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## INTRODUCTION

Основная цель пособия – повторение и закрепление лексического и грамматического материала на основе тестов, с помощью которых студенты одновременно смогут познакомиться с социокультурными реалиями России, Великобритании и США. Представленные тесты охватывают различные сферы деятельности общества (экономика, политика, социальная сфера, образование и культура).

Данное пособие состоит из 4 разделов:

1. THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
2. THE UNITED KINGDOM
3. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
4. FINAL TEST

Данные тесты выполняют функцию тематического и итогового контроля и определяют степень усвоения учебного материала студентами, а также позволяют выявить пробелы для коррекции знаний по лингвострановедению России, Соединенного Королевства и США.

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**THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Choose the correct answer from choices listed below:

## Test № 1

**1. What is the capital of Russia?**

- a) St. Petersburg
- b) Moscow
- c) Samara

**2. The population of the Russian Federation is:**

- a) 146 million
- b) 120 million
- c) 162 million

**3. The Russian Federation is situated in ... and in ... .**

- a) Europe, Ural
- b) Siberia, Asia
- c) Europe, Asia

**4. The first Russian Tsar:**

- a) Rurik
- b) Peter I
- c) Ivan the Terrible

**5. Children in Russia must go to school at the age of ... .**

- a) 5
- b) 6,5–7
- c) 8

**6. What is the biggest river in Russia?**

- a) the Lena
- b) the Volga
- c) the Ob

**7. Moscow ... in 1147.**

- a) was founded
- b) is founded
- c) was found

**8. Who founded Moscow?**

- a) Yuri Dolgoruky
- b) Rurik
- c) Prophetic Oleg

**9. The dominant religion on the territory of Russia:**

- a) Islam
- b) Buddhism
- c) Christianity

**10. Russia is: (from the constitution).**

- a) a democratic federal state governed by the rule of law with a republican form of government
- b) a totalitarian federal state with an absolute monarchy
- c) a federal state with moderate power (monarchy)

**11. The Russo-Japanese War took place in:**

- a) 1904–1905
- b) 1810–1812
- c) 1700–1721

**12. Which city is not a millionaire?**

- a) Omsk
- b) Saratov
- c) Chelyabinsk

**13. What is the central square in Moscow?**

- a) the Lenin Square
- b) the Red Square
- c) the Trafalgar Square

**14. When the USSR collapsed?**

- a) 1990
- b) 1991
- c) 1989

**15. The head of the state is the ... .**

- a) President
- b) Prime Minister
- c) State Duma

## Test № 2

**1. Who was the last monarch in Russia and abdicated?**

- a) Elizabeth II
- b) Paul I
- c) Nicholas II

**2. Who accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany's troops in 1945?**

- a) Zhukov
- b) Stalin
- c) Molotov

**3. What is the most famous museum in Moscow?**

- a) the Tretyakov Gallery
- b) the Hermitage
- c) the Art Theatre

**4. How many seas washes Russia?**

- a) 13
- b) 14
- c) 12

**5. The baptism of Russia took place at:**

- a) Vladimir I
- b) Ivan Kalita
- c) Peter I

**6. Where is the largest amount of minerals?**

- a) in the Urals
- b) in Siberia
- c) at the bottom of the seas and oceans

**7. When was the current Russian flag adopted?**

- a) 2001
- b) 1995
- c) 1991

**8. What countries does Russia border?**

- a) Sweden, Denmark, Belgium
- b) Romania, Austria, Slovakia
- c) Finland, Poland, China

**9. What is the highest mountain in our country?**

- a) Mount Beluga
- b) Mount Elbrus
- c) Mount Kazbek

**10. Russia belongs to:**

- a) backward countries
- b) to developing countries
- c) to developed countries

**11. What place does Russia occupy in terms of territory?**

- a) the first
- b) second
- c) fourth

**12. The first President:**

- a) Khrushchev
- b) Brezhnev
- c) Yeltsin

**13. In 2014 our country hosted the Olympics. In which city did it take place?**

- a) Sochi
- b) Moscow
- c) St. Petersburg

**14. Where the Church of the Intercession on the Nerl was built?**

- a) Novgorod
- b) Suzdal
- c) Vladimir

**15. What countries do not border Russia?**

- a) Latvia, Poland, Lithuania
- b) Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Norway
- c) France, Germany, Spain

## Test № 3

**1. What is the official name of our country?**

- a) The Russian Union
- b) The Federation of Russia
- c) The Russian Federation

**2. How many seas wash our country?**

- a) 10 seas
- b) 11 seas
- c) 12 seas

**3. The head of the government is the ... .**

- a) President
- b) Prime Minister
- c) Federal Assembly

**4. Which organizations does Russia belong to? (several options are possible):**

- a) BRICS
- b) NATO
- c) UN
- d) OSCE

**5. Decide which of the following sentences are false.**

- a) Russia borders many countries.
- b) The area of Russia is not large.
- c) Moscow is a political centre where the government of our country works.

