

**Контрольные вопросы и задания  
к темам для студентов 1 курса специальностей  
09.02.07 Информационные системы и программирование,  
10.02.05 Обеспечение информационной безопасности автоматизированных  
систем.**

Предлагаемые контрольные вопросы и задания к темам относятся к аудиокурсу «Живой Английский. Беседы носителей языка (Великобритания)», представляющему из себя запись разговорного языка повседневного общения.

Пособие помогает изучающим английский язык сразу по нескольким направлениям:

1. многократно повторяющиеся самые употребительные слова и выражения легко запоминаются.
2. возможность научиться воспринимать на слух беглую английскую речь.
3. ставит правильное произношение.
4. учит не бояться общения с носителями языка.

**Критерии оценки**

Прослушайте аудиозапись женского голоса (Вивьен). Он значительно легче для восприятия, чем мужской голос (Томас). После прослушивания ответьте на вопросы, представленные ниже

При правильном ответе на 80 или более процентов – оценка 5 (отлично)

70% - хорошо

60% - удовлетворительно

**Schooling (Образование)**

**Vivien**

- 1) Where was Vivien taught before real school?
  - a) at a crèche;
  - b) at a nursery school;
  - c) at home.
- 2) Vivien went to a private school where the standard of education was...
  - a) low;
  - b) high;
  - c) very high.
- 3) Where could a pupil go if he/she didn't pass the eleven plus examination?
  - a) to Secondary school;
  - b) to Grammar school;
  - c) to college.
- 4) How many subjects did they study at the all – girls' school before they took their "O" level exams?
  - a) nine;
  - b) twelve;
  - c) eleven.
- 5) Who was Vivien's Russian teacher?
  - a) a French teacher;

- b) a communist;
  - c) a Russian émigré.
- 6) At the age of 16 Vivien went on an exchange trip to ...
- a) Hungary;
  - b) England;
  - c) USA
- 7) Vivien passed 'A' levels in ...
- a) Spanish literature;
  - b) English literature, Russian and Spanish;
  - c) Spanish and Russian literature.
- 8) If you want to go to the best universities you must have ...
- a) F level results;
  - b) A to C level results;
  - c) C to F level results.
- 9) For the first year at university Vivien lived ...
- a) in a boarding house;
  - b) at home;
  - c) in a hall of residence.
- 10) The system of continuous assessment is necessary because ...
- a) it is fairer;
  - b) the exams are in July
  - c) students are lazy.
- 11) Vivien liked going to a nursery school.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 12) Vivien studied French, Maths and English literature at a private school.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 13) Vivien failed her eleven plus.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 14) Bishop Foxes' was good for languages.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 15) Vivien studied Russian with a French teacher.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 16) American students at school didn't have any respect for their teachers.

a) True

b) False

17) Vivien couldn't get 'A' levels in English literature, Russian and Spanish.

a) True

b) False

18) Vivien went to Oxford.

a) False

b) True

19) Vivien got a grant.

a) True

b) False

20) University students learnt to look after themselves.

a) True

b) False

21) Vivien would be in favor of continuous assessment of the university students.

a) False

b) True

### **Thomas**

1) Thomas remembers only ... about his nursery school.

a) teachers;

b) bright colors and painting equipment;

c) teachers and animals.

2) Thomas found at his primary school a lot of ...

a) difficult subjects;

b) places to hide and play;

c) English teaches.

3) During a game of football Thomas ...

a) was crying;

b) was happy;

c) was hit.

4) Thomas got on very well with ...

a) his teachers;

b) English lessons;

c) other children.

5) One day Thomas was called to speak ...

a) about dinosaurs;

b) with dinosaurs;

c) about children.

6) Junior school lasted for ...

a) four years

b) two years

c) one year

7) Thomas used to get into a lot of troubles because he ...

a) spoke at the same time as the teacher;

b) spoke about teachers all the time

c) spoke with teachers about the time

8) Mr. Salwan made a strong impression on Thomas because he was ...

a) 10 years older

b) a teacher of Hindu

c) a vegetarian

9) Thomas used to play with girls, because playing with the boys was ...

a) too interesting

b) too easy

c) too violent

10) Thomas finished secondary school with ...

a) quite bad grades

b) quite low grades

c) quite good grades

11) Thomas spent a lot of time ...

a) in the music department

b) at the hairdresser's

c) with his English teacher

12) Thomas didn't want ...

a) to be a scientist

b) to be a teacher

c) to be successful

- 13) Glastonbury was ...
- a) a small town in the South
  - b) a small town in the North
  - c) a small town in the West
- 14) Thomas had his first contract with other children when he went to nursery school.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 15) At primary school Thomas learned the basics of Maths and English.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 16) Children at primary school had two breaks.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 17) Being at primary school was a struggle for Thomas.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 18) Thomas couldn't speak about dinosaurs with other children.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 19) At junior school pupils' time was divided into subjects.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 20) Thomas had a lot of troubles because he talked at his lessons.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 21) Thomas studied Hindu.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 22) Thomas played with the girls more than with the boys.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 23) Thomas remembers a lot of things that he learned at secondary and high schools.
- a) False

- b) True
- 24) Thomas wanted to be a road-maintenance Vehicle operator.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 25) Thomas graduated from the university in Shrrffield.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 26) Thomas moved from Glastonbury to Sheffield.
  - a) False
  - b) True

### **Family/Семья**

#### **Vivien**

- 1) Nigel's wife is ...
  - a) an actress;
  - b) a computer programmer;
  - c) an artist.
- 2) Vivien's brother Chris lives in ...
  - a) Hong Kong
  - b) London
  - c) South Africa
- 3) Vivien has got ...
  - a) two brothers;
  - b) three brothers;
  - c) two sisters and a brother.
- 4) Vivien used to visit her parents almost ...
  - a) every month;
  - b) every week;
  - c) every year.
- 5) Before Vivien left England, she gave her mother... .
  - a) two cats
  - b) a dog
  - c) two dogs
- 6) Vivien's parents lived in Sri Lanka and India because... .

a) they didn't like England

b) her father was retired

c) her father was a businessman

7) Nowadays in England ... go out to work.

a) all the women

b) few women

c) most women

8) Vivien's brother Chris is a stockbroker.

a) False

b) True

9) Vivien has to buy a lot of presents at Christmas.

a) True

b) False

10) Vivien's brothers are much younger than her.

a) False

b) True

11) Vivien's brother Nigel lives in London.

a) True

b) False

12) The stereotypical family in England is a husband, a wife, a child and a cat.

a) True

b) False

13) Vivien's brother were brought up in Sri Lanka and India.

a) False

b) True

14) Vivien was born India.

a) False

b) True

15) Nowadays in England , most women don't want to go out to work.

a) False

b) True

## **Thomas**

1) Thomas writes to his parents ... .

a) every week

b) very often

c) occasionally

2) Thomas and his parents used to wake up at 6 in the morning to go to a local park ... .

- a) to watch the sun set
- b) to watch a football match
- c) to watch the sun rising

3) Thomas, in his early childhood, spent a lot of time with his ... .

- a) mother
- b) father
- c) school-mates

4) Nanna never stops ... .

- a) making tea
- b) making coffee
- c) talking

5) What do Thomas and his grandmother have in common?

- a) Christian religion.
- b) Christian books.
- c) Christian holidays.

6) Thomas has never met his ... .

- a) mother's father
- b) father's father
- c) father's moter

7) Once Thomas organized for his class to go to visit his grandfather to watch ... .

- a) him water his garden
- b) his dogs
- c) him work with his bees

8) On one of the walls there was a big picture of ... .

- a) Queen Victoria's sister
- b) Queen Victoria
- c) Queen Victoria's father

9) Thomas' great aunt was a very good ... .

- a) musical teacher
- b) musician
- c) writer

10) Thomas developed a deep love for classical music from ... .

- a) his great aunt
- b) his father
- c) his grandmother

11) Whenever Thomas visited his aunt and uncle they always gave him ... .

- a) many cakes and sweets
- b) very old presents
- c) very many pens and pencils

12) Thomas thinks that his father is not ... .



- a) the sociable tupe
- b) the family tupe
- c) the friendly tupe

13) Thomas' aunt and her husband have ... .

- a) five children
- b) four children
- c) three children

14) Thomas' father and his girlfriend are planning to move ... .

- a) to America
- b) into in new a house
- c) into an old house

15) Thomas' father works with ... .

- a) computers
- b) his friends
- c) his wife

16) When Thomas visits his mother , she tells him about ... .

- a) new things she's learnt to make
- b) new things she's bought
- c) new things she's going to make

17) Thomas' brother is ... .

