

LISTENING (SCRIPT)

Listen to part of a tour around Moscow.

Then do the following tasks. You will hear the text twice.

Now you have 15 seconds to read the tasks.

1. The first building recognized by the tourists was
 - a the Metropol Hotel
 - b the Bolshoi Theatre
 - c the Central Department Store.
2. The Bolshoi Theatre was founded by
 - a Mikhail Vrubel
 - b Michael Maddox
 - c William Walcot.
3. The mosaic at the top of the Metropol Hotel is called
 - a *Don Quixote*
 - b the *Princess of Dreams*
 - c Petrovka.
4. The three buildings that are mentioned are connected with
 - a a street
 - b the Tsar

c the British colony.

5. The famous Russian writer Leo Tolstoy

a didn't like the Central Department Store

b liked the Central Department Store

c not mentioned.

[pause 15 seconds]

Now we are ready to start.

Tour guide: We are now standing at Театральная площадь – Theatre Square – in Moscow. If you look around, you will see at least three rather easily recognizable buildings. Can anyone name them?

Tourist 1: Yes! That building behind us, across the street, is my hotel! The Metropol Hotel. Terribly expensive but totally worth it! The restaurant with the skylight where I have breakfast – man, it's gorgeous! The food is good, too!

Tour guide: That's right! It's the famous Metropol hotel, built in 1905 in the Art Nouveau style. If you look up, at the top of the building you will see a beautiful mosaic by the famous Russian artist Mikhail Vrubel. The mosaic is called the *Princess of Dreams*. All right! Any other buildings you recognize?

Tourist 2: Yes! This one in front of us! It's the Bolshoi Theatre! I saw *Don Quixote* here yesterday. A beautiful ballet! And I had a really good seat.

Tour guide: That's right! It's the Bolshoi Theatre. This building was built in 1825. Do you recognize anything else? ... Anyone?

Tourist 3: Well, I don't really recognize anything, but this building here, to the right of the Bolshoi, reminds me of English architecture. We call it Neogothic or Gothic Revival. I could easily imagine seeing this building anywhere in London.

Tour guide: Well done! This is Central Department Store – ЦУМ. And it was indeed built in 1908 in the Gothic Revival style. Well, the interesting thing is, all these buildings are in one way or another connected with the British colony that existed in Moscow in the 18th, 19th – up to the early 20th century. The Bolshoi Theatre was founded by an Englishman – Michael Maddox – in 1780. It was a

different building back then, which later burnt down, and it was called the Petrovsky Theatre because this street here is called Petrovka. The Metropol Hotel was designed by a Scottish architect William Walcot whose family had moved to Russia well before he was born. As for the Central Department Store – ЦДМ – it was built by 2 Scotsmen that owned it: Andrew Muir and Archibald Mirrielees. This was the first department store in Moscow. Many famous people loved shopping here, including the writer Anton Chekhov, who bought everything – from clothes to writing paper and envelopes here. Another famous Russian writer – Leo Tolstoy – didn't like this store, but his wife and daughters loved it and often shopped here... (fades out)

Now you have 20 seconds to fulfill the task.

[pause 20 seconds]

Now listen to the text again.

[Text repeated].

You have 15 sec to check your answers.

[pause 15 seconds]

This is the end of Task/Part 1.

Now you have 20 seconds to complete the task and transfer your answers into the answer sheet.