**6. There are different ... zones in our country.**

- a) region
- b) month
- c) climatic

**7. What tree is a symbol of Russia?**

- a) a birch
- b) an oak
- c) a fir tree

**8. When Russia became known as the Empire?**

- a) under Peter I
- b) under Ivan the Terrible
- c) under Catherine I

**9. The Russian Federation is situated on two ... .**

- a) mountains
- b) plains
- c) fields

**10. The .... branch of the Federal Government is represented by the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court and regional courts.**

- a) executive
- b) judicial
- c) legislative

**11. Two-headed eagle is a ... of Russia.**

- a) coat of arms
- b) hymn
- c) herb

**12. What is the most famous street in Moscow?**

- a) Arbat
- b) Lenina
- c) Sadovaya

**13. Who is considered the greatest Russian poet?**

- a) Anna Pavlova
- b) Alexander Pushkin
- c) Andrei Tarkovsky

**14. How many letters are in the Russian alphabet?**

- a) 32
- b) 33
- c) 34

**15. What is the deepest lake in the world?**

- a) Lake Seliger
- b) Lake Ladoga
- c) Lake Baikal

Test № 4

**1. What is the territory of Russia?**

- a) 15 million square kilometres
- b) 17 million square kilometres
- c) 16 million square kilometres

**2. What mountain chain separates Europe from Asia?**

- a) the Caucasian
- b) the Carpathian
- c) the Urals

**3. In what year did Yuri Gagarin become the first man in space?**

- a) 1956
- b) 1961
- c) 1964

**4. Which Russian leader founded St. Petersburg, and moved the Russian capital there?**

- a) Catherine the Great
- b) Nicholas II
- c) Peter the Great

**5. Which Russian bank note features a picture of the Bolshoi Theatre?**

- a) 50 rouble note
- b) 100 rouble note
- c) 500 rouble note

**6. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky was a famous ... .**

- a) poet
- b) general
- c) composer

**7. Who wrote «War and Peace»?**

- a) Nikolai Gogol
- b) Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- c) Leo Tolstoy

**8. What is the longest river in our country?**

- a) the Lena
- b) the Yenisei
- c) the Volga

**9. Who governs the country (de jure) and is the only source of power?**

- a) President
- b) the Prime Minister
- c) Multinational people

**10. What is the biggest island in Russia?**

- a) Island Sakhalin
- b) Island Wrangel
- c) White island

**11. What kind of mineral resources are in Russia?**

- a) coal, oil
- b) gold
- c) all of the above

**12. Who imported potatoes to Russia?**

- a) Catherine II
- b) Peter I
- c) Paul I

**13. Russia borders with:**

- a) Argentina
- b) Brazil
- c) China

**14. When the Russian Empire ceased to exist?**

- a) 1920
- b) 1917
- c) 1923

**15. In the independent schools education is ... .**

- a) free
- b) cheap
- c) expensive

**THE UNITED KINGDOM**

Choose the correct answer from choices listed below:

## Test № 1

**1. What is the capital of Great Britain?**

- a) Edinburgh
- b) Boston
- c) London

**2. How many parts does Great Britain contain?**

- a) 4
- b) 3
- c) 2

**3. What is the English flag called?**

- a) Union Patric
- b) Union Jack
- c) Union and Crosses

**4. Who is the Head of State in Britain?**

- a) the Mayor
- b) the Queen
- c) the Prime Minister

**5. What is the river in London?**

- a) Thames
- b) London
- c) Avon

**6. They say the Loch Ness Monster lives in a lake in ... .**

- a) Scotland
- b) Wales
- c) Ireland

**7. What is Big Ben?**

- a) a clock
- b) a bell
- c) a tower

**8. The traditional English dance is called ... .**

- a) the Morris dance
- b) the Harrods dance
- c) the Lowland dance

**9. "Seven sisters" are...**

- a) colleges
- b) monasteries
- c) towers

**10. What river is the longest in Great Britain?**

- a) the Severn
- b) the Thames
- c) the Ooz

**11. What competition is held between Oxford and Cambridge every year?**

- a) Rowing
- b) Equestrian
- c) Tennis

**12. What is the British emergency service phone number ... ?**

- a) 911
- b) 999
- c) 118

**13. The capital of Canada is ... .**

- a) Ottawa
- b) Quebec
- c) Toronto

**14. The British money is ... .**

- a) franks
- b) dollars
- c) pounds

**15. Margaret Thatcher was ... .**

- a) Queen of Britain
- b) British Prime Minister
- c) leader of the Labour party

Test № 2

**1. Elisabeth II lives in ... .**

- a) the Tower of London
- b) Buckingham Palace
- c) Westminster Palace

**2. The traditional English drink is ... .**

- a) coffee
- b) tea
- c) cocoa

**3. What is Britain separated from the Continent by?**

- a) the English Channel
- b) the Persian Gulf
- c) the Suez Canal

**4. Guy Fawkes is ... .**

- a) a national hero of Britain
- b) a famous historian
- c) the man that wanted to set fire to the House of Parliament