- a) an astronomer
- b) a worker
- c) an office

18) Maria's family members really ... .

- a) hate each other
- b) take care of each other
- c) argue with each other

19) Thomas has very close contact with his family.

- a) True
- b) False

20) Thomas had a cat called Badger.

- a) False
- b) True

21) Thomas, sometimes, quarreled with his younger brother.

- a) True
- b) False

22) Thomas' grandmother takes care of her elderly neighbors.

- a) True
- b) False

23) Thomas' father is very religious.

- a) False
- b) True

24) Thomas' musical ability comes from his grandmother.

- a) True
- b) False

25) When Thomas and his brother visited their aunt they were always filled with cakes and sweets.

- a) False
- b) True

26) Thomas thinks that his father is a loner.

- a) True
- b) False

27) Thomas' aunt has six children.

- a) False
- b) True

28) Maria's grandparents are over 80.

- a) True
- b) False

### **Accommodation / Жильё**

#### **Vivien**

1) In the flat where Vivien lives there ... .

- a) are no old couples
- b) are no stairs
- c) is not lift

2) In London Vivien was freezing because ... .

- a) there was no bed
- b) there were no friends
- c) there was no heating

3) Vivien usually eats breakfast and supper ... .

- a) at a big table
- b) on the balcony
- c) with her boyfriends

4) What leaps around all over the bathroom in Vivien's flat?

- a) a washing machine.
- b) a cat.
- c) a vacuum cleaner.

5) What can be seen from the windows of Vivien's flat?

- a) a hotel.
- b) a wall.
- c) a park.

- 6) Vivien's flat is right ... .  
a) in the middle of the city  
b) in the middle of a park  
c) in the middle of an island
- 7) Vivien would like to have ... .  
a) a house with a big fountain  
b) a house with a garden  
c) a house in the center of a city
- 8) Vivien misses ... .  
a) being in Hungary  
b) being near the sea  
c) being with her parents
- 9) Vivien lives in Budapest alone in a flat.  
a) True  
b) False
- 10) Vivien has to pay only electricity and gas bills.  
a) False  
b) True
- 11) Vivien and her flat-mate have no washing machine.  
a) False  
b) True
- 12) In England, a vacuum cleaner is called a 'Hoover'.  
a) False  
b) True
- 13) There is no balcony in their flat.  
a) False  
b) True
- 14) The flat is in the middle of the city.  
a) False  
b) True
- 15) Vivien wouldn't like to have pets in her ideal house.  
a) False  
b) True
- 16) Vivien would like to live close to the seaside.  
a) True  
b) False

### **Thomas**

- 1) Where did Thomas live when he was a child?  
a) in a house  
b) in a flat  
c) in a big city
- 2) Where was the car usually kept?  
a) in the garage.

- b) outside.
  - c) inside the house.
- 3) Where did Thomas' mother spend a lot of time?
- a) in the garden.
  - b) outside.
  - c) inside the house.
- 4) Thomas remembers living in ...
- a) an abandoned village
  - b) a big park
  - c) a big Italian city
- 5) Thomas is getting used to ...
- a) a city
  - b) to new people
  - c) to a big car
- 6) What musical instrument does Maria play?
- a) the cello.
  - b) the guitar.
  - c) the piano.
- 7) In Tomas' flat there is ...
- a) a little hot water heater
  - b) central heating
  - c) a new washing machine
- 8) Thomas and his girlfriend have to wake up early because ...
- a) Thomas has to go to work
  - b) Maria has to go to school
  - c) they have to clean the flat
- 9) What can be seen from the windows of Thomas' flat?
- a) a school.
  - b) a big hotel.
  - c) a playing field.
- 10) Thomas' neighbors are ...
- a) English students
  - b) old women
  - c) an elderly couple
- 11) What do Thomas and his girlfriend like to keep in the house?
- a) old books.
  - b) pets.
  - c) fresh women.
- 12) Where does Maria's family spend a lot of time?
- a) in front their TV-set.
  - b) in the garden.
  - c) in the kitchen.
- 13) What are the walls in Maria's room filled with?
- a) with books.

- b) with flowers.
- c) with pictures.

14) In Maria's parents' kitchen there are many ... .

- a) Electrical appliances
- b) cups and plates
- c) pictures on the walls

15) Maria is learning to play ... .

- a) tennis
- b) the piano
- c) many musical instruments

16) Maria's mother is a successful ... .

- a) teacher of English
- b) career woman
- c) cook

17) Thomas' ideal house would be ... .

- a) away from large rivers
- b) in the middle of a big city
- c) away from large cities

18) When Thomas lived in a farmhouse he slept ... ?

- a) on a mattress.
- b) on a big bed.
- c) on a sofa.

19) Thomas likes to live ... .

- a) high up
- b) in a basement
- c) in a dark place

20) Thomas lived in a flat when he was a child.

- a) False
- b) True

21) When Thomas was very young he shared a very big bedroom with his younger brother.

- a) False
- b) True

22) Thomas lived in different types of accommodation

- a) False
- b) True

23) Once Thomas lived in small house in Italy.

- a) False
- b) True

24) Thomas feels lost in the city.

- a) False
- b) True

25) Thomas lives alone at the moment.

- a) False
- b) True

- 26) Thomas and Mary don't have a telephone.  
a) True  
b) False
- 27) It takes Thomas 20 minutes to get into town.  
a) True  
b) False
- 28) Thomas can see a large synagougue from the window.  
a) True  
b) False
- 29) Thomas cannot communicate with the husband of his neighbor.  
a) True  
b) False
- 30) Maria's father used to be a pianist.  
a) True  
b) False
- 31) Maria's mother spends a lot of time in the kitchen.  
a) True  
b) False
- 32) Thomas would like to live near running water.  
a) False  
b) True
- 33) Thomas wouldn't like to have a lot of animals.  
a) False  
b) True
- 34) Living in the attic of a house in Somerset was a very happy time for Thomas.  
a) False  
b) True
- 35) Thomas likes staying in a flat at the base of a very big block of flats.  
a) False  
b) True

### **Area where you live/Район, в котором ты живешь**

#### **Vivien**

- 1) Hanguart is better than England because in England ...  
a) there are too many 24-hours shops  
b) there aren't many 24-hour shops  
c) there aren't 24-hour shops in the center of London
- 2) What is just around the corner?  
a) a park.  
b) a dog toiler.  
c) a playground.
- 3) They have a good choice of films because ...  
a) there are three cinemas nearby

- b) there are no cinemas around
  - c) they have to go long distance
- 4) What is a problem in Vivien's district?
- a) the air.
  - b) the balcony.
  - c) lead-free petrol.
- 5) What did Vivien smell when she came back to London from the countryside?
- a) Fresh air.
  - b) The pollution.
  - c) Flowers.
- 6) At night people sing and should because ... .
- a) there are no bars around
  - b) there are two all-night bars
  - c) there are a couple of cinemas
- 7) People have to walk in the road because ... .
- a) drivers shout at people
  - b) there is no traffic
  - c) the street is very narrow
- 8) The flat in London was right by ... .
- a) a hospital
  - b) a park
  - c) an intersection
- 9) Where do Vivien's parents live?
- a) in the country.
  - b) in London.
  - c) near the cinema.
- 10) Vivien doesn't like 24-hour shops.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 11) There are no cinemas near Vivien's flat.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 12) The air quality in Vivien's district is awful.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 13) The pollution in Budapest is much worse than in London.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 14) The area where Vivien lives is not good with regards to noise.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 15) There's a lot of traffic in Vivien's street.
- a) True
  - b) False

16) Vivien's street is used as a shortcut.

- a) True
- b) False

17) Vivien lived in London in Brixton.

- a) True
- b) False

18) Vivien's parents live in London.

- a) True
- b) False

### **Thomas**

1) Thomas lives in a district where most of the streets are ... .

- a) quite noisy
- b) quite peaceful
- c) very quiet

2) Most of people in the district are ... .

- a) elderly
- b) young
- c) very rich

3) Sometimes Thomas goes to the park and watches ... .

- a) birds singing
- b) birds drinking
- c) birds flying

4) Near Thomas' flat there are ... .

- a) no shops at all
- b) a few shops
- c) five cinemas

5) It's good for Thomas to live in Budapest because there are ... .

- a) many musicians there
- b) no musicians there
- c) many musicians there

6) In a big city everything seems ... .

- a) too crowded
- b) too clouded
- c) too empty

7) When Thomas was a child he lived ... .

- a) in a village
- b) in a city
- c) in London

8) When Thomas left home he lived in a small town called?

- a) Glastonbury
- b) Sheffield
- c) London

9) Thoms' favorite pub in Glastonbury is called ... .

