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### **ТЕМА № 1. About Myself. Higher Education**

#### **ТЕКСТ 1.**

##### **About Myself**

Let me introduce myself. My name is Igor Bodrov. I'm seventeen years old. I'm a first-year student at the University. I'm tall, slender, dark-haired boy with blue eyes. I live in Kiev. I have a brother and a sister. My elder brother Sergey is twenty, he studies at the Kiev National University, and he will be a lawyer. My younger sister Olga is ten, she studies at school. By the way, we have one more member of our family, cat Ryzhik. We love him very much.

My Mum is forty-two, she is a Spanish teacher. My Dad is forty-five, he is a computer programmer. My grandparents are already retired. My Grandma likes gardening, and Grandpa likes fishing. They live in our city and visit us at weekends.

I have many friends. We spend a lot of time together. We play football, volleyball, basketball. In summer we like swimming in rivers and lakes. Besides studying, I go in for sports. I play tennis. It's an exciting game, and I like it very much. Sometimes I take part in different tennis competition. I have many interests and hobbies, for example, sports, travelling, music.

My parents wanted me to be a computer programmer, like my Dad. But I'm not sure because I'm not very good in mathematics. I like computer games, I like to surf the Net, to communicate with people in different social nets and forums. I even have my own blog. But I don't want a computer programming to be my profession. Also I like tennis, but I don't want to be a professional sportsman. You can ask me, why? Because I have another passion! I'm fond of travelling so I'd like to work for a tour company. I hope my dreams will come true!

**Переведите текст “About Myself”.**

**1. Ответьте на вопросы по содержанию текста.**

- 1) What is Igor's surname?
- 2) Where does he live?
- 3) What relatives does he have?
- 4) How old is Igor's brother?
- 5) What are Igor's parents by profession?
- 6) Where do his grandparents live?
- 7) What is Igor fond of?
- 8) What does he like best of all?

**2. Прочитайте текст и отметьте предложения, соответствующие его содержанию:**

- 1) Igor Bodrov is seventeen years old.
- 2) He has a younger brother and an elder sister.
- 3) His brother is a lawyer.
- 4) Igor loves his cat very much.
- 5) He likes playing football and volleyball and swimming in rivers and lakes.
- 6) His Grandma likes gardening, and Grandpa likes fishing.
- 7) Igor wants to be a computer programmer.

**3. Исправьте предложенный план текста:**

- 1) Igor' family.
- 2) Igor Bodrov's hobbies and interests.
- 3) Personal information about Igor Bodrov.
- 4) His plans for the future.

**ТЕКСТ 2.**

**Higher Education in Great Britain**

All British universities are private institutions. Students have to pay fees and living costs, but every student may obtain a personal grant from local authorities. If the parents do not earn much money, their children will receive a full grant which will cover all the expenses. Students studying for first degrees are known as “undergraduates”. New undergraduates in some universities are called “fresher”. They have lectures, there are regular seminars.

After three or four years the students will take their finals. Those who pass examinations successfully are given the Bachelor's degree: Bachelor of Arts for History or Bachelor of Science. The first postgraduate degree is Master of Arts, Master of Science. Doctor of Philosophy is the highest degree. It is given for some original research work which is an important contribution to knowledge. Open Days are a chance for applicants to see the university, meet