**5. The midday meal in Britain is called ... .**

- a) breakfast
- b) lunch
- c) dinner

**6. What is the most ancient monument in Great Britain?**

- a) the Lower West Gate
- b) Stonehenge
- c) Hadrian's Wall

**7. The oldest university in Britain is ... .**

- a) London
- b) Cambridge
- c) Oxford

**8. What is the emblem of Wales?**

- a) Rose
- b) Leek
- c) Thistle

**9. The UK is bordered to the south by ... .**

- a) the Irish Sea
- b) the English Channel
- c) the North Sea

**10. The highest peak in Great Britain is ... .**

- a) Snowdon in Wales
- b) Scafell Pike in England
- c) Ben Nevis in Scotland

**11. The plant symbolizing Ireland is ... .**

- a) leek
- b) shamrock
- c) daffodil

**12. ... was the longest reigning British monarch.**

- a) Edward III
- b) Queen Elizabeth I
- c) Queen Victoria

**13. The capital of Scotland is ... .**

- a) Cardiff
- b) Edinburgh
- c) Belfast

**14. What London street is famous for shops?**

- a) Oxford Street
- b) Fleet Street
- c) Lombard Street

**15. What's tartan?**

- a) a dish
- b) a pattern of the kilt
- c) a bird

## Test № 3

**1. Where is Glasgow situated?**

- a) in Scotland
- b) in Wales
- c) in England

**2. What's the name of the London underground?**

- a) Metro
- b) Tube
- c) Subway

**3. The official birthday of Great Britain`s Queen is on ... .**

- a) the 23rd of April
- b) the 21st of April
- c) the 17th of April

**4. Darts is a very popular ... game.**

- a) pub
- b) office
- c) school

**5. These newspapers are published in Great Britain ... .**

- a) the Times
- b) the Christian Science Monitor
- c) the Washington Post

**6. The UK is ... .**

- a) a republic
- b) a constitutional monarchy
- c) a federal republic

**7. The heart of Britain is ... .**

- a) England
- b) Wales
- c) Scotland

**8. The busiest and the most important river in GB, which is called "Father ..." is ... .**

- a) the Severn
- b) the Thames
- c) the Clyde

**9. The official date of Remembrance Day in Great Britain is on ... .**

- a) the 10th of December
- b) the 9th of December
- c) the 11th of November

**10. The head of the UK is ... .**

- a) the president
- b) the queen or a king
- c) the prime minister

**11. The British like ... .**

- a) to wear their national dress
- b) to discuss private life
- c) quiet polite behavior

**12. The UK is situated on ... .**

- a) the south-western coast of Europe
- b) the west coast of Europe
- c) the north-western coast of Europe

**13. The population of the UK is ... .**

- a) over 57 mln people
- b) over 70 mln people
- c) over 50 mln people

**14. The easiest way to guess the class of a person is ... .**

- a) to count his money
- b) to listen to his speech
- c) to see his living place

**15. The national bird of the UK is ... .**

- a) a sparrow
- b) a robin
- c) a starling

## Test № 4

**1. Boxing Day in Great Britain is celebrated on ... .**

- a) the 26th of December
- b) the 5th of April
- c) the 19th of November

**2. On May Day people decorate with ribbons ... .**

- a) a tree
- b) a house
- c) a pole

**3. On Christmas almost every housewife cooks ... .**

- a) an apple pie
- b) a berry cake
- c) a holiday pudding

**4. Easter bunny ... .**

- a) supposedly brings eggs and sweets in a basket
- b) sings Easter songs with children
- c) honors the awakening of new life in nature.

**5. People in Britain believe a black cat crossing your way will bring you ... .**

- a) good luck
- b) bad luck
- c) much money

**6. At English schools children learn how to play ... .**

- a) football
- b) golf
- c) cricket

**7. Princess Diana's maiden name was ... .**

- a) Lady Diana Spencer
- b) Lady Di
- c) Lady Spencer Perceval

**8. Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the throne on ... .**

- a) February 6, 1952
- b) February 6, 1953
- c) February 6, 1954

**9. Queen Elizabeth II has got ... children.**

- a) 3
- b) 4
- c) 5

**10. Elizabeth II was the first British Monarch to visit ... .**

- a) Russia
- b) India
- c) China

**11. The Kings and Queens of England are crowned by the Archbishop of Canterbury in ... .**

- a) St. Paul's Cathedral
- b) Westminster Abbey
- c) the Houses of Parliament

**12. Who brought Christianity to England?**

- a) Henry VIII
- b) St. Augustine
- c) King Edwin

**13. The Ulster Museum is situated in ... .**

- a) Dublin
- b) Cardiff
- c) Belfast

**14. The flower symbolizing Scotland is ... .**

- a) daffodil
- b) thistle
- c) rose

**15. Scotland's two major cities are ... .**

- a) Edinburgh and Belfast
- b) Glasgow and Manchester
- c) Glasgow and Edinburgh

## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Choose the correct answer from choices listed below:

### Test № 1

**1. How many states does the United States of America comprise at present?**

- a) 50
- b) 13
- c) 49

**2. Where is Washington, the federal capital, located?**

- a) in the State of Washington
- b) in the District of Columbia
- c) in the State of New York

**3. What do American people call the national flag?**

- a) the Stars and Bars, the Confederate Flag, the Southern Cross
- b) the Union Jack, the Saint George`s Cross, the Saint Andrew`s Cross
- c) the Stars and Stripes, the Star-Spangled Banner, the Old Glory

**4. How many stripes and stars does the American national flag have?**

- a) 50 stars and 13 stripes
- b) 13 stars and 50 stripes
- c) 20 stars and 15 stripes

**5. Who made the first American Flag?**

- a) Betsy Ross
- b) Harriet Tubman
- c) Elizabeth Stanton

**6. What is the national anthem of the USA?**

- a) the Stars and Stripes
- b) the Star-Spangled Banner
- c) America the Beautiful

**7. What are the mottos of the USA?**

- a) “God save our gracious Queen”, “Dieu et mon droit”
- b) “E pluribus unum”, “In God we trust”
- c) “ Liberty Enlightening the World”, “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America”

**8. What does the Coat of Arms of the USA show?**

- a) A bald eagle with a ribbon in its mouth bearing the device “E pluribus unum”, 13 arrows and an olive branch in its talons
- b) A shield, a crown, a lion, a unicorn and the device “Dieu et mon droit”
- c) A shield with coats of arms of four countries and three maple leaves

