Reading Comprehension: Life at Eton College

Read the text in the book carefully before answering the questions.



Task 1: True, False or Not Stated

Decide whether each statement is True (T), False (F), or Not Stated (NS) according to the text.

Statement	T	F	NS
1. Eton has educated boys for nearly five hundred years.			
2. Only half (половина) of the pupils continue their studies at university.			
3. The traditional main sports at Eton are rugby and football.			
4. Pupils don't wear a special uniform every day.			
5. Pupils travel abroad, which helps them understand the world.			
6. Hockey, tennis and athletics are the traditional main sports at Eton.			
7. After-school clubs help pupils develop different talents and skills.			
8. Pupils learn languages in their free time.			
9. Eaton is the school for girls and boys.			

Task 2: Complete the Sentences

Complete each sentence with words from the text. Use no more than three words for each gap.

10. Life at Eton is full of activity and encourages interest and enthusiasm both

classes.

11. After-school clubs give pupils a chance to develop different

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12. In their free time, boys read books, play music, discuss literature and

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13. Teachers create a unique atmosphere of
to help pupils succeed.

Task 3: Short Answer Questions

Answer the following questions in full sentences using information from the text.

14. **How does the writer feel about studying at Eton, and why?**

15. **Which four free-time activities are mentioned in the text?**

16. **What three qualities of the teachers are highlighted by the author?**

Task 4: Match the Synonyms

Match each word from the text in Column A with its closest synonym in Column B. Write the correct letter (A–F) in the answer box.

No.	Word from text	Synonym

17.	opportunities	A. special
18.	wide range	B. chances, possibilities (возможности)
19.	foreign	C. great variety
20.	lucky	D. international
21.	unique	E. students
22.	pupils	F. fortunate (удачливый)

Task 5: Vocabulary Quiz

Choose the correct meaning or best word to complete each sentence according to the text. Tick the correct box.

23. Eton has educated boys for nearly six centuries. Which is equal to:

A. 60 years B. 600 years C. 6,000 years

24. School life encourages interest and enthusiasm. What does encourage mean here?

A. поддерживать B. запрещать C. игнорировать

25. Teachers at Eton are enthusiastic. An enthusiastic person is someone who:

A. feels tired (уставший) B. is strict C. is very excited and wants to work

26. The teachers create an atmosphere of independence. This means pupils learn to:

A. учиться самостоятельно B. следовать указаниям C. учиться с чьей-то помощью

27. There is no chance that pupils do not succeed. **S**ucceed means:

A. преуспеть B. потерпеть неудачу C. выигрывать

28. The main sports at Eton are traditionally rugby and football. What does traditionally mean?

A. традиционный B. неизвестный C. случайный

29. Clubs help pupils develop their talents. What are talents?

A. abilities or skills B. School rules C. Places to visit

30. The pupils travel to foreign countries. A foreign country is:

A. соседняя страна B. родная страна C. другая, чужая страна

Answers:

1. F
2. F
3. T
4. NS
5. T
6. F
7. T
8. T
9. F
10. During and after classes
11. Talents and skills
12. Learn languages
13. Excellence and independence
14. *Pupil's answer*
15. *Pupil's answer*
16. *Pupil's answer*
17. B
18. C
19. D
20. F
21. A
22. E
23. B
24. A
25. C
26. A
27. A
28. A
29. A
30. C