the family took part as mum gave everyone a task. I had to pass the decorations. What I liked best about the Christmas tree was the lights. After everybody else had left I stayed in the room and watched the lights travelling up and down the Christmas tree.

Dad had one more special job that day. Mum took her favourite ornament, a lighted angel, which she had got as a present from her family. Dad climbed up the ladder and fixed the angel at the top of the Christmas tree. When I looked at the angel, I thought Santa was close to my house.

Everyone was ready to celebrate Christmas. The decorated shining tree was so big that it nearly touched the ceiling. I felt I was a small part of a big adventure. The last few years we lived in that house the trips to the forest with dad ceased. We bought an artificial tree instead.

Ted's family had a tradition of decorating the Christmas tree together.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

When Ted's father went to choose their Christmas tree, Ted stayed at home.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ted's family lived in a small town.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ted's father always chose a tall tree for Christmas.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Ted's mother preferred the Christmas decorations created by her children.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

A lighted angel was Ted's favourite Christmas decoration.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

There was a star on the top of the Christmas tree in Ted's house.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Finally the family stopped having a live Christmas tree.

- 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

Вы проводите информационный поиск в ходе выполнения проектной работы. Определите, в каком из текстов A–F содержатся ответы на интересующие Вас вопросы 1–7. Один из вопросов останется без ответа. Занесите Ваши ответы в таблицу.

1. What is the most unusual way to get to church on Christmas night?
 2. Who can bring Christmas presents instead of Santa?
 3. Why is the first guest on Christmas Day so important?
 4. What creature helped to decorate a Christmas tree?
 5. What transport does Santa use in warm countries?
 6. How do people celebrate Christmas in hot climate?
 7. Why is Christmas celebrated on another date in this country?
- A.** For people who live in the northern hemisphere, the thought of celebrating Christmas with great heat and bright sun seems strange and exotic. But in Australia, where the holiday falls in summer, it's completely normal. Though most of the traditions of celebrating Christmas in Australia are the same as in European countries, there is still a little variation. On Christmas Day, most Australians have the holiday midday dinner outside. The dinner is often followed by some backyard cricket or a swim in the pool.
- B.** In Italy, children do not ask Santa Claus for presents. In their country an ugly, yet kind old witch named Befana performs Santa's duties. The witch flies around the world on her broomstick and enters the houses down the chimney. She delivers toys, clothing and candy to well-behaved children and puts coal – or dark candy – in bad kids' socks.
- C.** An ancient legend tells us about children from a poor family. Unfortunately, their parents could not afford any Christmas decorations and the kids were upset. However, on Christmas morning when the children woke up, they saw that spiders had spun webs of shiny silk around the tree's branches. The sun turned each thread into silver and gold. Even nowadays in Europe people decorate their trees with spider webs to welcome good luck.
- D.** Different celebrations take place over Christmas in Scotland. One of the most important traditions is called First-Footing. Once midnight strikes, all eyes await the arrival of the year's first visitor. The person who crosses the home's threshold first is said to bring good fortune for the year ahead. Top of the lucky list: a male, dark-haired visitor. Women or blonde men are believed to be unlucky.
- E.** According to tradition, on Christmas Eve some Russian people don't eat anything until the first star has appeared in the sky. In Russia, Christmas is celebrated on the 7th of January, not on the 25th of December like in most other countries. The different date of the holiday is because the Orthodox Church uses the old 'Julian' calendar for religious celebration days.
- F.** Like in most countries the locals of Venezuela, especially in their capital city, Caracas, go to church on Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of Jesus. However, in Caracas, people of all ages don't just walk to church, they usually roller skate to church. The streets of Caracas are closed to vehicles up to 8am on Christmas Day to make way for their citizens who use roller skates to travel to and from church.

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