**9. What are the two leading national parties in the USA?**

- a) the Republican Party and the Democratic Party
- b) the Conservative Party and the Labour Party
- c) the Green Party and the Prohibition Party

**10. What chambers does the Congress consist of?**

- a) the Supreme Court and the Federal Court
- b) the House of Representatives and the Senate
- c) the House of Commons and the House of Lords

**11. What is the highest mountain in the USA?**

- a) Mount Vernon
- b) Mount Whitney
- c) Mount McKinley

**12. What is the longest river in the USA?**

- a) the Tennessee
- b) the Mississippi
- c) the Colorado

**13. Where are Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks located?**

- a) in California
- b) in Montana
- c) in Alaska

**14. When did Christopher Columbus discover America?**

- a) in 1000
- b) in 1492
- c) in 1607

**15. When do American people celebrate Thanksgiving Day?**

- a) in November
- b) in July
- c) in September

## Test № 2

**1. Who do Americans call the Pilgrim Fathers?**

- a) the Puritans who arrived in America aboard the ship the Mayflower
- b) people who make a journey to a holy place for a religious reason
- c) the Native Americans

**2. Which of the American Presidents are honored on President Day?**

- a) George Washington and Thomas Jefferson
- b) Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt
- c) George Washington and Thomas Jefferson

**3. When did the War of Independence take place?**

- a) in 1812–1814
- b) in 1861–1865
- c) in 1775–1783

**4. When do Americans celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.?**

- a) on 15 January
- b) on 14 February
- c) on 17 March

**5. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?**

- a) on 4 July, 1776
- b) on 12 October, 1492
- c) on 30 April, 1789

**6. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?**

- a) George Washington
- b) Thomas Jefferson
- c) Benjamin Franklin

**7. When was the Constitution of the United States adopted?**

- a) in 1791
- b) in 1787
- c) in 1776

**8. What do Americans call the people who came to California during the gold rush in the 19<sup>th</sup> century?**

- a) the Pilgrims
- b) the Forty-Niners
- c) the Confederates

**9. Which road was called the Trial of Tears?**

- a) the route of the pioneers across the treeless prairie, the Rocky Mountains and deserts to Oregon in 1830–1850s
- b) the journey of the Pilgrims to the New World in 1620
- c) the journey of the Cherokee Indians forced by American soldiers from their own land to the Oklahoma Territory in 1838–1839

**10. When did the Civil War in the United States take place?**

- a) in 1861–1865
- b) in 1848–1849
- c) in 1840–1870

**11. The Emancipation Proclamation written by Abraham Lincoln in 1863 ...**

- a) Gave women the right to vote.
- b) Freed the Blacks in the South from slavery.
- c) Proclaimed the independence of the country from Britain.

**12. What tragic event made the USA declare war on Japan in 1941?**

- a) The German bombing raids on Great Britain
- b) The Japanese invasion into Manchuria
- c) The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor

**13. What do Americans celebrate on July 4th?**

- a) Flag Day
- b) The Revolution
- c) Independence Day

**14. In which year was the independence from England declared?**

- a) 1776
- b) 1876
- c) 1778

**15. Which president freed the slaves?**

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) George Washington
- c) Abraham Lincoln

## Test № 3

**1. Who was the civil rights leader who fought through nonviolent action?**

- a) Thomas Paine
- b) Martin Luther King Jr
- c) John Kennedy

**2. Who was the first person to walk on the moon?**

- a) John Glenn
- b) Jim Lowell
- c) Neil Armstrong

**3. What was the name of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to New England in 1620?**

- a) Pitta
- b) Sunflower
- c) Mayflower

**4. Where's the White House located?**

- a) New York
- b) Washington, D.C.
- c) Houston

**5. What organization tries to find solutions to world problems and disputes?**

- a) the United Nations
- b) IMF
- c) UNICEF

**6. Who said: We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal&apos;**

- a) Bill Clinton
- b) George Washington
- c) Thomas Jefferson

**7. Who is eligible for the Office of President?**

- a) Anyone whose children are American
- b) Whoever served the army
- c) A natural born citizen

**8. When was the nineteenth amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote ratified?**

- a) 1938
- b) 1920
- c) 1960

**9. What is the capital of the USA?**

- a) Chicago
- b) Los Angeles
- c) Washington DC

**10. How many people live in the USA?**

- a) 205 million
- b) 251 million
- c) 297 million

**11. How many stripes are on the flag of the USA?**

- a) 12
- b) 13
- c) 14

**12. What is the hottest place in the USA?**

- a) Death Valley
- b) the Grand Canyon
- c) the Great Salt Lake

**13. Which state of the USA is called Sunshine State?**

- a) Arizona
- b) California
- c) Kentucky

**14. What is the flag of the USA called?**

- a) Maple Leaf
- b) Stars and Stripes
- c) Union Jack

**15. What is the biggest town in the USA?**

- a) Chicago
- b) Los Angeles
- c) New York

## Test № 4

**1. Who was the first American president?**

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) Abraham Lincoln
- c) George Washington

**2. Independence Day is celebrated in the USA ... .**

- a) on the fourth Thursday in November
- b) on the fourth of July
- c) on the 31st of October

**3. The real name of Mark Twain was ... .**

- a) William Sidney Porter
- b) Samuel Clemens
- c) Charles Dodson

**4. “We the people ...”. These words are taken from ... .**

- a) American declaration of Independence
- b) Constitution of the USA
- c) American Allegiance to the Flag

