

Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

For company and conversation the English go to the pub, In the cafes you can have only coffee, tea and soft drinks. You go to a cafe for a meal or for a quick cup of tea, but not to sit and watch the world go by. When you want to rest after a day's work, you go to the public house.

Most pubs have a piano and on Saturday night the customers often sit round it and sing. The people who want to sing ask one of the customers to play the piano. They buy drinks for the pianist, that is the custom. When he stops he becomes an ordinary customer again.

The pub is the place where you meet people. You get to know other “regulars", and you talk. You talk about the weather or how the English cricket players are doing in the match against Australia, about football or Parliament. But the regulars who meet there almost every night for years never go into each other's homes.

On Saturday people usually stay in the pub till closing time. In England the opening hours are fixed by law. Pubs open at ten in the morning and close at two o'clock. Then they open again at six and stay open until ten-thirty. At Easter, or Christmas, or the New Year, the landlord may ask the authorities to keep open longer.

1. Pubs differ from cafes by
   - A better meal and drinks.
   - B cozy and friendly atmosphere.
   - C lower prices.

2. In most pubs... plays the piano.
   - A the landlord
   - B a fee-paid pianist
   - C one of the customers

3. In the pub customers
   - A play football.
   - B discuss many topics.
   - C don't know other people.

4. The regulars of the pubs
   - A never invite each other to their places.
   - B meet both at their homes and in the pubs.
   - C play cricket together.

5. Pubs are
   - A open at weekends only.
   - B open all day long.
   - C closed from 2 to 6 pm.