- a) 'Scrumpy'



- b) 'The Rifleman's Arms'
- c) 'Abbey'

10) In recent times Glastonbury has become ...

- a) quite touristy
- b) quite empty
- c) quite peaceful

11) Thomas is lucky because his street is away from the big roads.

- a) True
- b) False

12) There are many young people in Thomas's district.

- a) True
- b) False

13) There is a big beautiful church near Thomas' flat.

- a) True
- b) False

14) There isn't a lot of entertainment close by.

- a) False
- b) True

15) The air in Budapest is quite clean.

- a) False
- b) True

16) There are very many people in a big city, but there's still so little communication.

- a) False
- b) True

17) When Thomas left home he lived in a very big city called Sheffield.

- a) True
- b) False

18) There were about 8-9 thousand people in Sheffield

- a) False
- b) True

19) In Glastonbury there are many musicians.

- a) True
- b) False

20) A lot of tourists come to Glastonbury now.

- a) True
- b) False

### **Daily routine/Распорядок дня**

#### **Vivien**

1) When did Vivien get up when she worked regularly?

- a) at half past seven.
- b) at seven.
- c) half past eight.

- 2) The things people liked were ... .  
a) murders  
b) financial news  
c) political issues
- 3) Vivien likes to buy a lot of ... .  
a) newspapers  
b) vegetables  
c) meat
- 4) If Vivien want to use a computer, she goes to ... .  
a) her office  
b) a friend's house  
c) London
- 5) Vivien's flat-mate would cook maybe ... .  
a) once a week  
b) three times a week  
c) every day
- 6) After dinner Vivien usually ... .  
a) watches TV  
b) sleeps  
c) plays tennis
- 7) Vivien brought ... with her from England.  
a) a TV-set  
b) a cat  
c) a guitar
- 8) When Vivien comes home from work, she's usually so exhausted that she just sits and ... .  
a) stares at the television  
b) plays the guitar  
c) reads newspapers
- 9) Vivien listened to the radio at 8 o'clock because they had fifteen minutes of news in English.  
a) True  
b) False
- 10) Vivien was usually one of the first people when she got to work.  
a) True  
b) False
- 11) Vivien eats meat every day  
a) False  
b) True
- 12) Vivien can't use her friend's computer.  
a) False  
b) True
- 13) Vivien used to come home at about nine.

- a) False
- b) True

14) Sometimes Vivien goes out to restaurant.

- a) False
- b) True

15) Vivien never plays her guitar.

- a) True
- b) False

16) Vivien reads a lot of Hungarian books.

- a) True
- b) False

### **Thomas**

1) Thomas likes to spend at least an hour a day with his ... .

- a) violin
- b) guitar
- c) dog

2) Thomas and his girlfriend try to do the washing-up ... .

- a) in the evening
- b) after they've eaten
- c) on Saturdays

3) Maria has two piano lessons every ... .

- a) week
- b) month
- c) Wednesday

4) One thing is regular in Thomas' life with his girlfriend and that is ... .

- a) breakfast time
- b) dinnertime
- c) school time

5) Thomas spends a lot of time learning ... .

- a) pieces of music
- b) his lessons of English
- c) how to cook puddings

6) When he was at school, Thomas never needed ... .

- a) a tooth-brush
- b) money
- c) sandwiches

7) Thomas' school was ... .

- a) deep in the forest
- b) in the center of the city
- c) in a neighboring village

8) During the break Thomas usually went ... .

- a) to the music room
- b) to the playground
- c) to the gym

9) After school Thomas usually ... .

- a) listened to the music
- b) played football
- c) watched TV

10) When Thomas reached the sixth form at secondary school he had only ... .

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

11) Thomas likes to have periods of ... .

- a) being regular
- b) laziness
- c) watching

12) Thomas always had a regular daily routine.

- a) False
- b) True

13) Thomas doesn't like going to the cinema/

- a) True
- b) False

14) Maria plays many concerts with her ensemble.

- a) True
- b) False

15) Thomas and Maria always have breakfast together.

- a) True
- b) False

16) Thomas has never been a vegetarian.

- a) True
- b) False

17) Thomas always had lunch at school.

- a) True
- b) False

18) When Thomas was late for school he took a taxi.

- a) False
- b) True

19) The first break at school was at about half past eleven.

- a) False

b) True

20) When Thomas got home he'd usually listen to music.

a) False

b) True

21) During secondary school Thomas had more free time.

a) True

b) False

22) Thomas thinks that a bit of balance in everything is really important.

a) True

b) False

### **Household chores/Домашние обязанности**

#### **Vivien**

1) What should be the children's responsibility?

a) to clean the kitchen

b) to work in the garden

c) to keep their bedrooms tidy

2) What is the role of a husband?

a) to cook meals

b) to bring up children

c) to earn money

3) Nowadays husbands are willing to help their wives with ... .

a) washing clothes

b) playing chess

c) cooking

4) Vivien would give her children some pocket money, if they ... .

a) did some chores

b) got good marks at school

c) read a lot of books

5) Vivien thinks that a woman has to be prepared to do all the household chores, if she wants to be ... .

a) a housewife

b) a career woman

c) a teacher

6) In the past men were outraged if their wives left children ... .

a) with other people

b) at home

c) with their husbands

7) Vivien shares a flat with ... .

a) an English girl

b) a Hungarian girl

c) a boy

8) Vivien doesn't like ...

- a) travelling
- b) playing the piano
- c) sewing or knitting

9) They say that the wife's responsibility is to do, basically, everything.

- a) True
- b) False

10) A typical husband should bring up children.

- a) False
- b) True

11) Husbands are quite willing now to help their wives with the household chores.

- a) True
- b) False

12) Children should learn that the house doesn't clean itself.

- a) True
- b) False

13) Vivien thinks that a woman should choose herself what to do in her life.

- a) False
- b) True

14) In England it's now accepted that a woman cannot have a family and a career.

- a) False
- b) True

15) Vivien shares her flat with an old man.

- a) False
- b) True

16) Vivien is very fond of sewing and knitting.

- a) False
- b) True

### **Thomas**

1) Thomas does most of the household chores because ...

- a) he likes it
- b) Maria is very busy
- c) Maria makes him do them

2) Who cleans Maria's parents' flat?

- a) Maria
- b) a cleaning woman
- c) Maria's mother

3) Who used to do all of the cleaning and washing in Thomas' family when he was a child?

- a) his mother
- b) a cleaning woman
- c) his father

4) Why did Thomas' mother give up small jobs?

- a) because she didn't have enough time for them
- b) because she didn't like them
- c) because they were too difficult for her

5) Thomas' father was the only member of the family who could ...

- a) drive
- b) speak French
- c) cook meat

6) Thomas thinks it unfair for his wife to do ...

- a) stuck inside the house
- b) making her career
- c) without pets

7) Thomas thinks that a husband should take an active role ...

- a) in cooking meals
- b) in upbringing of the children
- c) in cleaning the kitchen

8) Children should take responsibilities from ...

- a) the age of 21
- b) the age of sixteen
- c) as early an age as possible

9) In the communities where Thomas lived children sometimes spent time with ...

- a) cats and dogs
- b) a lot of toys
- c) other adults

10) Thomas never does the household chores.

- a) False
- b) True

11) Maria's mother works as a cleaning woman.

- a) False
- b) True

12) When Thomas came back home from school his mother usually made a big meal for him.

- a) False
- b) True

13) Thomas' mother had enough time for some small jobs.

- a) True
- b) False

- 14) Thomas's father did all of the handicraft jobs.  
a) True  
b) False
- 15) Thomas would like all the household chores to be shared.  
a) True  
b) False
- 16) Fathers should take an active role in upbringing of the children.  
a) False  
b) True
- 17) Children should be given some responsibilities from an early age.  
a) True  
b) False
- 18) According to Thomas, children should spend some of their time with other children's parents.  
a) True  
b) False

### **Personality/Личность, характер**

#### **Vivien**

- 1) Vivien's main exercise is ...  
a) playing tennis  
b) walking  
c) jogging
- 2) Vivien didn't really like ...  
a) meeting people  
b) speaking English  
c) meeting children
- 3) As a child, Vivien wanted to go to church because ...  
a) she wanted to sing hymns  
b) she wanted to play  
c) she wanted to meet other people
- 4) When something sad happens you should try ...  
a) to find a positive side do it  
b) to think about it  
c) to remember it all the time
- 5) Vivien started being a freelance journalist because ...  
a) she likes having a regular routine  
b) she likes doing different thing every day  
c) she likes reading her articles
- 6) Vivien is easy-going like her...  
a) father  
b) mother  
c) grandfather



7) Vivien could drive at the age of ... .

