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Заключительный этап

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- B) 50 times
- C) 30 times
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2. What happened to magma during the collision of tectonic plates under glaciers?

- A) it overcame water and came out
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3. Why do glaciers prevent volcanic eruptions?

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4. What is the global eruption rate after ice age?

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- C) as high as six times above average during ice age
- D) as high as two times above average during ice age

5. How long did volcanic dry spell last?

- A) 10.000 years
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- C) 100 years
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Brainstorming is one of the most popular techniques used in meetings to generate ideas for solving a specific problem. Alex Osborn, the inventor of the term 'Brainstorming', established the four rules.

- Firstly, it's important to (1)_____. Write everything down, the more ideas, the better.
- Secondly, participants need to (2)_____. Never criticise another person's idea during the brainstorming session, as it will prevent people from being creative. There's plenty of time for criticism in the evaluation stage later.
- Thirdly, we should _____(3). Try to challenge your assumptions and ask '*what if...?*', questions.
- Finally, try to _____(4). This is the real power of brainstorming: person A's crazy idea, which would never work in practice, may get person B thinking about a similar idea which might just work. Even better, person A's crazy idea and person C's crazy idea can be combined, taking the best parts of each. So instead of saying '*no*' or '*yes, but...*' we need to train ourselves to say '*yes, and ...*'.

A successful brainstorming session can be really useful, but is it always as effective as it could be? Researchers have identified many possible problems, all of which suggest that it is far from perfect.

First of all, there's the _____(5). This comes from the idea of travelling by bus without a ticket. Why should I bother to buy a ticket when the bus is going anyway? From a selfish point of view, it's in my interest to ride for free and let others pay for their tickets. The same goes for a brainstorming meeting: why should I make the effort to be creative when all the benefits, and the praise for good ideas, go to the group? From a selfish point of view, it's in my interest to let everyone else do all the work. Even if people don't think in such simple terms, it can be demotivating to keep generating ideas when you know you will not be praised or rewarded personally for them, especially if you don't have a strong sense of being part of a team.

TASK 3. Максимум 20 баллов.

Read the article ‘BUSINESS WITH THE BEST’ and decide whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Write only the words or phrases in your ANSWER SHEET from the passage that support your answer (not more than six support words for each answer).

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BUSINESS WITH THE BEST

The very popular television programme, ‘Business with the best’ started 10 years ago in France and quickly had an audience of 8 million people. Why do so many people want to watch?

The secret lies in the very simple idea. A team of two business people come to the programme to ask for help with their product. Some of the teams are very young (just 12 years old!) but most are in their 20s, 30s or even 40s. Some are husband and wife, some bring a friend or a colleague, however all want the same thing. These are people with a great business idea but have not had either success or help. Many of the people are often penniless having poured all of their money into the idea. For some, this is the last try; the last attempt ‘to make it big’ before going back to work as an estate agent, a teacher or in a supermarket.

What do these people want? ‘Business with the Best’ is an unusual programme because there is no money to offer. The only prize people get is the help from one of the famous businesspeople on the show, and the winning team can choose from the successful Managing Director, the Finance Manager or the Marketing Manager. The famous businessperson will be with the team for a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 18 months, though most stay for around a year. What a prize! If you were looking for help with your business, who would you choose?

There have been some very famous successes and some fewer famous failures. Four years ago, a team with a spicy chicken sauce managed to get the help of the Marketing Manager for a year and “Hot Wings” became a big seller. It still sells 150,000 pots a week and that is going up. On the other hand, the Green Ice Cream Company did not get any help. The Managing Director didn’t like cold desserts and the Marketing Manager didn’t like the idea of green ice cream, although the company was more interested in environmentally friendly products than colourful ones.

Perhaps the reason for the success of the television programme is the same as the reason for the success of some of its teams. The programme is modern, the people are intelligent, and the audience believes in the products. Are you one of the buyers?

Example: ‘Business with the Best’ is a **radio** programme in **Spain**.