**5. The national sport in the USA is ... .**

- a) cricket
- b) football
- c) baseball

**6. The national emblem of the USA is ... .**

- a) the dove
- b) the bald eagle
- c) the hawk

**7. The author of the American Declaration of Independence was ... .**

- a) George Washington
- b) Abraham Lincoln
- c) Thomas Jefferson

**8. President day is celebrated on ... .**

- a) July, 4
- b) the third Monday in January
- c) the third Monday in February

**9. The USA is ... .**

- a) a republic
- b) a constitutional monarchy
- c) a federal republic

**10. The native Americans are ... .**

- a) the British
- b) the Dutch
- c) the Indians

**11. Manhattan is a part of ... .**

- a) New York
- b) San Francisco
- c) Washington D.C.

**12. The tallest sight in Washington D.C. is ... .**

- a) US Capital
- b) the Statue of Liberty
- c) the White House

**13. In which month is Thanksgiving Day celebrated?**

- a) December
- b) January
- c) November

**14. What river is not in the USA?**

- a) the Mississippi
- b) the Missouri
- c) the Thames

**15. What is the largest state in the USA?**

- a) California
- b) Alaska
- c) Colorado

## Test (UK&amp;USA)

**1. Match the 2 columns**

1. Charlie Chaplin	a) the queen
2. Newton	b) a scientist
3. Defoe	c) an actor
4. Elizabeth II	d) a writer

**2. What do these names mean in British and American culture? Match the names with their definitions.**

1. Madame Tussaud's is	a) a woolen hat
2. Paddington is	b) a railway station in London
3. Beefeater	c) a wax museum in London
4. A cardigan is	d) a famous American cartoon family
5. A balaclava is	e) a British actor and producer
6. The Scout is	f) an organization for boys and girls in Britain and America
7. The Simpsons are	g) a soldier at the Tower of London who wears special uniform
8. Chaplin is	h) a warm woolen short jacket with buttons

**3. Who was the first American president?**

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) Abraham Lincoln
- c) George Washington

**4. In which city is the Empire State Building located?**

- a) Washington, DC
- b) New York
- c) New Jersey

**5. The population of the United States is over 250 million people, including more than 22 million ... .**

- a) Europeans
- b) Hispanics
- c) Africans

**6. The American Senate consists of ... members.**

- a) 130
- b) 200
- c) 100

**7. Connect the two parts together to get the correct statements.**

1. The Union Jack	a) is the national flag of the United Kingdom
2. John Bull	b) is the national emblem of the Russian Federation
3. The red rose	c) are red, white and blue
4. An olden man with a pipe	d) is the official flag of the Russian navy
5. St. Andrew's Flag	e) is an emblem of England
6. The patriotic colours in Britain	f) is the symbol of a typical Englishman
7. The double-headed eagle	g) is a stereotyped image of the typical Brit

**8. The House of Commons in the British Parliament is made up of ... elected members.**

- a) 550
- b) 600
- c) 650

**9. When does English compulsory school begin?**

- a) 5
- b) 6
- c) 7

**10. What city is associated with the names of G.G. Byron, W. Scott, R. Burns?**

- a) Edinburgh
- b) Stratford-on-Avon
- c) Belfast

**11. According to the British Law, at the age of 14 the person ... .**

- a) can drive motorbike
- b) is legally "young person" and not a "child"
- c) is allowed in bars but not to drink alcohol

**12. British newspapers can be divided into two groups: popular and ... .**

- a) professional
- b) quality
- c) comic

**13. Match holidays with their dates:**

1. 5 November	a) Labour Day
2. the third Monday in February	b) Independence Day
3. the first Monday of September	c) Martin Luther King's Day
4. 4 July	d) Columbus Day
5. 25 December	e) Mother's Day
6. the second Monday in October	f) Guy Fawkes Day
7. the fourth Monday of every May	g) Thanksgiving Day
8. the fourth Thursday of November	h) Father's Day
9. the third Monday of January	i) President's day
10. the third Sunday in June	j) Memorial Day
11. the second Sunday in May	k) Christmas Day

**14. When was the declaration of independence?**

- a) July 4, 1774
- b) July 4, 1776
- c) July 6, 1774

**15. What is the second most spoken language in America?**

- a) Chinese
- b) Spanish
- c) Italian

**16. Which explorer discovered America?**

- a) Marco Polo
- b) Amerigo Vespucci
- c) Francis Drake

**17. The bald eagle is ... .**

- a) black-streaked
- b) wingless
- c) "white-streaked"

**18. The Statue of Liberty symbolizes ... .**

- a) a woman with a torch
- b) a land of freedom
- c) the man's sculpture

**19. Match the sights (A–H) with their definitions (1–7). One sight is extra.**

a. The Capitol	1. It is the official home for the President of the USA.
b. The White House	2. It is the symbol of freedom in America.
c. The Empire State Building	3. It is one of the tallest buildings in the USA.
d. Hollywood	4. It is the symbol of freedom in America.
e. Disneyland	5. It is the world famous center of films.
f. The Grand Canyon	6. It is a large amusement park for children in Southern California.
g. The Statue of Liberty	7. It is the oldest national park in the world. It is famous for its geysers.
h. Yellowstone	

**20. Traditionally someone born in the East End of London is called ... .**

- a) "Quaker"
- b) "Cockney"
- c) "Easter"