- a) 12
- b) 21
- c) 17

8) Nigel is really ... .

- a) sad
- b) boring
- c) witty

9) Vivien's friend Jo makes films for ... .

- a) Hungarian TV
- b) channel 8
- c) the BBC

10) Vivien is quite tall.

- a) False
- b) True

11) Vivien felt nervous when she met people.

- a) True
- b) False

12) Vivien's family is quite religious.

- a) False
- b) True

13) As a child Vivien wanted to sing religious hymns.

- True
- False

14) Vivien hates being in a kind of boring routine.

- a) False
- b) True

15) Vivien's mother is very friendly to guests.

- a) True
- b) False

16) Vivien's father is quite a cheerful man.

- a) False
- b) True

17) Nigel works in Hong Kong.

- a) True
- b) False

18) Vivien's friend Jo makes films for Hungarian TV.

- a) False
- b) True

**Thomas**

- 1) Thomas likes to be ...
  - a) friendly
  - b) angry
  - c) quick
  
- 2) Thomas has been to ... countries.
  - a) 20
  - b) 10
  - c) 15
  
- 3) Thomas regularly practices ...
  - a) meditation
  - b) Hungarian
  - c) tennis
  
- 4) When Maria does something, she does it ...
  - a) carefully
  - b) quickly
  - c) slowly
  
- 5) Thomas' father smokes a lot of ...
  - a) cigars
  - b) cigarettes
  - c) fish
  
- 6) Thomas' mother is good at ...
  - a) carts and draft
  - b) darts and rafts
  - c) sarts and crafts
  
- 7) Thomas' brother enjoyed ...
  - a) playing sports
  - b) eating pork
  - c) playing chess
  
- 8) What did Thomas' great aunt used to tell him when he went to see her?
  - a) What he was doing wrong.
  - b) That he was very smart.
  - c) About her pets.
  
- 9) Thomas' grandfather never ...
  - a) spoke with Thomas
  - b) sang songs
  - c) talked very much
  
- 10) Nanna always tries to ...
  - a) shower everybody with gifts
  - b) take a shower
  - c) drink a lot of wine

11) Anita works with ... .

- a) children of her friends
- b) mentally healthy children
- c) mentally handicapped children

12) Anita is ... .

- a) a Tibetan Buddhist
- b) a Tibetan doctor
- c) a Tibetan healer

13) Thomas really loves his ... .

- a) flute teacher
- b) English teacher
- c) Hungarian teacher

14) Thomas thinks that life is ... .

- a) boring
- b) a lesson
- c) not a lesson

15) Thomas makes friends very easily.

- a) False
- b) True

16) Thomas has traveled though 20 countries.

- a) True
- b) False

17) Thomas has quite active spiritual life.

- a) True
- b) False

18) Maria is interested in music, poetry and literature.

- a) True
- b) False

19) Thomas' father drinks a lot of coffee.

- a) True
- b) False

20) Thomas' mother quite particular and tidy.

- a) False
- b) True

21) Thomas' brother didn't enjoy playing sports.

- a) True
- b) False

22) Thomas' great aunt always told Thomas about her dreams.

- a) Thue
- b) False

23) Thomas' grandfather was rather talkative.

- a) False
- b) True

24) Nanna never likes guests.

- a) False
- b) True

25) Anna is not married.

- a) False
- b) True

26) Anita is a Tibetan Buddhist.

- a) True
- b) False

27) Thomas doesn't love his flute teacher.

- a) False
- b) True

28) Thomas likes to see life as a lesson.

- a) False
- b) True

### **Holidays/Праздники**

#### **Vivien**

1) Vivien's cousin Sarah had hiccups though the whole ... .

- a) service
- b) film
- c) party

2) Vivien stayed with a Hungarian family ... .

- a) for New Year
- b) for Christmas
- c) for Wedding

3) On Christmas morning Vivien usually got up at ... .

- a) 6 o'clock or earlier
- b) at 6 o'clock or later
- c) at 7 o'clock or later

4) At s Christmas party Vivien and her friends usually drink punch and ... .

- a) play party games
- b) peel oranges
- c) eat oranges

5) In Vivien's family everybody has to watch ... .

- a) the Queen's guards
- b) the Queen's party
- c) the Queen's speech

6) Christmas cake is ... .

- a) very rich
- b) very light
- c) very salty

7) Vivien usually spent New Year in London ... .

- a) with her parents
- b) with her friends
- c) with her television

8) Hunting for eggs happens

- a) on Birthday
- b) at Christmas
- c) at Easter

9) As you get older; your birthday becomes more ... .

- a) unimportant
- b) interesting
- c) important

10) There's nothing special in connection with names in ... .

- a) England
- b) Hungary
- c) October

11) At school, the day before the holidays was always very ... .

- a) exciting
- b) exhausting
- c) exercising

12) This year Vivien couldn't go home for Christmas.

- a) True
- b) False

13) Vivien never stayed for Christmas with a Hungarian family.

- a) False
- b) True

14) Christmas was a big event in Vivien's family.

- a) False
- b) True

15) Christmas celebrations in Vivien's family usually started at about 8 o'clock in the evening.

- a) True
- b) False

- 16) Turkey is made on the 25 of December in Vivien's family.  
a) True  
b) False
- 17) The Christmas weather in England is very inspiring.  
a) False  
b) True
- 18) Vivien always spends New Year with her parents.  
a) True  
b) False
- 19) Vivien's family has many traditions for Easter.  
a) True  
b) False
- 20) Vivien's mother likes baking cakes.  
a) True  
b) False
- 21) Vivien's name day is in December.  
a) True  
b) False
- 22) On the last day at school before the holidays there were special classes.  
a) True  
b) False

### **Thomas**

- 1) Holidays should be ...  
a) the same as other days  
b) different from other days  
c) boring
- 2) Bank Holidays are ...  
a) not so big as Christmas  
b) as big as Christmas  
c) the same as Easter
- 3) There are ... Celtic festivals.  
a) eight  
b) three  
c) two
- 4) At long weekends all the museums ...  
a) are full of people  
b) are closed  
c) are empty
- 5) English people are less interested in going abroad at Christmas than ...

- a) Hungarians
- b) Germans
- c) Canadians

6) On the fifteenth of March Hungarians celebrate the revolution that was in ... .

- a) 1848
- b) 1847
- c) 1884

7) Guy Fawkes night is on the fifth of ... .

- a) November
- b) October
- c) December

8) Christmas and Easter holidays are taken more ... .

- a) easily
- b) lightly
- c) seriously

9) In Maria's family the Christmas tree is kept till ... .

- a) the end of December
- b) the end of February
- c) the end of January

10) In England Santa Claus normally comes on ... .

- a) Christmas eve
- b) Christmas day
- c) the day after Christmas

11) Finland and Greenland argue about the place where ... .

- a) the Santa Claus legend originated from
- b) children celebrate Christmas
- c) the Christmas tree should be taken from

12) On Christmas day itself Thomas and his brother used to visit ... .

- a) their Nanna
- b) their friends
- c) their school teachers

13) Thomas always attended church at ... .

- a) Easter time
- b) Christmas time
- c) least once

14) Of course, most of the eggs break on the way ... .

- a) to the top
- b) up
- c) down

15) Birthdays are a special celebration for people ... .

- a) everywhere
- b) in Hungary
- c) in London

16) In Hungary they celebrate ... .

- a) Guy Fawkes day
- b) name days
- c) the day of the French revolution

17) In England, in the Celtic calendar they celebrated the “extra day” on the ... .

- a) thirty first of October
- b) thirtieth of October
- c) on Christmas day

18) Each year Hungarian turn on the radio and listen to a special hymn at midnight on the thirty first of December and ... .

- a) go to bed
- b) drink champagne
- c) put up fur trees

19) Holidays are important for Thomas.

- a) False
- b) True

20) May first is a big holiday in England.

- a) False
- b) True

21) There are about 12 Celtic festivals.

- a) False
- b) True

22) There are no long weekends in England.

- a) False
- b) True

23) English people like to travel abroad at Christmas.

- a) False
- b) True

24) The fourth of July is a national holiday in Hungary.

- a) True
- b) False

25) On November the fifth Guy Fawkes blew up Parliament.

