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# Dear Harry,

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# Moscow Russia October 21st

Hi! How’s it going? Thanks for your letter. I’m glad you are in your school football team now!

In your letter you asked me about football. As for me, I’m really fond of it. It’s a great game and I’m always happy when my team wins. But I don’t watch football matches on TV because it’s rather boring. Actually, I prefer playing to watching as it’s more exciting. I’m also keen on roller-skating. It’s fun to take part in street competitions and to perform different tricks.

Anyway, what about your preparation for the City Championship? How many times a week do you

train? Where do you usually train? Have you got an experienced coach?

Well, I’d better go now as I have to tidy up my room. Write back soon! All the best,

Ivan

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Modern life is impossible without travelling. People travel the globe to see modern cities and an- cient towns or just to enjoy picturesque places. Although many teenagers view travelling as entertain— ment, I believe it has the ability to educate.

In my opinion, travel helps us understand the world so that we can accept other people’s ideas and

beliefs. First of all, travelling gives us an opportunity to explore the country and to learn about its history. Additionally, it is a good chance to try national food and to take part in national festivals, where you can learn about local customs and traditions. Finally, travelling is the best way to study nature, for example, when you go hiking in the mountains.

However, there are people who travel to ‘all inclusive’ hotels and for them travelling means only entertainment. They suppose that going on excursions and visiting museums is a waste of time so they

just relax and have fun.

Nevertheless, I think that travel broadens their minds regardless of their expectations because while travelling they are exposed to things which they would probably never experience if they stayed at home. Moreover, when they travel, they practise foreign languages and make new friends.

In conclusion, I believe that travel may truly expand people’s outlook only if they travel in order to gain new experiences. On the contrary, if tourists are lazy, the influence will be insignificant. So I am convinced that travel broadens the minds but only those that want to be broadened.

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Dear David,

St. Petersburg

Russia 24 April 2015

Thanks a lot for your reply. Sorry for not having written earlier but I was too busy at school.

In your letter you asked me about a typical Russian teenager. Well, Russian teenagers are in fact very ordinary. They think their teachers make them work too hard and friendship is the most impor- tant thing in their lives.

Russian teens always invent new hobbies and the most popular leisure activity nowadays is playing computer games. Most teenagers are fond of sports and are crazy about modern music.

Anyway, it’s great that you like skateboarding. It’s an exciting sport. How long have you been do- ing it? Do you know any tricks? Have you got any other hobbies?

Sorry, I’ve got to go now. Hope to hear from you soon! All the best,

# Andrew

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Recent advances in genetic biology have led to quite a doubtful situation. People all over the world argue whether human cloning research should be controlled by the government as solving problems connected with human cloning is definitely not an easy task.

In my opinion, the government must oversee human cloning experiments because there are huge

# risks of abnormalities in human clones. Moreover, clones will obviously have serious psychological

problems connected with their unusual birth. Finally, there is no doubt that human cloning will

change our perception of what is the value of a human life as we might switch from having children to

manufacturing them.

However, scientists claim that human cloning is absolutely safe and should be allowed to develop without any restrictions as therapeutic cloning could provide tissues for transplantation. Besides, re- productive cloning will give parents who are both infertile an opportunity to have children.

Nevertheless, I believe that this technology is quite new so it is not safe enough to use on humans. In addition, it is possible that clones will age quicker since the cell used in the cloning procedure has already been used in a real life individual therefore the results of cloning can be rather unpredictable. In conclusion, we should question whether cloning is really worth doing when weighed against the problems it raises. I am convinced that human cloning should be under the tight control of the govern-

ment because it is dangerous to interfere with nature and the consequences can be really disastrous.