**21. The centre of the United States theatrical world is a section of New York City called ... .**

- a) Greenwich
- b) Brooklyn
- c) Broadway

**22. One of the political parties in Britain is known as "the Tory Party".**

**It is ... .**

- a) the Labour Party
- b) the Liberal Party
- c) the Conservative Party

**23. On the coat of arms of Ireland there is a picture of ... .**

- a) a red right hand
- b) a leaf of shamrock
- c) a red dragon

**24. There is one well-known way of drinking Irish Whisky: it is drunk with ... .**

- a) soda
- b) coffee
- c) lemon

**25. Match the beginnings of the sentences (1–5) with the endings (A–F).**

**One variant is extra.**

1. The Grand Canyon is one mile deep and	a) the Bering Strait
2. Yellowstone covers	b) 277 miles long
3. Alaska is separated from Russia by	c) parts of three states
4. The area of the USA is over	d) nine million square kilometers
5. The longest river in the USA is	e) Great Lakes
	f) the Mississippi

**26. The real name of the famous American writer Mark Twain was ... .**

- a) John Marshall
- b) Samuel Clemens
- c) Tomas Sawyer

**27. During its history Great Britain possessed a lot of colonies all over the world. Which country wasn't British colony?**

- a) Egypt
- b) China
- c) India

**28. American Walt Disney World is situated in ... .**

- a) California
- b) Georgia
- c) Florida

**29. The younger sister of Queen of England Princess Margaret was ... .**

- a) a spinster
- b) married
- c) divorced

**30. The largest city of Scotland is ... .**

- a) Edinburgh
- b) Aberdeen
- c) Glasgow

**31. Match the names of the famous people (A–F) with the sentences (1–5). One name is extra.**

a) Walt Disney	1. The American astronaut first stepped on the surface of the Moon.
b) Neil Armstrong	2. His cartoon films are popular all over the world.
c) Martin Luther King	3. He was the leader of the Black civil rights movement in the USA.
d) Henry Ford	4. He was a famous American actor called “The Little Tramp“.
e) Charlie Chaplin	5. He was the first to use an assembly line in car making, which made cars affordable.
f) Mark Twain	

**32. In Britain the Queen opens the new session of the Parliament each ... .**

- a) spring
- b) summer
- c) autumn

**33. The city which has the dirtiest air in the United States and where sunshine is too often hidden by smog is called ... .**

- a) Las Vegas
- b) Chicago
- c) Los Angeles

**34. The longest river of the United States of America is ... .**

- a) the Mississippi
- b) Rio Grande
- c) Missou

**35. "To attend high school" in the U.S. means to attend ... .**

- a) school
- b) junior and senior school
- c) school and university

**36. Which of the names doesn't refer to the American nations flag?**

- a) Old Glory
- b) Lucky Stripes
- c) the Stars and Stripes

**37. If you want English beer ( not light beer), in the pub you ask for ... .**

- a) lager
- b) bitter
- c) ale

**38. The America's Cup is the worlds oldest and most famous international ... competition.**

- a) football
- b) bowling
- c) sailing

**39. Which sight is not situated in Washington?**

- a) the Lincoln Memorial
- b) the Capitol
- c) Independence National Historic Park

**40. The centre of American tobacco industry is ... .**

- a) South Carolina
- b) North Carolina
- c) Virginia

**41. According to the traditional stereotype, the owner-drivers of London taxis are known as ... .**

- a) "cabs"
- b) "cabmen"
- c) "cabbies"

**42. The day, when British soldiers opened fire on Catholic demonstrators in Londonderry ( Northern Ireland) and 13 people were killed in 1972, is known as "Bloody ... "**

- a) Monday
- b) Sunday
- c) Wednesday

**43. The American Constitution says that a Senator must be at least ... .**

- a) 21 years old
- b) 25 years old
- c) 30 years old

**44. The Queen of England Elizabeth I was a daughter of ... .**

- a) Charles I
- b) Henry VIII
- c) James VI

**45. The principal industries in the England are farming and ... .**

- a) tourism
- b) fishing
- c) mining

**46. Benjamin Franklin was the man who ... .**

- a) was the 17th President of the United States of America
- b) helped to write the American Declaration of Independence
- c) headed the Northern armies in the American Civil War

**47. The most northern part of mainland Britain is ... .**

- a) John O'Groats
- b) Land's End
- c) Giant's Causeway

**48. Alaska's capital is ... .**

- a) Sitka
- b) Palmer
- c) Juneau

**49. 25 January is celebrated all over the world by Scotsmen wherever they are, as it is the birthday of ... .**

- a) Robert Bruce
- b) Robert Burns
- c) Robert Louis Stevenson

**50. Speakers Comer, where anyone can stand up and talk on any subject they please, is situated in London, in ... .**

- a) Regents Park
- b) St. James's Park
- c) Hyde Park

### **FINAL TEST (RUSSIA, THE UK & THE USA)**

Choose the correct answer from choices listed below:

#### Test № 1

**1. Madame Tussads is ... in London.**

- a) an art gallery
- b) a theatre
- c) a museum

**2. How many countries does the Russian Federation border on?**

- a) 18
- b) 20
- c) 16

**3. Which city was the capital of Russian Empire for 200 years?**

- a) Novosibirsk
- b) Sverdlovsk
- c) St. Petersburg?