- a) True
- b) false



- 26) In countries with other religions longer holidays occur at different times.  
a) False  
b) True
- 27) Christmas tree is a tradition in all countries.  
a) False  
b) True
- 28) In Thomas' family it was a custom to leave out a glass of sherry for Father Christmas.  
a) True  
b) False
- 29) Thomas was taught that Santa Claus comes from the North Pole.  
a) True  
b) False
- 30) Around Christmas time Thomas used to visit all of his relatives.  
a) True  
b) False
- 31) Easter was never really celebrated in Thomas's family.  
a) False  
b) True
- 32) Egg-Rolling competition happens on Easter day.  
a) True  
b) False
- 33) Thomas' birthday is in summer.  
a) False  
b) True
- 34) They don't celebrate name days in Hungary.  
a) True  
b) False
- 35) There is custom in England called 'Track and Field'.  
a) False  
b) True
- 36) In Hungary people don't celebrate New Year.  
a) False  
b) True

### **Going out/Развлечения**

#### **Vivien**

- 1) Which play by Shakespeare did Vivien read about a hundred times?  
a) "As you like it."

- b) "Hamlet."
- c) "Measure for Measure."
- 2) What seems more like art to Vivien?
  - a) Plays
  - b) Films
  - c) Nothing
- 3) When Vivien was at university, she had many opportunities to...
  - a) visit concerts
  - b) watch TV
  - c) buy amplifiers
- 4) Vivien went to a U2 concert because ...
  - a) she loved their music
  - b) it was very expensive
  - c) she was writing about it
- 5) Vivien is waiting for something new to come because she ...
  - a) has seen all the films she wanted to see
  - b) likes to see only new films
  - c) has not seen any films in Budapest
- 6) Vivien doesn't go to clubs because ...
  - a) she made a lot of money in pubs there
  - b) she lost 100 pounds in club
  - c) she overdid it in the past
- 7) They have some good Picasso exhibitions ...
  - a) at the National Gallery in Budapest
  - b) at the National Gallery in London
  - c) at all the museums in Budapest
- 8) Where did Vivien go to see a fashion show?
  - a) To the Applied Arts Museum
  - b) To the Ethnographic Museum
  - c) To the theatre
- 9) Which museum in London has a lot of costumes?
  - a) The Victoria and Albert Museum
  - b) The Museum of Medicine
  - c) The Science Museum
- 10) Vivien doesn't see the point in ...
  - a) places of interest
  - b) Hungarian bars
  - c) English pubs
- 11) Vivien would probably go to discos, if ...
  - a) the tickets were cheaper
  - b) there was better music
  - c) the people there were more interesting
- 12) Vivien's favorite food is ...
  - a) Indian
  - b) Hungarian
  - c) English

- 13) In one place in Brixton, people stood in queues for hours to get ... .  
a) pizza  
b) hot dogs  
c) curry
- 14) Vivien goes to restaurants ... .  
a) seldom  
b) quite a lot  
c) quite rarely
- 15) Every weekend there would be ... parties.  
a) seventy  
b) no  
c) one or more
- 16) Vivien doesn't like the theatre as she likes the cinema.  
a) True  
b) False
- 17) Chekhov is Vivien's favorite playwright.  
a) True  
b) False
- 18) Vivien never worked on the stage crew.  
a) False  
b) True
- 19) Vivien is not a big fan of classical concerts.  
a) False  
b) True
- 20) Cinemas in Budapest are better value than in London.  
a) True  
b) False
- 21) Vivien earned about 100 pounds a night when she worked in a nightclub.  
a) False  
b) True
- 22) Vivien must have visited the National Gallery in Budapest about ten times.  
a) True  
b) False
- 23) Vivien must have visited the Applied Arts museum for a fashion show.  
a) False  
b) True
- 24) Vivien's favorite museum in London was the Science Museum.  
a) True  
b) False
- 25) Vivien prefers English pubs to Hungarian bars.  
a) False  
b) True
- 26) Vivien can easily dance to hard-rock music.  
a) False

- b) True
- 27) Vivien likes Indian food most of all.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 28) The Italian restaurants in London are good.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 29) Vivien doesn't enjoy cooking.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 30) At New Year Vivien would like to be alone.
  - a) False
  - b) True

### **Thomas**

- 1) Most people, as teenagers, go out on ... .
  - a) Thursday night
  - b) Friday or Saturday night
  - c) Sunday night
- 2) There was a period when Thomas tried to see a concert ... .
  - a) every week
  - b) every month
  - c) every other day
- 3) When in Glastonbury, Thomas ... .
  - a) went out many nights of the week
  - b) worked hard without going out
  - c) worked out of his apartment
- 4) Sometimes Tomas and his friend climbed the local gill and played their musical instruments ... .
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 5) Thomas and Maria can afford to go to a vegetarian restaurant ... .
  - a) very often
  - b) from time to time
  - c) every Saturday
- 6) Thomas enjoyed going to the theatre ... .
  - a) in England
  - b) with his girlfriend
  - c) every Wednesday
- 7) Thomas saw the last New Year in ... .
  - a) alone
  - b) together with other big cities
  - c) with his parents
- 8) Thomas never enjoyed spending time in London because he ... .
  - a) couldn't take his girlfriend with him
  - b) loved other big cities
  - c) didn't likes big cities
- 9) On Sunday Thomas often went to museum in ... .

- a) Sheffield
  - b) London
  - c) the nearest town
- 10) At the Egyptian exhibition Thomas saw ... .
- a) plates, cups and jewelry
  - b) only musical instruments
  - a) a lot of camels
- 11) In Matlock there is ... .
- a) an animal park
  - b) a big swimming pool
  - c) the biggest museum
- 12) Thomas remembers going to concert where they played ... .
- a) classical music
  - b) rock music
  - c) pop music
- 13) At the exhibition organized by blind people Thomas was given ... .
- a) a stick
  - b) a steak
  - c) a banana
- 14) When Thomas was about 15-16 years old he used to go to a swimming pool.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 15) Sometimes Thomas saw concerts even in the middle of the week.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 16) When Thomas lived in Glastonbury he never went out.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 17) Thomas and his friends used to play football on the local hill in Glastonbury.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 18) As a vegetarian Thomas finds a lot of special places to eat in Budapest.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 19) Thomas enjoys going to the Theatre in Budapest because he knows Hungarian.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 20) Maria and Thomas couldn't see the 1st New Year in together.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 21) Thomas always enjoyed spending time in London
- a) False
  - b) True
- 22) When a child Thomas went to different museums with his parents.
- a) False
  - b) True

23) Thomas still remembers visiting an exhibition of ancient Egyptian

a) True

b) False

24) There is a large animal park in Matlock

a) True

b) False

25) Thomas' great aunt took him out to rock concerts

a) False

b) True

26) Thomas didn't like the exhibition organized by blind people.

a) False

b) True

### **Television, Radio, Video, Music/Телевидение, Радио, Видео, Музыка**

#### **Vivien**

1) Vivien's flatmate understands... .

a) Russian

b) German

c) French

2) Which is Vivien's favorite channel?

a) NBC Super Channel

b) CNN

c) Sky News

3) 'Coronation Street' in Vivien's opinion is ... .

a) very great importance

b) very poor quality

c) very high quality

4) In Moscow, soap operas are... .

a) very popular

b) never shown

c) not popular

5) 'Panorama' is... .

a) a nonfiction program

b) a TV musical

c) a soap opera

6) Vivien listens to 'Central Europe Today' at... .

a) 8 in the evening

b) 10 in the morning

c) 8 in the morning

7) Vivien is fed-up with ... .

a) musical films

b) dubbed films

c) soap operas

8) Which channel is coded now?

a) MTV.

b) Top TV.

c) A3.

- 9) Vivien grew up playing... .  
a) the piano  
b) the violin  
c) the flute
- 10) There's a friend of Vivien's who has... .  
a) a computer  
b) a dog  
c) a guitar
- 11) Vivien's favorite band is... .  
a) Marvin Gaye  
b) Joni Mitchell  
c) Steely Dan
- 12) Vivien is not keen on... .  
a) Happy Gang  
b) Animal Gannibals  
c) Hip Hop Boys
- 13) Who was on Deep Forest's record?  
a) Charlie  
b) Muzsikas  
c) Marta Sebestyen.
- 14) Vivien watches a lot of TV.  
a) True  
b) False
- 15) NBC Super Channel is the best for Vivien.  
a) True  
b) False
- 16) Coronation Street' is among the worst soap operas  
a) False  
b) True
- 17) Vivien enjoys watching 'Dallas' in Hungarian.  
a) False  
b) True
- 18) In England they have a very good radio channel called Radio 6.  
a) True  
b) False
- 19) Vivien likes her own voice.  
a) False  
b) True
- 20) Vivien has quite a lot of videos, but she left them in London  
a) False  
b) True
- 21) Before coming to Hungary Vivien bought a large collection of musical CD's.  
a) False  
b) True
- 22) Vivien used to have 3 guitars.  
a) True  
b) False

23) Music has an important role in Vivien's life.

