**Задание I**

1. ***Прочтите текст и выполните задания после текста:***

Russia is one of the largest countries in the world. It is situated in Europe and in Asia and occupies an area of 17 million square kilometers. Russia is washed by three oceans and twelve seas and borders on fourteen countries.

The population of the country is about 150 million people. Russia is a republic with the President as the Head of the State. It is one of the largest countries in the world.

The climate of the country varies greatly. The coldest regions are in the North and the climate here is arctic. The climate of the central part is continental and in the South it is subtropical.

If you look at the map of Russia you will see the highest mountains in the Caucasus and the Altai, the Urals, separating Europe from Asia, many small and large lakes. The longest rivers are the Volga in Europe and the Ob’ in Asia. Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world.

Russia is a highly developed industrial country. Russia is very rich in natural resources such as oil, coal, gas, gold, diamonds and others. It has the largest oil and gas resources, concentrated in Siberia and Far East. It produces cars, machinery, chemicals, textile and many other items.

There are a lot of beautiful cities and towns in Russia. The capital of Russia is Moscow. The main important cities are Saint Petersburg, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg, Krasnodar, Krasnoyarsk, Vladivostok and others.

In 1957 our country successfully launched the world's first satellite. Manned spaceship "Vostok" piloted by Yuri Gagarin, the citizenof Russia, was launched on April 12, 1961. It opened a new era in the history of mankind.

***2. Переведите предложения, используя текст и расскажите о нашей стране.***

1. Россия располагается в Европе и Азии.
2. Россия омывается тремя океанами и двенадцатью морями.
3. Россия граничит с четырнадцатью государствами.
4. Россия богата полезными ископаемыми, такими как нефть, уголь, газ, золото, алмазы и другие.
5. Первый в мире спутник был запущен в нашей стране в 1957 году.

**Задание II**

***1. Прочитайте текст.***

St. Petersburg lies on the same parallel as Alaska and the southern part of Greenland. However, its climate due to the warm Gulfstream is milder. The winters are warmer than in Moscow, it becomes dark early during the short winter days but in early summer the white nights last for weeks.

Founded it 1703 by Peter the Great St. Petersburg was Russia’s capital until 1918.

The second largest city in Russia St. Petersburg has above 5 million people. Now St. Petersburg is one of Russia’s most important cultural centers. It has more than 40 institutions of higher education and a large number of research institutes. There are a lot of museums in St. Petersburg including the world-famous Hermitage with its 323 halls. Many of the former palaces are now museums.

Novosibirsk is situated on the Ob. Novosibirsk is a relatively young city. Today it has a population of about 1.5 million and is one of the largest industrial centers of Russia.

The most interesting feature of Novosibirsk’s cultural development is the appearance of the Siberian branch of the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation. A new scientific center was built in a pinewood near the Ob Storage Lake formed by the Novosibirsk hydropower station. A lot of famous scientists came from all over the country to work here.

Volgograd stands near the Volga-Don Canal. There the left bank of the river is higher and from the deck of a ship people get a magnificent view of the 70-kilometer-long city. A bitter battle was fought here in 1942-43. It was history’s greatest battle, fighting continued for six and a half months, at the walls of the hero city, in its streets and squares.

This battle which ended in February 1943 with encirclement and destruction of a huge nazi army showed people patriotism, courage and heroism and was the turning point in the Great Patriotic War.

Industrial development of this city began long before the World War II. Many heavy industries that turned the city into one of the most important industrial centers of Russia were built during the prewar five-year plan periods.

Nazis turned the city into heaps of brick and metal. Today it is a city of beautiful buildings, busy streets and large parks.

***3. Напишите, верны ли данные ниже утверждения или нет. В тетради для практических работ напишите номер предложения и букву T – верно, F – неверно.***

1. St. Petersburg has never been the capital of Russia.
2. St. Petersburg is the largest city of the Russian Federation.
3. St. Petersburg is one of the largest industrial, educational and cultural centers of Russia.
4. Novosibirsk is quite an old city.
5. Novosibirsk is situated on the Volga River.
6. The Ob Storage Lake was formed by Novosibirsk atomic power station.
7. The battle fought in Volgograd continued for seven months.
8. Many heavy industries of Volgograd were built before the Great Patriotic War.

***4. Ответьте на вопросы к тексту. В тетрадях для практических работ запишите номер предложения и ваш ответ.***

1. What is St. Petersburg famous for?
2. Where is Novosibirsk situated?
3. What is the most interesting feature of Novosibirsk?
4. What river is Volgograd situated on?