**4. The most widely known natural wonder in America is called ... .**

- a) Niagara Falls
- b) the Stonehenge
- c) Uluru Rock

**5. Bill Gates is a founder of ... .**

- a) Microsoft Corporation
- b) the Metropolitan Museum
- c) the Largest automobile corporation

**6. Before the American Civil War slavery was the basis for ... .**

- a) the South's economy
- b) the North's economy
- c) the entire economy

**7. How many national parks in Russia?**

- a) 20
- b) 30
- c) 40

**8. Preschool education begins in Russia at the age of ... .**

- a) 1,5
- b) 2
- c) 3

**9. A traditional English sport is ... .**

- a) bear hunting
- b) fox hunting
- c) deep hunting

**10. America was discovered by Christopher Columbus in ... .**

- a) 1492
- b) 1482
- c) 1472

**11. The colors Scottish national flag are ... .**

- a) red and white
- b) blue and white
- c) blue and yellow

**12. The pupils get deep knowledge of foreign languages or Maths in ... .**

- a) schools of general education
- b) boarding schools
- c) specialized schools

**13. Secondary education begins in Russia at the age of ... .**

- a) 9
- b) 10
- c) 11

**14. The centre of American tobacco industry is ... .**

- a) South Carolina
- b) North Carolina
- c) Virginia

**15. The most sparsely populated American state is ... .**

- a) Kansas
- b) Texas
- c) Alaska

**16. American dollar got its name from ... .**

- a) English "pound"
- b) German "thaler"
- c) Spanish "doblón"

**17. The US flag is called ... .**

- a) Maple Leaf
- b) Stars and Stripes
- c) Union Jack

**18. Oxford and Cambridge Universities are known all over the world for their ... .**

- a) high level of education
- b) tutorial system
- c) sport teams

**19. When did Moscow become the capital of the Russian national state?**

- a) in the 15th century
- b) in the 13th century
- c) in the 16th century

**20. Which coin doesn't exist in British money system?**

- a) 2 pence
- b) 1 pound
- c) 2 pounds

**21. What colour is the flag of the Russian Federation?**

- a) white, red, blue
- b) white, blue, red
- c) yellow, blue, white

**22. Who was the first Matryoshka made by?**

- a) Mamontov
- b) Zabelin
- c) Muratov

**23. A symbol of the America dream is ... .**

- a) California
- b) Colorado
- c) Mexico

**24. The birthplace of American intellectual life in America and one of the University towns in England have the same name – ... .**

- a) Stanford
- b) Oxford
- c) Cambridge

**25. The Patron Saint Scotland is ... .**

- a) St. George
- b) St. David
- c) St. Andrew

**26. The highest mountain in the United Kingdom is ... .**

- a) Snowdon
- b) Ben Nevis
- c) St. Michaels Mount

**27. Russia is the world's largest country in ... .**

- a) world
- b) area
- c) population

**28. At first the United States of America was formed by ... .**

- a) 11 states
- b) 13 states
- c) 16 states

**29. An American Robert E. Lee was one of the greatest ... .**

- a) general
- b) poets
- c) politicians

**30. Broad casting in the UK is controlled by ... .**

- a) the government
- b) the Queen
- c) the BBC

### Test № 2

**1. General elections to the House of Commons are held once in ... years.**

- a) 4
- b) 5
- c) 8

**2. ... is regarded as the national instrument of Wales.**

- a) The bagpipe
- b) The harp
- c) The horn

**3. Which President of the United States of America didn't live in the White House?**

- a) Abraham Lincoln
- b) Thomas Jefferson
- c) George Washington

**4. The Upper Chamber of the Federal Assembly is called the ... of Federation.**

- a) Duma
- b) Council
- c) Court

**5. Which year did Moscow host the Summer Olympics?**

- a) 1972
- b) 1980
- c) 1984

**6. American holiday – Thanksgiving Day was first celebrated by ... .**

- a) English settlers
- b) winners of the Civil War
- c) freed slaves

**7. There are no clear differences between the Republican and Democratic parties in the Unites States of America, in general, the Republicans tend to be more ... .**

- a) liberal
- b) prudent
- c) conservative

**8. Which dish is not sweet?**

- a) Bird's Custard
- b) Marmite
- c) Cranachan

**9. Where is the Bank of England situated?**

- a) in the West End
- b) in the East End
- c) in the City

**10. What do children decorate before Easter and then eat at Easter?**

- a) a cake
- b) hard-boiled eggs
- c) sweets

**11. Name the 3 largest cities in Russia.**

- a) Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Novosibirsk
- b) Moscow, Yekaterinburg, Kazan
- c) Moscow, Chelyabinsk, Omsk

**12. The system, established by the American Constitution, which is meant to prevent any branches of Government from having too much power, is called «the system of checks and ... ».**

- a) vetoes
- b) bills
- c) balances

**13. Which of the Russian political figures is a son-killer?**

- a) Stalin
- b) Brezhnev
- c) Ivan the Terrible

**14. The symbol of peace in Great Britain is ... .**

- a) a red rose
- b) a shamrock
- c) a poppy

**15. The name of the Civil Rights movement's leader in the Unites States of America was ... .**

- a) Steven King
- b) Riley B. King
- c) Martin Luther King

**16. The expression «game animals» in the United States of America means ... .**

- a) wild animals
- b) domestic animals
- c) animals-artistes

**17. British newspapers can be divided into ... .**

- a) two groups
- b) three groups
- c) four groups

**18. US ... has its headquarters in the Capitol Building.**

- a) National Library
- b) Congress
- c) Supreme Court

**19. Which dynasty has firmly established itself as a managerial one in Russia?**

- a) Rurikovich
- b) Dolgoruky
- c) Romanov

**20. What is Moscow famous for?**

- a) the Kremlin
- b) the Statue of Liberty
- c) Red Square

**21. In San Antonio (Texas, America) any evening you're at the river you'll hear lots of music of Mexican bands called ... .**