- a) True
- b) False

24) Vivien is very keen on Hip Hop Boys.

- a) True
- b) False

25) Vivien finds croaky voices very entertaining.

- a) False
- b) True

26) Vivien likes Marta Sebestyen

- a) True
- b) False

### **Thomas**

1) Before the age of 10 Thomas most enjoyed... .

- a) children's programs
- b) soap operas
- c) "Dallas"

2) In the last few years Thomas often... .

- a) switched the TV on
- b) switched the TV off
- c) Watched TV

3) Television is responsible for a lot of

- a) political brainwashing
- b) accidents
- c) videos

4) Videos can be useful as... .

- a) teaching aids
- b) time – killers
- c) a mean of entertainment

5) Thomas rarely listens to the radio because be... .

- a) has no radio
- b) likes TV
- c) doesn't like pop music

6) Hungarian TV has... .

- a) 2 state channels
- b) 20 state channels
- c) 2 private channels

7) Which Hungarian TV channel is available only through a satellite?

- a) Channel 2.
- b) Channel 1.
- c) Duna TV.

8) Maria's family can receive TV channels from... .

- a) many countries
- b) Hungary
- c) Germany

9) Thomas is not enthusiastic



- a) satellite
  - b) children's programs
  - c) sports programs
- 10) Hungarian TV has a high proportion of... .
- a) translated programs
  - b) soap operas
  - c) English films
- 11) In Israel, they don't have a lot of resources for producing... .
- a) programs in Hebrew
  - b) programs in English
  - c) programs about animals
- 12) Where did Thomas see "Dallas" 10 years ago?
- a) In America
  - b) In Hungary
  - c) In England
- 13) Most of the interesting programs are on... .
- a) channel 4
  - b) ITV
  - c) MTV
- 14) One advantage of television is that we can learn about things in... .
- a) a quick way
  - b) a more complete way
  - c) a worse way
- 15) TV can help people to realize... .
- a) the difficulties that many species face
  - b) how smart they are
  - c) how big the Earth is
- 16) As a teenagers, Thomas had... .
- a) a hi-fi system
  - b) no hi-fi system
  - c) no records or tapes
- 17) Today Thomas and Maria mostly listen to... .
- a) classical music
  - b) pop music
  - c) rock music
- 18) Thomas uses cassettes for... .
- a) learning Hungarian music
  - b) learning English
  - c) learning new music
- 19) When a child, Thomas spent a lot of time in front of the Television.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 20) Thomas thinks that television has a great influence on people
- a) True
  - b) False
- 21) In Thomas' opinion TV is partly responsible for political brainwashing.
- a) False

b) True

22) Videos have only disadvantages.

a) False

b) True

23) Thomas listens to the radio very often.

a) True

b) False

24) In Hungary there are many private TV channels

a) True

b) False

25) "Duna TV" can be watched by anyone who has a satellite TV.

a) True

b) False

26) Maria's family has no satellite TV receiver

a) False

b) True

27) Thomas just loves satellite TV receiver

a) True

b) False

28) Hungarian TV has no translated programs

a) True

b) False

29) In Israel' they don't have TV programs from other countries.

a) False

b) true

30) Thomas saw "Dallas" on Hungarian television 10 years ago.

a) False

b) True

31) The most watched television in England is BBC.

a) True

b) False

32) Reading books is much better than watching TV as it gives a more complete picture of things.

a) True

b) False

33) TV cannot help people in any way.

a) False

b) True

34) Thomas didn't like music when he was a teenager.

a) False

b) True

35) When Thomas is alone he listens to English and Irish folk music.

a) True

b) False

36) Thomas often uses cassettes for learning new music.

a) True

b) False

## Reading Books/Чтение

### Vivien

- 1) reading is not very popular nowadays because of ...
  - a) bad writers
  - b) less books being published
  - c) TV, video and computers
- 2) Vivien is trying to read ...
  - a) Russian books
  - b) French books
  - c) Hungarian books
- 3) Vivien's favorite literature is ...
  - a) Hungarian literature
  - b) Russian literature
  - c) English literature
- 4) Kundera is not very successful at using ...
  - a) female characters
  - b) male characters
  - c) young characters
- 5) Nothing happened when Vivien was sitting ...
  - a) at Patriarch's Ponds
  - b) in the library
  - c) at home
- 6) Writers from Russia are among Vivien's ...
  - a) favorites
  - b) most disliked ones
  - c) most awful ones
- 7) Vivien wants to join the American library because ...
  - a) it's expensive to buy American and British papers
  - b) she loves American literature
  - c) she lives near the library
- 8) Vivien started reading ...
  - a) sports newspapers
  - b) Hungarian fiction
  - c) French magazines
- 9) What was the name of the only book in Hungarian the Vivien had read?
  - a) Like water for Chocolate.
  - b) The unbearable Lightness of Being.
  - c) Master and Margarita.
- 10) Janet Winterson is ...
  - a) Hungarian
  - b) American
  - c) British
- 11) Reading is becoming more and more popular.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 12) When Vivien was a child she read a lot

- a) True
- b) False
- 13) Vivien's favorite writer is Turgenev.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 14) Kundera is quite successful at using female characters.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 15) Satan appeared when Vivien sat at Patriarch's Ponds.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 16) Vivien likes reading poetry.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 17) Vivien misses English Sunday newspapers.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 18) Vivien never buys Hungarian newspapers.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 19) Vivien likes films better than plays.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 20) "Virginia Woolf wrote "Oranges are not the only fruit"."
- a) False
- b) True

### **Thomas**

- 1) Thomas spent a lot of time ...
  - a) playing with his friends
  - b) watching TV
  - c) reading books
- 2) Thomas thinks that books ...
  - a) are still important
  - b) have lost their importance
  - c) are quite outdated
- 3) Reading a book can ...
  - a) open up our minds
  - b) make us stupid
  - c) make us lazy
- 4) What is the only disadvantage of books?
  - a) You must know their language.
  - b) You cannot buy them at all times.
  - c) They are made of paper.
- 5) Thomas always had ...
  - a) no time to read books
  - b) three or four books to read

- c) many books to read
- 6) Thomas still likes books which ... .
- a) exercise the imagination
  - b) tell about animals
  - c) are written in Greek
- 7) The Bible is the most interesting book ... .
- a) for Thomas
  - b) for Thomas's father
  - c) for vegetarians
- 8) Thomas mostly buys books about ... .
- a) animals
  - b) music
  - c) sea battles
- 9) Thomas always has with him a language book, which contains useful phrases in ... .
- a) six languages
  - b) sixteen languages
  - c) sixty languages
- 10) In every new city Thomas goes to ... .
- a) the Zoo
  - b) the music libraries
  - c) his friends
- 11) Now Thomas has ... .
- a) more books
  - b) less books
  - c) no books at all
- 12) The people who work in the music library are ... .
- a) very friendly
  - b) very angry
  - c) very helpless
- 13) Maria often translates Hungarian books ... .
- a) into Russian
  - b) for Thomas
  - c) for her mother
- 14) What seems to be outside time?
- a) Books.
  - b) Mental space.
  - c) Trams.
- 15) Thomas is reading a book by ... at the moment.
- a) Salman Rushdie
  - b) Shakespeare
  - c) Tolstoy
- 16) Thomas thinks that books are not very important.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 17) Thomas prefers TV.
- a) False
  - b) True

- 18) Books cannot help learning a foreign language  
a) True  
b) False
- 19) Books can give information only if you know their language.  
a) True  
b) False
- 20) Thomas learned to read at school.  
a) False  
b) True
- 21) Thomas never liked historical novels.  
a) False  
b) True
- 22) Thomas didn't read the Bible.  
a) False  
b) True
- 23) Thomas mostly buys musical books.  
a) True  
b) False
- 24) Thomas always keeps The New Testament.  
a) True  
b) False
- 25) When traveling, Thomas carries a lot of music notes with him.  
a) True  
b) False
- 26) Now that Thomas lives in a flat he has less books.  
a) True  
b) False
- 27) They never have CD's in the music library.  
a) False  
b) True
- 28) Maria doesn't like reading books.  
a) True  
b) False
- 29) For Thomas, books seem to be outside time.  
a) True  
b) False
- 30) Thomas isn't reading any book at the moment.  
a) False  
b) True

### **Learning Foreign Languages/Изучение иностранных языков**

#### **Vivien**

- 1) Why does Vivien think it's important to learn any language?  
a) Because it ruins your memory.  
b) Because it broadens your mind.  
c) Because you can travel.

