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9 КЛАСС
40

LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST
points

Время на выполнение теста по аудированию – 40 минут.

1. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)? (20 points)

- 1) The story could take place in 1940.
- 2) That was the time of explorers.
- 3) Almost everyone could finance the expedition himself.
- 4) A lot of people knew who Robert Scott was.
- 5) Scott was a rather rich person.
- 6) The British government always helped explorers.
- 7) The British Prime Minister tried to help Scott.
- 8) Meeting the businessman was of no importance for Scott.
- 9) The businessman had no sense of humour.
- 10) Lloyd George was very popular with the businessman.

2. Choose the right option. (20 points)

- 1) The story is mainly about:

a) money; b) travels; c) policy; d) people.

- 2) English people seemed to like:

a) their politicians; b) their money; c) their researchers; d) their territory.

- 3) Robert Scott could least probably find himself in:

a) Brazil; b) Northern Canada; c) the Arctic; d) the Antarctic.

4) Many explorers needed:

- a) inspecting; b) advising; c) sponsoring; d) studying.

5) Robert Scott met Lloyd George:

- a) once; b) twice; c) three times; d) four times.

6) Robert Scott wanted to:

- a) prepare for the expedition; c) get a job;
b) meet with the Prime Minister; d) start his own business.

7) He was given:

- a) a check; b) some cash; c) advice; d) nothing.

8) Scott came to the meeting with the businessman:

- a) just in time; b) some time later; c) the next day; d) some time in advance.

9) The result of the meeting was...for Scott.

- a) pleasant; b) unexpected; c) of no importance; d) strange.

10) It is most probable that Scott could absolutely count on:

- a) 1,000,000 pounds; b) 100,000 pounds; c) 20,000 pounds; d) 1,000 pounds

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To explore – to look for new lands, territories, etc.

An explorer

Robert Scott

Lloyd George, the Prime Minister

A polar expedition – an expedition to the North Pole (the Arctic)

At the beginning of the 20th century everyone was interested in studying new lands and territories. Many explorers and adventurers worked on it and looked for rich businessmen who could give them some money to prepare for a journey and to explore some new areas. The English were always proud of their scientists. Robert Scott was a well-known English polar explorer. He also wanted the government to help him realize his plans and he waited for their money for quite a long time. Soon he was tired of useless waiting and came to the English Prime Minister, well-known Lloyd George. He arrived in London and explained his situation to the Prime Minister. Lloyd George listened to him carefully and finally advised that he should go to a certain very rich man who would give the money to the explorer. He was sure of it. And Robert Scott agreed to have a try.

He arrived at a small place where the businessman lived then. Robert was afraid of this important man and did not want to be late for the meeting. When they met, the businessman looked at Robert, listened to him very attentively, and finally offered the explorer to work for him.

A few days later Robert Scott met with Lloyd George again, and the Prime Minister asked him about his work.

“Well, he gave me a thousand pounds”, Scott replied. “But our agreement also had the following points. He promised to give me twenty thousand pounds if I can make you come with me on my polar expedition and a million pounds if I can manage to leave you there! So now my happiness depends on your wish!”