## **The United States of America**

#### Task 1

#### a) Read the text

The United States of America is a federal republic which occupies most of the southern part of the continent of North America. It stretches from the Pacific Ocean in the west across to the Atlantic Ocean in the east, and down to the Gulf of Mexico in the south. The country is made up of fifty states. It is considered to be the oldest constitutional republic in the world, and has existed for over 200 years. The capital of the USA is Washington, D.C. The United States is the world's third largest country by land area. The total area of the country is over nine million square kilometers. The landscape and the climate of the United States are extremely varied. The USA is the world's wealthiest country. It also has a great wealth of natural resources, with many valuable minerals found below its ground. The United States is home to approximately 336 languages. Although the U.S. has no official language, English is widely spoken by about 82 percent of the population, and considered to be the de facto official language. The second widely spoken language is Spanish (10,7%).

### b) Choose the correct variant

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Indian Ocean

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С Pacific Ocean Arctic Ocean What is the capital of the United States? New York City Los Angeles Washington, D.C. Chicago What is the total area of the United States? Over 9,000 square kilometers Over 90,000 square kilometers Over 900,000 square kilometers Over 9 million square kilometers Which language is considered to be the de facto official language of the United States? Spanish French **English** German What is the second most widely spoken language in the United States? Chinese Spanish Arabic French

Task 2

## **USA** physical features - geographical features

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