- 2) People can learn a foreign language only if they ... .
- a) are forced to do it
  - b) really want to learn it
  - c) want to live in that country
- 3) What seems strange to Vivien?
- a) That many Hungarians do not speak English.
  - b) That many Americans in Hungary do not speak Hungarian.
  - c) That many Hungarians shout in English.
- 4) What part did Jody Foster play in the film?
- a) A hermit.
  - b) A mother.
  - c) A witch.
- 5) Vivien thinks that learning languages is important for literature, because ... .
- a) some literary works just cannot be translated
  - b) some works should be read in the original
  - c) some original works are difficult to read
- 6) It's easy to learn more foreign languages if ... .
- a) you know Hungarian
  - b) you travel
  - c) you've learnt one
- 7) If Vivien went to Spain she would ... .
- a) quickly remember Spanish
  - b) speak Hungarian there
  - c) forget Hungarian very quickly
- 8) Vivien knows people who ... .
- a) have been brought up bilingually
  - b) have spoken only Hungarian
  - c) have never developed a language skill
- 9) Vivien knows people who... .
- a) difficult
  - b) easy
  - c) more fun
- 10) Vivien speaks Spanish and has tried to learn... .
- a) Italian
  - b) Russian
  - c) German
- 11) If you asked Vivien to say something in Polish, she ... .
- a) couldn't do it
  - b) could easily do it
  - c) could do it with some difficulty
- 12) If you know a few foreign words it shows ... .
- a) that you care about the country
  - b) that you are not interested in the country
  - c) that you don't care about the country
- 13) Hungarians get bored very quickly with people ... .
- a) who try to speak Hungarian
  - b) who don't speak Hungarian

c) who speak English

14) Who can easily understand foreigners?

a) Hungarians

b) English people

c) French people

15) England doesn't have a very good reputation for ...

a) teaching languages

b) learning languages

c) learning French

16) When learning Russian, Vivien often argued with her teacher about ...

a) endings

b) genders

c) phrases

17) Vivien thinks that the university standard of Russian was ...

a) the same as at her school

b) much worse than at her school

c) much better than at her school

18) Vivien tried to learn ... on her own.

a) Russian

b) French

c) Hungarian

19) At the exams Vivien had to translate ...

a) from and into Russian

b) from Russian

c) into Russian

20) Usually people translate ...

a) learn another foreign language

b) into a foreign language

c) Russian topics

21) Vivien will probably ...

a) learn another foreign language

b) never learn another foreign language

c) forget all the foreign languages

22) Vivien doesn't have any desire ...

a) to learn Chinese

b) to learn German

c) to learn Hungarian

23) Vivien thinks that people shouldn't learn foreign languages.

a) True

b) False

24) English people always think that the whole speaks English.

a) True

b) False

25) Vivien thinks it is strange when foreigners don't speak the language of the country they are living in.

a) True

b) False



26) Vivien didn't like Jody Foster playing the part of a hermit.

a) True

b) False

27) Vivien thinks that some literary works cannot be translated/

a) True

b) False

28) Vivien has never been to Czechoslovakia/

a) True

b) False

29) Vivien can understand some Italian.

a) True

b) False

30) Hungarians don't like when foreigners speak poor Hungarian.

a) True

b) False

31) Vivien has studied five foreign languages.

a) True

b) False

32) Vivien is going to learn Swedish.

a) True

b) False

33) Vivien is fond of Japanese.

a) True

b) False

### **Thomas**

1) There are ... for learning languages

a) very few reasons

b) no reasons

c) many good reasons

2) Translators in Hungary are ... .

a) expensive

b) cheap

c) bad

3) It's helpful to learn a foreign language ... .

a) at an early age

b) after 20

c) when you are older than 20

4) The learning process starts working when ... .

a) you use the language

b) you play the guitar

c) when you go to school

5) You can start making real progress if ... .

a) you use more sources

b) you read books

- c) you watch TV
- 6) Where do you pick up a lot of vocabulary?
  - a) In a foreign country.
  - b) In the cinema.
  - c) At home.
- 7) Thomas' vocabulary becomes greater every day, because ...
  - a) he listens and asks people
  - b) he studies grammar
  - c) he is always at home
- 8) Thomas has learnt ... in Hebrew.
  - a) 500 words
  - b) 50 words
  - c) 15 words
- 9) It's very important ...
  - a) to change teaching systems
  - b) to change your teacher
  - c) to have a good teacher
- 10) Maria has attended a summer course ...
  - a) in Germany
  - b) in German
  - c) with a German
- 11) It's easier to learn a foreign language ....
  - a) at an ordinary school
  - b) at a language school
  - c) at the library
- 12) The system of tests helps ...
  - a) to forget new words quicker
  - b) to learn English more thoroughly
  - c) students in reading texts
- 13) What else helps students to learn a foreign language?
  - a) Writing essays
  - b) Singing songs
  - c) Morning exercises
- 14) Thomas' experience of learning languages is ...
  - a) very limited
  - b) very wide
  - c) unlimited
- 15) The only subject that Thomas has failed is ...
  - a) French
  - b) English
  - c) German
- 16) Thomas has been more interested in learning Hungarian since he ...
  - a) met Maria
  - b) left England
  - c) bought a TV
- 17) Anita prefers working with ...

- a) written materials
  - b) oral translations
  - c) the German language
- 18) Maria's aunt started learning Swedish when she was ... .
- a) 70
  - b) 75
  - c) 65
- 19) Maria's family speak Hungarian with Thomas because ... .
- a) they can't speak English
  - b) they want him to learn the language
  - c) Thomas doesn't like English
- 20) There are very few reasons for learning a foreign language.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 21) If you work in medicine you can wait for the latest reports to be translated.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 22) It's easier to learn a foreign language when you are over twenty
- a) True
  - b) False
- 23) The process of learning a foreign language really starts when you feel that it is important for you.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 24) You know the language better if you speak with foreigners/
- a) True
  - b) False
- 25) It takes time to speak long phrases in a foreign language.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 26) Thomas speaks Hungarian very well
- a) True
  - b) False
- 27) It's quicker to speak a foreign language if you know its grammar.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 28) It's important to have balance between learning grammar and practicing the language.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 29) It's no use watching movies with subtitles if you don't know the language  
Very well.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 30) It's easier to learn a foreign language in a big group of different people.
- a) True
  - b) False

- 31) If one had a mini exam at the end of each week it would help to learn a foreign language.  
a) False  
b) True
- 32) Grammar exercises are not helpful.  
a) False  
b) True
- 33) Thomas spent a lot of time learning foreign languages.  
a) False  
b) True
- 34) It's very common for Americans to speak Hungarian.  
a) False  
b) True
- 35) Thomas was very successful in learning French at school.  
a) False  
b) True
- 36) Hungarian is very easy for Thomas.  
a) False  
b) True
- 37) Anita can translate from Chinese into Hungarian.  
a) True  
b) False
- 38) Maria's aunt lives in Paris.  
a) False  
b) True
- 39) Maria's father doesn't speak English.  
a) True  
b) False

### **Travelling\Путешествия**

#### **Vivien**

- 1) Vivien doesn't like flying because she ...  
a) is afraid of flying  
b) has a slight feeling of nausea  
c) prefers trains
- 2) Vivien ... aircraft food.  
a) doesn't like  
b) likes  
c) makes
- 3) Vivien's longest trip by plane was to ...  
a) Moscow  
b) Australia  
c) America
- 4) Usually Vivien flies on planes with ... on each side.  
a) 3 seats  
b) 5 seats

- c) 4 seats
- 5) Airports are usually ... the nearest town.
  - a) quite close to
  - b) not far away from
  - c) far away from
- 6) In Vivien's opinion trains are ... buses.
  - a) better than
  - b) worse than
  - c) equal to
- 7) Coaches in England often have accidents because ... .
  - a) they go too fast
  - b) they go too slowly
  - c) the drivers are bad
- 8) Vivien likes travelling on ships because ... .
  - a) she is rarely seasick
  - b) she likes rough sea
  - c) she is afraid of trains
- 9) Vivien thinks that the Tube in London is ... in Budapest.
  - a) worse than
  - b) better than
  - c) cheaper than
- 10) Vivien often walks because she ... .
  - a) can often get around quicker on foot
  - b) is afraid to go by bus
  - c) likes to breathe polluted air
- 11) Vivien would like to have a bike in Budapest but she ... .
  - a) doesn't trust Hungarian drivers
  - b) cannot ride a bike
  - c) cannot find one in Budapest
- 12) Vivien twice went to ... with her cousins
  - a) Budapest
  - b) Paris
  - c) Switzerland
- 13) When Vivien stayed with a French girl she hardly said anything because ... .
  - a) she was shy
  - b) she didn't know any French
  - c) she didn't like the French girl
- 14) Vivien went to the USA for... .
  - a) three months
  - b) two weeks
  - c) a month
- 15) Vivien went to Russia for the first time in ... .
  - a) 1980
  - b) 1982
  - c) 1990

16) When Vivien was in the Czech Republic there were some problems with food because ... .

