

ТЕСТ ПО АНГЛИЙСКИ ЕЗИК ЗА VII КЛАС

LISTENING COMPREHENSION – TRANSCRIPTS

Listening A

**Directions:** *You will hear a text about **the game of chess** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **1 minute** to read the questions **1 – 5**. While listening for the first time, you can look at the statements, but you are not allowed to take notes. After you hear the whole text, you will have **1 minute** to answer the questions, choosing the answer **A, B, or C**. Then you will hear the text again and will have **2 minutes** to check your answers.*

The game of chess was first played many centuries ago in China, India and Persia. The name “chess” comes from the Persian word “shah”, which means “king”. Later, the Arabs learned chess from the Persians and brought the game with them when they invaded Spain. From Spain, chess quickly spread all over Europe. This was about one thousand years ago.

The Europeans gave the names of the chess pieces we know today, which are Castle, Knight, Bishop, King, Queen and Pawn. It was probably difficult to pronounce and spell the original Persian names for the chess pieces, so they modernized them to fit in the way they lived in Europe. Today, they do not sound like very modern names but imagine for a moment that we were living several hundred years ago. From the castle window we might see **pawns** – the servants working in the field, or a **bishop** coming out from a nearby church, and a **king** and **queen** might appear somewhere. The way the chess pieces look, where they are placed on the chessboard, the way in which they move, even their names, all look like a very old picture.

## Listening B

**Directions:** *You will hear a story about a **journalist** twice. Before you listen to it, you have **1 minute** to read the questions **6 – 10**. While listening for the first time, you can look at the statements, but you are not allowed to take notes. After you hear the whole text, you will have **1 minute** to answer the questions, choosing the answer **A, B, or C**. Then you will hear the text again and will have **2 minutes** to check your answers.*

Last year a well-known magazine asked a journalist to write an article about the president's palace in a foreign country. When the article arrived, the editor read the first sentence and then refused to publish it. The article began: "Hundreds of steps lead to the high wall which surrounds the president's palace." The editor at once sent the journalist an e-mail to instruct him to find out the exact number of the steps.

The journalist immediately started to collect these important facts, but it took a long time to send them. Meanwhile, the editor was getting impatient about the waiting, because the magazine had to go to press soon. He sent the journalist two more urgent e-mails, but received no answer. So the editor published the article as it was.

A week later, the editor at last received an e-mail from the journalist. The poor journalist was arrested and was sent to prison while he was counting the 1084 steps leading to the president's palace.