*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. **In what country is the Wimbledon tournament held?**
2. **What was the first Wimbledon tournament like?**
3. **Do the Wimbledon players use an indoor or outdoor court?**
4. **Does playing in Wimbledon require any special skills?**
5. **What is the dress code for Wimbledon's players?**
6. **Are the Wimbledon tournament tickets expensive?**
7. **What is the prize for the Wimbledon winner?**

A. Apart from being dependent on the weather conditions, Wimbledon Centre Court has got another peculiarity which the players need to be aware of long before the tournament. Wimbledon is the only major tennis championship played on a grass court, the original surface for the game of tennis, while most players are trained on hard and clay courts. Grass court tennis is quite different from tennis on other surfaces. To be successful, the players need to use special techniques.

B. Wimbledon is considered to be the most prestigious tennis tournament in the world. It traditionally begins on the Monday that falls between June 20th and 26th each year. The first tournament was held in 1877 in Wimbledon, which is a district in southwest London, Great Britain. Since that year, the place has never been changed and Wimbledon became world famous as home to the main tennis championships.

C. Wimbledon matches are often interrupted and postponed for days because of rain! Delayed tennis matches cause inconvenience for both players and spectators. The players have to go on and off the court many times and it is often uncertain when play will continue. Fortunately, in 2009 a roof was installed over Wimbledon Centre Court so that at least all the matches on this court can be completed on rainy days!

D. The Wimbledon tournaments are attended by many noble spectators including the British Royal Family. The Wimbledon champions become world celebrities and of course they are awarded accordingly. The champions get money prizes and so-called trophies. For Gentlemen's singles it is a silver gilt cup, for Ladies' singles the trophy is a sterling silver salver, which looks like a beautiful ornamented dish, and is commonly called the Rosewater Dish.

E. The winner of the first Wimbledon event was Spencer Gore, who said that the tournament would not continue for long. And he had a reason to say that! The aim of the competition was to raise money for charity and only 22 male tennis players participated in it. The tennis game was held in a garden and was watched by a small number of people. Fortunately, Spencer Gore was mistaken — nowadays, the Wimbledon tournament is watched by millions of fans!

F. The Wimbledon tournament is not only a major sports event but a very important social event too, with strict traditions. Strawberry and cream for spectators is one of the musts. Another thing which the organisers of the tournament take very seriously is the issue of clothes. All tennis players are required to wear all-white or almost all-white clothing. The players have to send a sample of their clothing for approval at least 90 days before the tournament.

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