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Worksheet

The Oxford University

The Oxford University is one of the oldest universities in the world. It was founded in the XII century. The University of Oxford is like a small state which has 38 various colleges. The main difference between them lays in the number of students, daily schedule, charter and taught disciplines. Each college has its own name, for example: Queen’s College, University College, Magdalen College, and so on. The colleges were built at various times, the oldest ones are: University (1249), Balliol (1263), Exeter (1314), Magdalen (1458).

The students study at various colleges and live in them. The central University arranges lectures for all the students in a particular subject, holds examinations and grants degrees. An individual college provides students with a residence and tutoring. The tutorial system exists not only at Oxford, but also at Cambridge. Tutor is a person who takes under his supervision some students and advise them what to read, set them essays and arrange regular meetings called tutorials during which they discuss their essays and then get further tasks.

Even though nowadays Oxford University is mostly famous for the field of Humanities, the exact, social and medical sciences are taught on the same top level as well as banking and law. All faculties are combined into four major divisions: humanities, social sciences, mathematics, physical and life sciences, and medical sciences. The Oxford University has kept many of its ancient traditions, like the graduation ceremonies. They are still held in Latin. The Oxford students wear black gowns and flat-topped students’ caps.

Oxford is famous for its old architecture. Many of the colleges present a lovely picture of ancient pearl-grey walls, towers, Gothic archways.

30 Nobel Prize laureates are alumni of the university. Famous British prime ministers Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher graduated from Oxford colleges.

**I. Answer:**

1. How many colleges are there in Oxford?

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2. What is the function of central University?

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3. Where is the Latin language used?

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4. What field of science is Oxford famous for?

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5. What are the traditional clothes at Oxford?

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**II. Mark the statements true, false or not stated:**

1. There is the same number of students in all the colleges. \_\_\_

2. Colleges provide their students with accommodation. \_\_\_\_

3. You can find many ancient buildings in Oxford. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Many foreign students study at the Oxford University. \_\_\_\_\_

5. You can’t study medicine at the Oxford University. \_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Dwell on the contents of the text. Say**

- if the text was interesting for you;

- what you know quite well;

- what you have never known;

- if the information was useful;

- your opinion on the text.

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**IV. Use the proper word in the gap:**

1. Moscow State University \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1755.

2. You should have the highest grades to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Oxford or Cambridge.

3. If a young person in Great Britain wants to apply for a college, he/she must take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_exams.

4. If a young person doesn’t want to go to college straight after school, he/she may take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. The first scientific degree is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**V. Change the sentences using expressions with the right prepositions and gerund**:

- be fond, keep, succeed, be responsible, object –

1. She wanted a place at Oxford and she managed to get it.

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2. This bicycle breaks all the time.

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3. Who was on duty and cleaned the room yesterday?

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4. My mum likes cooking very much.

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5. John didn’t want to pay for that magazine.

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Worksheet

The Cambridge University

Cambridge University is the second-oldest university in the English-speaking world (after the University of Oxford) and the seventh-oldest in the world. The story of Cambridge University begins in 1209 when several hundred students arrived in the little town of Cambridge after having walked 60 miles from Oxford.

And so the new University began. Of course, there were no Colleges in those early days and student life was very different from what it is now. Students were of all ages and came from anywhere and everywhere. Life in University was strict. Students were forbidden to play games, to sing (except sacred music), to hunt or fish or even to dance. Books were very rare and all the lessons were in the Latin language which students were supposed to speak even among themselves.

Nowadays there are more than 30 different colleges, including five for women students and several mixed colleges, in the University. The number of students in colleges is different: from 30 to 400 or 500.

The training course lasts 4 years. The academic year is divided into 3 terms. The students study natural and technical sciences, law, history, languages, geography, medicine, economics, agriculture, music and many other subjects. After 3 years of study a student may proceed to a Bachelor's degree, and later to the degrees of Master and Doctor.

There are many ancient traditions that are still observed at Cambridge. Students are required to wear gowns at lectures, in the University library, in the street in the evening, for dinners in the colleges and for official visits. One more tradition is to use Latin during public ceremonies of awarding degrees.

Many great men studied at Cambridge. Bacon (the philosopher), Milton and Byron (the poets), Cromwell (the soldier), Newton (the outstanding physicist), Darwin (who is famous for his theory of evolution) and Kapitsa (the famous Russian physicist) are its alumni.

**I. Answer:**

1. When was the Cambridge University opened?

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2. What was the life like in early days of the University?

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3. What sciences are taught at Cambridge?

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4. Where is the Latin language used?

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5. When do the students wear the traditional clothes at Cambridge?

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**II. Mark the statements true, false or not stated:**

1. The Cambridge University is the oldest in the world. \_\_\_\_

2. Students from Oxford started the new university in Cambridge. \_\_\_\_

3. Women can’t study at University of Cambridge. \_\_\_\_

4. Studying at University of Cambridge is very expensive. \_\_\_\_\_\_

5. People from Russia have studied at the Cambridge University. \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Dwell on the contents of the text. Say**

* if the text was interesting for you;
* what you know quite well;
* what you have never known;
* if the information was useful;
* your opinion on the text.

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**IV. Use the proper word in the gap:**

1. The University of Oxford \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the 12th century.

2. You should take not only compulsory but also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exams if you want to go to university.

3. My dad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the pedagogical university.

4. If you don’t do any revision, you can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the exam.

5. Undergraduate students are going to receive a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ degree.

**V. Change the sentences using expressions with the right prepositions and gerund:**

* prevent, be worth, look forward, insist, avoid

1. The exhibition is really great. I recommend everybody to visit it.

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2. I am waiting for my friend’s coming.

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3. Anna really wants all her friends to come to her birthday party.

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4. My mother did everything she could not to let us go out.

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5. Kate is on diet. She tries not to eat sweets.

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