Answer: FALSE **television** **France**

	Statement
1.	It took a long time for people to watch the programme because it is old-fashioned.
2.	The programme started a decade ago and the people on the programme are clever.
3.	Fewer than 8 million people buy a product to put with chicken every week
4.	The programme is popular because every product does well.
5.	People on the programme all want their product to be a success.
6.	More than 10 million people watch teams trying to get help from directors and managers who everyone knows.
7.	Someone who does not win anything might have to go back to selling houses.
8.	Some teams have excellent plans for products that are good for the environment.
9.	The winning team gets a famous business co-worker for fewer than two years.
10.	The people in one team were 13 years but most are over 50.

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A related problem is called the (1)_____. Observers have noticed that we try to match our behavior to the behavior of other people in the room. So if everyone is sitting silently, we feel pressure to do the same.

There is also evidence that people are bad at judging the level of their _____(2).

One more potential problem is _____(3), or being worried about what other people will think or say about your ideas. It's one thing to avoid openly criticizing other people's ideas, but it's much more difficult to avoid all signs of judgement. People may express criticism with a simple facial expression.

A much more serious is called _____(4). Thus happens when only one person at a time is allowed to talk. If that person talks for too long, you may forget your own idea, or decide not to express it when you finally get your chance.

Finally, there is a problem called _____(5), where participants think the meeting is more effective than it really is. For example, it can be very difficult to judge when the meeting's objectives have been met: how many ideas should be on the board? How many of those ideas need to be serious proposals, as compared to lists of random words and thoughts? Without concrete criteria for assessing success, groups tend to believe they've achieved their goal far too soon.

In other words, instead of making people more creative, the act of listening to each other's ideas may actually make them try less hard, withhold their own ideas and give up too soon.

ANSWERS: 1- social matching effect 2-personal contribution 3-evaluation apprehension
4-blocking 5-illusion of group productivity

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THE REAL COST OF BUSINESS TRAVEL

If you go to airports these days you will always see plenty of people travelling for work. However, although we live in an international society, and air travel is often very easy, I don't think it's good for our people or our planet.

Whenever I'm at an airport and I look at the other passengers around me, I find it interesting. Most people are alone, furiously typing messages on phones, tablets or laptops. Some look like they are still half asleep and I imagine that a taxi picked them up at a time they would usually be in bed. Others are having meetings in public through their computers and I can hear and see the other person too.

I don't know whether these people need to talk to colleagues while they are travelling, or whether they need to be at the airport at all. Are they at the airport at 6 am because of work, or are they at work at 6 am because of the airport? In my opinion, cheap plane tickets mean that our working days are longer than necessary. Do you often travel in the early morning, stay away in hotels or find yourself doing business in public? If so, honestly, do you enjoy this?

Travel for work, whether by plane, train or car, is now so common that it might seem strange to question it, but I think we must. In other areas of our lives we think about the waste that we produce; for example we recycle our paper, our glass and our plastics. But we cannot recycle our time, and people who travel too much will never get back the family time they have lost. So many journeys cannot be good for the environment either.

Although I agree that this jet-setting is good for international business, is the current way of working too much for both our people and our planet? In my opinion we should use modern technology better to reduce our journeys and also the amount of time we spend at work.

Example: At bus stations there are often people going on holiday.

Answer: FALSE airports travelling for work

	Statement
1.	Travelling by plane is very unusual.
2.	The writer enjoys looking at travelers because he has a picture in his mind of their lives.
3.	Most business people travel in groups late at night.
4.	Travellers often have face-to-face meetings in private.
5.	The writer is sure that business people spend too little time at work.
6.	We should ask whether we work more hours than we need to.
7.	Affordable international travel means it is easy to work with people in other countries.
8.	There are some things that we cannot use again and we should look after our world.
9.	It would be good for the natural world if we used computers and the internet in better ways.
10.	We should cut down our travelling to increase the time with our children.

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