- a) she was a vegetarian
- b) it was very expensive
- c) she didn't have any money

17) Where did Vivien stay in Slovakia?

- a) In the High Tatras only .
- b) In the High and Tatras and Low Tatras.
- c) In the Low Tatras only.

18) Vivien went to Bulgaria with ... .

- a) a friend from London
- b) a friend from Plovdiv
- c) a friend from Sofia

19) Did Vivien enjoy her trip to Albania?

- a) Very much.
- b) Not very much.
- c) No, she didn't.

20) Vivien likes landing more than taking off.

- a) True
- b) False

21) The aircraft food is getting better now.

- a) False
- b) True

22) When Vivien flew to America, they showed films aboard.

- a) False
- b) True

23) Usually, Vivien flies on jumbo jets.

- a) True
- b) False

24) It took Vivien another two hours to get to her friend from the airport in Moscow.

- a) True
- b) False

25) With coaches you have to order your tickets beforehand.

- a) True
- b) False

26) Coaches in England have to keep up with their timetables.

- a) True
- b) False

27) The ferry from Dover to Calais is good.

- a) True
- b) False

28) It's quite frightening for Vivien to travel in London by metro.

- a) True
- b) False

29) Vivien doesn't like walking.

- a) False
- b) True

- 30) Vivien used to cycle when she was in London.  
a) True  
b) False
- 31) Vivien hardly remembers her trip to Switzerland.  
a) True  
b) False
- 32) Quite often Vivien went shopping to Calais, when she was in London.  
a) True  
b) False
- 33) Vivien went to the USA on a school trip.  
a) False  
b) True
- 34) Vivien has been to Russia three times.  
a) True  
b) False
- 35) Vivien went to Hungary for the first time from the Czech Republic.  
a) True  
b) False
- 36) When Vivien was in Slovakia, she stayed in a Communist Party hotel.  
a) True  
b) False
- 37) Vivien has never been to Bulgaria.  
a) False  
b) True
- 38) Vivien didn't like Albania.  
a) True  
b) False

### **Thomas**

- 1) Thomas likes travelling by air because he ...  
a) likes the speed  
b) likes the aircraft food  
c) is a pilot
- 2) The hottest temperature Thomas had ever experienced was ...  
a) 40°F  
b) 40°C  
c) 30°C
- 3) Thomas and Maria went to Tunisia ...  
a) by air  
b) by train  
c) by sea
- 4) Thomas likes ... very much  
a) buses  
b) cars  
c) trains
- 5) Thomas doesn't like travelling by bus because he ...

- a) feels sick on a bus
  - b) is afraid of buses
  - c) cannot buy bus tickets in advance
- 6) The trip to Vienna took much longer because ... .
- a) one wheel blew out
  - b) there was much snow
  - c) there was a big queue at the border
- 7) Thomas prefers walking as ... .
- a) a kind of sport
  - b) a means of transportation
  - c) a recreational past time
- 8) Thomas' friend Pan is ... .
- a) Swiss
  - b) German
  - c) Italian
- 9) Thomas has a lot of friends in England who travel by ... .
- a) horse
  - b) plane
  - c) car
- 10) When the cars are old and broken-down they are ... .
- a) dumped
  - b) sold
  - c) exchanged
- 11) Thomas is in favor of ... .
- a) public transport
  - b) private cars
  - c) coaches
- 12) Thomas' friend Stephan likes travelling ... .
- a) on a bike
  - b) by car
  - c) ship
- 13) When a thief broke into Salena's house he stole ... .
- a) her money
  - b) her golden ring
  - c) her bike
- 14) Thomas has travelled by many different means of transport.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 15) Thomas has travelled by plane only three times.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 16) Thomas has flown to Tunisia with his girl friend.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 17) Thomas has never had problems with hitch-hiking .
- a) True
  - b) False



18) When Tomas went to Vienna by bus, one of the wheels blew out.

a) True

b) False

19) Thomas doesn't like walking.

a) False

b) True

20) Thomas' friend Pan travelled with his dog.

a) False

b) True

21) Thomas would like to buy a horse.

a) False

b) True

22) Thomas is very keen on cars as a mode of transport.

a) True

b) False

23) Thomas is a very good driver.

a) True

b) False

24) Stephan went to Cairo on a bike.

a) True

b) False

25) Salena was very sad when a thief stole her bike.

a) False

b) True

## **Seasons and Weather**

### **Vivien**

1) Summer in Hungary is ... for Vivien's liking.

a) too short

b) too cold

c) too hot

2) Vivien thinks that she likes autumn because ... .

a) it is a little bit depressing

b) she was born in spring

c) she was born in autumn

3) The worst months for Vivien are ... .

a) January and February

b) August and September

c) November and December

4) Vivien has no inclination to go to ... .

a) big cities

b) deserts

c) Moscow

5) Vivien thinks that in Hungary you get snow ... .

a) at Christmas

- b) in February
- c) in October
- 6) Vivien never gets brown because she ...
  - a) has very fair skin
  - b) hates to be brown
  - c) cannot concentrate on her work
- 7) Vivien had a nice holiday in ...
  - a) Norway
  - b) London
  - c) Bmo
- 8) People in England think that Hungary is ...
  - a) gray
  - b) bright
  - c) very big
- 9) In Hungary, Vivien misses ...
  - a) the sea
  - b) London
  - c) hot places
- 10) Vivien's favorite season is winter.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 11) Vivien was born in autumn.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 12) It's very rainy in winter in England.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 13) Vivien loves deserts.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 14) You can never get snow at Christmas in Hungary.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 15) Vivien likes wearing a lot of clothes.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 16) Vivien remembers her trip to Norway very well.
  - a) False
  - b) True
- 17) People in England think that Hungary is gray.
  - a) True
  - b) False
- 18) Vivien was only in New England in the USA.
  - a) False
  - b) True

**Thomas**

- 1) The main reason why Thomas started to travel in Europe was ...
  - a) English people
  - b) English climate
  - c) English humor
- 2) There is hope that the English weather will get ...
  - a) colder
  - b) better
  - c) worse
- 3) Thomas believes that the weather affects people's ...
  - a) temperaments
  - b) outlooks
  - c) behavior
- 4) Can the climate be completely different at the same time in different parts of Israel?
  - a) Yes.
  - b) No.
  - c) There's no answer in the text.
- 5) The climate in the north of Israel is more ...
  - a) Mediterranean
  - b) African
  - c) dry
- 6) Thomas thinks that Tel-Aviv never gets really ...
  - a) dry
  - b) hot
  - c) cold
- 7) In Britain all the four seasons seem to be more equal ...
  - a) in Length
  - b) in weather
  - c) in temperature
- 8) Thomas really does love ...
  - a) the snow
  - b) the forest
  - c) summer
- 9) In winter Thomas can't help thinking about the people who don't have ...
  - a) anywhere to live
  - b) anywhere to travel to
  - c) dogs
- 10) Thomas prefers ...
  - a) dry heat
  - b) humid heat
  - c) the London heat
- 11) Any summer is better if you are ...
  - a) in a desert
  - b) in the heat
  - c) by the sea
- 12) Thomas' favorite natural phenomenon is ...
  - a) mountain snow

- b) rain
  - c) a rainbow
- 13) Thomas is really looking forward to ... .
- a) spring
  - b) winter
  - c) autumn
- 14) English people call the end-of-spring bursts of rain ... .
- a) "April showers"
  - b) "April showers"
  - c) "Spring showers"
- 15) Thomas likes English climate.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 16) The English weather will never change.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 17) Wales is a cold and rainy country.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 18) The Negev desert is hot and dry in November.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 19) In the south of Israel it is like Greece.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 20) Thomas didn't visit Jerusalem.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 21) Thomas thinks that in the southern parts of Europe there are only two seasons.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 22) Thomas doesn't like the snow in Hungary.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 23) Thomas slept at metro stations in Hungary.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 24) Wet heat is the best for Thomas.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 25) The summer is better at the Red Sea.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 26) Thomas hates rainbows.
- a) False
  - b) True
- 27) Thomas is looking forward to next January.

a) True

b) False

28) Sometimes it can be very rainy in England at the beginning of May.

a) True

b) False