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Ушбу китобда ўқувчи Буюк Британия ва АҚШнинг тарихи, маданияти, географик тузилиши, давлат тизими, таълим тизими ва бошқа маълумотларга эга бўлади. Кўлланмада берилган машқларни бажариш орқали ўз билимларини сиёнаб кўришлари мумкин.

В настоящем учебном пособии читатель может ознакомиться с историей, культурой, географическим расположением, государственным строем, системой образования Великобритании и США. Выполнения упражнений, можно проверить свои знания по темам, представленных в данной книге.

A reader of the book is acquainted with the History, Geography, Culture, State System, Educational System and other information about Great Britain and USA. In order to check up knowledge about the texts a reader may do exercises given in this book.

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INTRODUCTION

The President's Resolution "On Measures on Further Improvement of Teaching of Foreign Languages" on the 10th of December, 2012 is of great importance in training highly qualified specialists. Creation of new text-books in accordance with the Standards of CEFR which was based on teaching foreign languages in more than 40 countries is one of the topical problems today's educational system .

At present the man is becoming involved in world culture. The educational system has the task to train the students to cultural, professional and individual communication with the representatives of other social structure, social traditions and language culture. Therefore one of the main tasks of the educational program of teaching of foreign languages is introducing the students to foreign culture.

Language can be learned as means of communication only when the learners become aware of the world of the language. Background knowledge of the new culture often helps learners understand better what is heard or read in the foreign language. In order to teach foreign language it is necessary to know the history, customs, traditions, culture, way of life of the people who speak the language. Taking account of it the appearance of the present book is a turning point in the treatment of learner strategies in foreign language learning.

The present book has been created on the basis of the programs of State Education Standard, module educational, working educational programs and intended for the students of faculties of translation and English philology. According to the Standards of CEFR the activation of 4 competences have been used in this book. They are Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking. If the technical equipment is not available for Listening exercises, let the teacher read the text and the students do exercises.

The text book includes the history, geography, state system, educational system, customs, traditions, holidays of the United Kingdom and United States of America. These themes are very useful for mastering the English language. The book consists of 10 units, each of the unit contains references to the new active vocabulary, exercises on different themes. The active vocabulary is translated both into Uzbek and Russian. The appendix has valuable material for the students. The readers can find questions and their answers about United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The appendix gives information about the presidents and mountains of

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UNIT 1
THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE UK
READING

Ex. 1. Read the following text and do the tests below.

United Kingdom is situated in northwestern Europe, and its official name is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Great Britain is consists of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

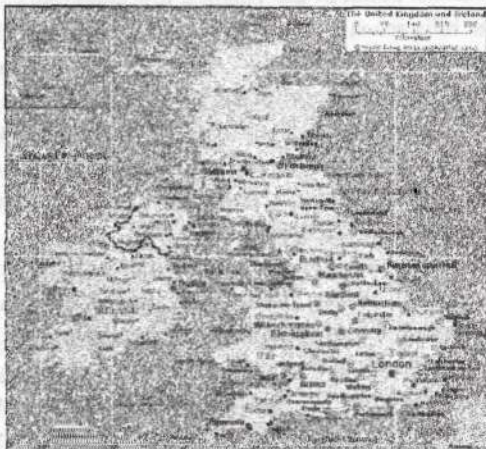
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland occupy the territory of the British Isles and is composed of 5,500 islands, large and small. The two main islands are: Great Britain (in which are England, Wales and Scotland) to the east and Ireland (in which are Northern Ireland and the independent Republic of Ireland) to the west. They are separated by the Irish Sea.

Its territory is 244,100 square kilometers.

Geographically the island of Great Britain is subdivided into 2 main regions: Lowland Britain and Highland Britain. Lowland Britain comprises southern and eastern England. Highland Britain consists of Scotland, most of Wales, the Pennines (or the Pen nine Chain) and the Lake District. The highland zone is an area of high hills and mountains in the north and west. The lowland zone in the south and east consists mostly of plains. The lowland zone has a milder climate and better soils for farming. Historically, most people in Britain have lived in the lowland zone rather than in the highland zone.

