

Раздел 2. Чтение

B2

*Установите соответствие между заголовками А – Д и текстами 1 – 7. Занесите свои ответы в таблицу. Используйте каждую букву **только один раз**. В задании один заголовок лишний.*

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

1. A group of university students from Brazil have been given the job of discovering and locating all the waterfalls in their country. It is not easy because very often the maps are not detailed. The students have to remain in water for long periods of time. Every day they cover a distance of 35 to 40 kilometers through the jungle, each carrying 40 kilos of equipment.

2. For many years now, mail-order shopping has served the needs of a certain kind of customers. Everything they order from a catalogue is delivered to their door. Now, though, e-mail shopping on the Internet has opened up even more opportunities for this kind of shopping.

3. Another generation of computer fans has arrived. They are neither spotty schoolchildren nor intellectual professors, but pensioners who are learning computing with much enthusiasm. It is particularly interesting for people suffering from arthritis as computers offer a way of writing nice clear letters. Now pensioners have discovered the Internet and at the moment they make up the fastest growing membership.

4. Shopping centres are full of all kinds of stores. They are like small, self-contained towns where you can find everything you want. In a large centre, shoppers can find everything they need without having to go anywhere else. They can leave their cars in the shopping centre car park and buy everything in a covered complex, protected from the heat, cold or rain.

5. Not many people know that, back in the fifties, computers were very big, and also very slow. They took up complete floors of a building, and were less powerful, and much slower than any of today's compact portable computers. At first, the data they had to process and record was fed in on punched-out paper; later magnetic tape was used, but both systems were completely inconvenient.

6. Potholing is a dull name for a most interesting and adventurous sport. Deep underground, on the tracks of primitive men and strange animals who have adapted to life without light, finding unusual landscapes and underground lakes, the potholer lives an exciting adventure. You mustn't forget, though, that it can be quite dangerous. Without the proper equipment you can fall, get injured or lost.

7. Substantial remains of an octagonal Roman bath house, probably reused as a Christian baptistry, have been uncovered during a student training excavation near Faversham in Kent. The central cold plunge pool was five metres across, and stood within a structure which also had underfloor heating and hot pools, probably originally under a domed roof.

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B3

Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски 1 – 6 частями предложений, обозначенными буквами А – G. Одна из частей в списке А – G лишняя. Занесите букву, обозначающую соответствующую часть предложения, в таблицу.

Before the Hubble Space Telescope was launched, scientists thought they knew the universe. They were wrong.

The Hubble Space Telescope has changed many scientists' view of the universe. The telescope is named after American astronomer Edwin Hubble, **1** _____.

He established that many galaxies exist and developed the first system for their classifications.

In many ways, Hubble is like any other telescope. It simply gathers light. It is roughly the size of a large school bus. What makes Hubble special is not what it is, **2** _____.

Hubble was launched in 1990 from the "Discovery" space shuttle and it is about 350 miles above our planet, **3** _____.

It is far from the glare of city lights, it doesn't have to look through the air, **4** _____.

And what a view it is! Hubble is so powerful it could spot a fly on the moon.

Yet in an average orbit, it uses the same amount of energy as 28 100-watt light bulbs. Hubble pictures require no film. The telescope takes digital images **5** _____.

Hubble has snapped photos of storms on Saturn and exploding stars. Hubble doesn't just focus on our solar system. It also peers into our galaxy and beyond. Many Hubble photos show the stars that make up the Milky Way galaxy. A galaxy is a city of stars.

Hubble cannot take pictures of the sun or other very bright objects, because doing so could "fry" the telescope's instruments, but it can detect infrared and ultra violet light **6** _____.

Some of the sights of our solar system that Hubble has glimpsed may even change the number of planets in it.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.
- F.
- G.

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Прочитайте рассказ и выполните задания A15 – A21, обводя цифру 1, 2, 3 или 4, соответствующую номеру выбранного вами варианта ответа.

Sometimes my father scares me. He can tackle something he knows nothing about, and nine times out of ten, it will come out all right. It's pure luck, of course, but try convincing him. "Frame of Mind," he says. "Just believe you can do a thing, and you'll do it." "Anything?" I asked. "Some day your luck will run out. Then see what good your Frame of Mind will do," I said.

Believe me, I am not just being a smart alec. It so happens that I have actually tried Frame of Mind myself. The first time was the year I went all out to pass the civics final. **I had to go all out**, on account of I had not cracked a book all year. I really crammed, and all the time I was cramming I was concentrating on Frame of Mind. Just believe you can do a thing – sure. I made the lowest score in the history of Franklin High. "Thirty-three percent," I said, showing my father the report card. "There's your Frame of Mind for you." He put it on the table without looking at it. "You have to reach a certain age and understanding," he explained. "That's the key to Frame of Mind." "Yeah? What does a guy do in the meantime?" "Maybe you should study. Some kids learn a lot that way."

That was my first experience with Frame of Mind. My latest one was for a promotion at the Austin Clothing Store. Jim Watson had a slightly better sales

record and was more knowledgeable and skillful. Me, I had Frame of Mind. Jim Watson got the job. Did this convince my father? It did not. To convince him, something had to happen. To him, I mean. Something did happen, too, at the Austin Clothing Store. My father works there, too. What happened was that Mr Austin paid good money for a clever Easter window display. It's all set up and we're about to draw the curtain when we discover the display lights won't work. I can see Mr Austin growing pale. He is thinking of the customers that could go right by his store in the time it will take him to get hold of an electrician.

This is when my father comes on the scene. "Is something the matter?" he says. "Oh, hello, Louis," Mr Austin says. He calls my father "Louis." Me, Joe Conklin – one of his best salesmen – he hardly knows. My father, a stock clerk, he calls "Louis." Life isn't always fair. "These darned lights won't work." "H'mm, I see," my father says. "Maybe I can be of service." From inside his pocket comes a screwdriver. Mr Austin looks at him. "Can you help us, Louis?" "No, he cannot," I volunteer. "You think he's Thomas Edison?" I don't intend to say that. It just slips out. "Young man, I was addressing your father," Mr Austin says, giving me a cold hard look. My father touches something with his screwdriver and the display lights go on.

What happened next was that the big safe in Mr Austin's office got jammed shut with all our paychecks in it. From nowhere comes my father. "Is something the matter?" he says. "The safe, Louis," Mr Austin is saying. "It won't open, I was going to send for you." "H'mm, I see," my father says. "Can you help us, Louis?" Mr Austin inquires. I start to say he cannot, but I stop myself. If my father wants to be a clown, that's his business. "What is the combination of this safe?" my father says. Mr Austin whispers the combination in my father's ear. Armed with the combination, he starts twirling the knob. I can't believe it: grown men and women standing hypnotized, expecting that safe door to open. And while they stand there, the safe door opens.

"Go ahead, say it was luck, my opening the safe today," my father says. "OK," I reply. Then I tell him what I saw in the faces of those people in Mr Austin's office: confidence and trust and respect. "The key to Frame of Mind is you have to use it to give support to those who need it when there's no one else to save the situation. Otherwise it will not work."