- a) bards
- b) mariachis
- c) menestrels

**22. Who were the verses of the hymn of Russia written by?**

- a) S. Michalkov
- b) M. Glinka
- c) A. Pushkin

**23. The American Civil War began on April 12 in ... .**

- a) 1861
- b) 1862
- c) 1863

**24. In England it isn't a Bank Holiday ... .**

- a) Easter
- b) Good Friday
- c) Easter Monday

**25. People try to eat an apple from a bowl with water without using their hands ... .**

- a) on Halloween
- b) on New Year's Day
- c) on Summer Bank Holiday

**26. The real name of the famous American writer Mark Twain was ... .**

- a) John Marshall
- b) Samuel Clemens
- c) Tomas Sawyer

**27. On Guy Fawkes'Night children collect money for ... .**

- a) burning a dummy
- b) charity
- c) buying fireworks

**28. The Constitution of the United States of America was adopted in ... .**

- a) 1785
- b) 1786
- c) 1787

**29. What is the national animal in Russia?**

- a) cheetah
- b) panda
- c) bear

**30. What is the date of the National Unity Day holiday in Russia?**

- a) November 5
- b) November 4
- c) November 8

### Test № 3

**1. During the American Civil War the President of the Unites States of America was ... .**

- a) Andrew Jackson
- b) Thomas Jefferson
- c) Abraham Lincoln

**2. The Prime Minister of Russia?**

- a) M. Mishustin
- b) S. Lavrov
- c) V. Nebenzia

**3. What is the main national symbol in Russia?**

- a) emblem
- b) hymn
- c) flag

**4. When did Russia free itself from the power of the Golden Horde?**

- a) in 1825
- b) in 1612
- c) in 1480

**5. The US is a ... consisting of 50 states.**

- a) Unitary republic
- b) Federal republic
- c) Parliamentary monarchy

**6. The most famous boat race in England is between ... .**

- a) professional sportsmen from all over the world
- b) boat teams from London
- c) students from Oxford and Cambridge

**7. On the coat of arms of Ireland there is a picture of ... .**

- a) a red right hand
- b) a leaf of shamrock
- c) a red dragon

**8. The region of the United States of America which includes six states – Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut – is called ... .**

- a) New Mexico
- b) New Netherlands
- c) New England

**9. The American President Abraham Lincoln ... .**

- a) died from illness at the age of 62
- b) was assassinated
- c) was killed during the Civil War

**10. What religious holiday appeared in Russia after the adoption of Christianity?**

- a) New Year
- b) the Nativity of Christ
- c) National Unity Day

**11. Who commanded the Russian troops during the Battle of Borodino?**

- a) G. Zhukov
- b) M. Kutuzov
- c) A. Suvorov

**12. The official family title of Queen Elizabeth II is ... .**

- a) the House of Stuart
- b) the House of Windsor
- c) the House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha

**13. The Queen eldest son`s name is ... .**

- a) Edward
- b) Andrew
- c) Charles

**14. The American State Alaska spans ... time zones.**

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4

**15. In the United States of America, the federal Government is divided into three branches of government: legislative, executive and ... .**

- a) judicial
- b) controlling
- c) regulatory

**16. What happened in Russia on December 25, 1825?**

- a) the Decembrist uprising
- b) the overthrow of the monarchy
- c) the abolition of serfdom

**17. When did the First World War begin?**

- a) in 1917
- b) in 1826
- c) in 1914

**18. Who carried out agrarian reform in Russia at the beginning of the 20th century?**

- a) Lenin
- b) Stolypin
- c) Suvorov

**19. If someone asks if you would “like a cuppa”, they are asking if you would like ... .**

- a) a cup of Coca Cola
- b) a cup of tea
- c) a cup of coffee

**20. ... is England’s traditional take-away food.**

- a) Fish and chips
- b) Roast beef
- c) Big Mac

**21. The eastern territory of the United States of America is occupied by ... .**

- a) Rocky Mountains
- b) Cordillera Mountains
- c) Appalachian Mountains

**22. The academic year in American universities is divided into ... .**

- a) two terms
- b) three terms
- c) four terms

**23. Cider, a popular English alcoholic drink, is made from ... .**

- a) grapes
- b) apples
- c) plums

**24. Snowdon is ... in England and Wales.**

- a) the highest mountain
- b) the deepest lake
- c) the largest city

**25. In the United States of America a new congress session begins on the 3-rd of January each ... .**

- a) year
- b) odd-numbered
- c) leap year

**26. When was the USSR formed?**

- a) in 1917
- b) in 1922
- c) in 1905

**27. How many people died during the Great Patriotic War?**

- a) 27 millions
- b) 10 millions
- c) 8 millions

**28. The national holiday which takes place each year on the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth II marked by a military parade and march-past is called ... .**

- a) St. Patrick`s Day
- b) Trooping of the Colour
- c) St. George`s Day

**29. British women usually get married at the age ... .**

- a) of 24
- b) of 18
- c) of 30

**30. Hispanics (a distinct group of population) immigrated to America mainly from ... .**

- a) Mexico
- b) Spain
- c) Cuba

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