The Highland zone contains what is often called rough country, consisting of large mountains, and are broken by valleys and plains. The Lowland zone is a great plain surface and extensive area.

The Thames and the Severn are the longest rivers in Britain. The longest river the Severn (354 kilometers) flows along the border between England and Wales. In Scotland the important rivers are the Clyde and the Forth, which are



joined by a canal. The River Clyde flows northwest, past Glasgow, and empties into the Atlantic at the Firth of Clyde. (Firth is the Scottish name for an arm of the sea that serves as the broad estuary of a river.) The River Forth flows eastward into the Firth of Forth, where Edinburgh rises on its south bank. The most important rivers in Northern Ireland are the Lagan, the Bann, and the Foyle.

There are many lakes in Great Britain. In the northwest side of the Penine systems lays the Lake District, containing the beautiful lakes. South of the Midlands, a series of hills and valleys crosses the land to the valley of the River Thames. South of the Thames, low chalk hills and valleys cross the land. Where the hills reach the sea, they form great white cliffs. The most famous cliffs are near Dover. On clear days, people in Calais, France, can look across the Strait of Dover and see the white cliffs of Dover gleaming in the sun.

The largest cities of Great Britain are London, Birmingham, Glasgow, Liverpool, Bristol, Leeds, and Cardiff, Manchester, Sheffield, and Edinburgh. The most important ports are: London, Liverpool, Southampton, Belfast, Glasgow and Cardiff.

The capitals are: London in England, Edinburgh in Scotland, Cardiff in Wales and Belfast in Northern Ireland. England is the largest, most populace, and wealthiest division of the United Kingdom. It makes up 130,410 sq km.

The most common species of trees indigenous to Scotland are oak and conifers-chiefly fir, pine, and larch. Large forested areas, however, are rare, and the only important woodlands are in the southern and eastern Highlands. Except in these wooded areas, vegetation in the elevated regions consists largely of heather, ferns, mosses, and grasses. Most plant and animal life is similar to that of England. Wales has abundant ferns and mosses in low-lying, wet areas.

1. Find the right information given in the text.

The United Kingdom is

- composed of 5,500 islands
- consisted of small mountains
- situated in southwestern Europe
- the third largest country in the world

2. Fill in the blanks with words from the text.

1. The United is situated inEurope.
2. Its territory is square kilometers.

3. Geographically the island of Great Britain is subdivided into main regions.

4. The longest river is in the UK.

3. Find wrong word in each sentence and substitute it by correct one.

1. There are some lakes in Great Britain.

2. The highland zone is an area of high hills and mountains in the east and west.

3. In Scotland the important rivers are the Clyde and the Forth, which are joined by a lake.

4. The most famous seas are near Dover.

4. Find the meaning of the underlined words.

1. The Lowland zone is a great plain surface and extensive area.

a) very large; b) small; c) big;

2. The most famous cliffs are near Dover.

a) deep; b) high land of the mountains; c) wide;

3. The most common species of trees indigenous to Scotland are oak and conifers - chiefly fir, pine, and larch.

a) tree; b) animal; c) bird;

4. Lowland Britain comprises southern and eastern England.

a) consists; b) separate; c) include;

Answers:

1) The United Kingdom is composed of 5,500 islands.

2) 1. northwestern; 2. 244, 100; 3. 2; 4. seven;

3) 1. some/many; 2. east/north; 3. lake/canals; 4. seas/cliffs;

4) 1. a; 2. b; 3. a; 4. c;

Ex. 2. Read the following text and do the tests below.

Population of the UK

According to the 2011 census, the total population of the United Kingdom is around 63,100,000 - the third-largest in the European Union (behind Germany and metropolitan France) and the 22nd-largest in the world. Its overall population density is one of the highest in the world at 660 people per square mile.

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