

- 1. Read the text about the most famous university in Russia and say if the statements after the text are true, false or no information is given.**

### **Lomonosov Moscow State University**

**Lomonosov Moscow State University** is the oldest and largest university in Russia. Founded in 1755, the university was renamed in honour of its founder, Mikhail Lomonosov, in 1940.

The university was opened during the reign of Russian Empress Elizabeth on January 25, 1755. Since that time, January 25 has been celebrated as Students' Day in Russia.

Originally located in Red Square, the university was transferred by Catherine the Great to the building in Mokhovaya Street. The university published the most popular newspaper in Imperial Russia III *Moskovskie Vedomosti*.

World War II was one of the most difficult periods in the history of Russia. University students and staff fought in the army defending Moscow. Many Moscow State University professors, students, and staff were evacuated during the war first to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, then to Sverdlovsk, returning to Moscow in 1943. During the war, over 3,000 specialists were trained at the university.

After the war, the leading role of Moscow State University in the restoration and further development of the country was great. A new university building was built in Vorobievsky Hills, where all the lecture halls and laboratories were the most modern at the time.

The historical building in Mokhovaya Street now houses the Faculty of Journalism, the Faculty of Psychology, and the Institute of Asian and African Studies.

Nowadays, the university has 41 faculties. More than 4,000 academic staff work at the university. About 50,000 students are educated there. There are around 2,000 international students in the university.

**Many** names of famous Russians are connected with this university writers such as Anton Chekhov and Ivan Turgenev, scientists Nikolay Drozdov. Andrei Kapitsa and Andrei Kolmogorov, as well as Nobel Prize winners Mikhail Gorbachev, Andrei Sakharov, Vitali Ginsburg and Igor Tamm.

1. Moscow State University was founded by Russian Empress Elizabeth.
2. The first building of the University was in Mokhovaya Street.
3. The most popular newspaper in Imperial Russia was published in the university.
4. Being evacuated during World War II, the university returned to Moscow before the end of it.

5. The new university building in Vorobiev Hills was the highest university building in Europe Of that time.
6. The historical building in Mokhovaya Street still educates students,
7. Students from different countries are educated at Moscow State University.
8. All the famous Russian Nobel Prize Winners have ever studied at this University.

**2. Read the text about the oldest American university and open the brackets in it using the correct grammar constructions.**

**Harvard University**

Harvard University is an American university \_\_\_\_\_(*locate*) in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the United States. It \_\_\_\_\_(*found*) in 1636. Harvard is the \_\_\_\_\_(*old*) institution of higher learning in the United States. Harvard's history, importance, and wealth has made it one of the \_\_\_\_\_(*prestigious*) universities in the world nowadays.

Harvard was named after John Harvard, a young Englishman who \_\_\_\_\_(*give*) as a gift his library of four hundred books and a large sum of money to the university. The university \_\_\_\_\_(*have*) ten different Faculties \_\_\_\_\_(*situate*) throughout the Boston metropolitan area.

Harvard's staff \_\_\_\_\_(*consist*) of 2,100 professors and tutors who \_\_\_\_\_(*teach*) about 21,000 students. Eight US Presidents \_\_\_\_\_(*ever be*) students of Harvard. The university has been the almatmater of sixty-two living billionaires, the most in the country. The Harvard University Library is one of the \_\_\_\_\_(*large*) libraries in the world.

**3. Change the words in CAPITALS to complete the text about the red colour.**

Red is used as a symbol of success. \_\_\_\_\_(*HAPPY*) or anger. It is associated with love, beauty, and danger. The \_\_\_\_\_(*ASSOCIATE*) with love and beauty is connected with the use of red roses as a love symbol.

Red is used as a symbol of courage. This colour is found in many \_\_\_\_\_(*NATION*) flags, including Russia, the United Kingdom, the United States, Poland, Portugal; Japan and many others. A Roman general who won a battle painted his body red in honour of his \_\_\_\_\_(*ACHIEVE*). Red was also the, \_\_\_\_\_(*TRADITION*) colour of the uniforms worn by the British Army.

Red catches peopled attention and can be used in a negative way to warn of danger and in a positive way to attract more \_\_\_\_\_(*VIEW*).

Red is represented in \_\_\_\_\_(*DIFFER*) cultures and traditions. In many \_\_\_\_\_(*EUROPE*) countries it's traditional to welcome a king, a queen or a president to a place by having a red carpet for them to walk on.

On the other hand, in some\_\_\_\_\_ (AFRICA) countries red means death. That's why in many parts of Africa, the Red Cross has changed its colours to green and white.