

Test

- **Прочитайте текст и выполните задания к нему.**

§ 1. They both became directors in the same department and the same sales promotion company when they were in the mid-20s. They both used to spend their weekends running. They have both suffered neck injuries. What is more, both Katie Boswell and Caroline Palmer were born in the early morning of the same day. They are what astrologers call 'time twins'.

§ 2. If, as astrologers assert, the hour of birth really does determine the personality and fate of a human being, there must be thousands of time twins such as Katie and Caroline. They do have their differences, but then, they were born two hours and three thousand miles apart. Genuine time twins have to be born within half an hour and several miles of each other.

§ 3. Now, for the first time, an astrologist and a statistician have teamed up to launch a project which they hope will decide the question of whether time twins really do share common personalities and common fates. They are appealing for help from people who were born on six specific dates to see what they have in common. So far they do not have any firm conclusions because they need to have a much larger sample.

§ 4. The enormous increase of interest in astrology in recent years has coincided with a close scrutiny of astrology by modern science. Surprisingly, the conclusions are that there may, after all, be some connection between planetary events and earthly events, and that certain character types are born when their appropriate planet is visible.

§ 5. For example, Michel Gauquelin compared the occupations of famous people with the positions of the planets when they were born. Gauquelin's results could not be explained by coincidence alone. He concluded that the planet Mars induces the birth of scientists and athletes; Jupiter tends to induce the birth of future soldiers and actors; Saturn – the birth of doctors; and the moon, the strongest influence, seems to specialize in politicians.

§ 6. Believers do not suggest that the planets create artists and scientists, only that they 'tell' a baby who will have a career in art or science exactly when to be born. It seems that the moon and the four planets closest to earth are strong enough to influence the sensitive human brain.

§ 7. The stars, on the other hand, are too far away. Character generalizations according to star signs have been found to be inaccurate. For example, one scientist studied the birth dates of more than 2,000 famous painters and musicians to see if Libras really did excel in artistic fields. He found they did not.

§ 8. If researches do prove the existence of great similarities in time twins then we may look forward to the birth of a new, more accurate astrology, based on the position of the planets alone.

- **Выберите вариант ответа, соответствующий содержанию текста.**

A1. Katie Boswell is

- 1) working in a company.
- 2) Caroline's sister.
- 3) an astrologer.

A2. Time twins are people born

- 1) on the same date, in the same place.
- 2) in the same place, at the same time.
- 3) on the same date, at the same time.

A3. Scientists are looking to see if time twins

- 1) really do exist.
- 2) are born on six dates.
- 3) have anything in common.

A4. In recent years astrology has

- 1) become less popular.
- 2) had some scientific support.
- 3) been ignored by scientists.

A5. The nearest planets

- 1) have a stronger influence than stars.
- 2) can turn people into artists.
- 3) have no influence on people.

- **Определите, к какому параграфу текста относится каждое из следующих утверждений. Укажите номер выбранного варианта.**

A6. Statistics can help astrologists to solve some problems.

- 1) § 2
- 2) § 3
- 3) § 4

A7. There is a great number of 'time twins' like Katie and Caroline.

- 1) § 1
- 2) § 2
- 3) § 6

A8. Stars cannot always explain the character.

- 1) § 5
- 2) § 6
- 3) § 7

- Выберите правильный вариант перевода в соответствии с содержанием текста.

A9. So far they do not have any firm conclusions ... (§ 3)

- 1) Так далеко они не зашли в своих выводах...
- 2) Поэтому они так далеки от точных выводов...
- 3) До сих пор они не пришли к каким-либо точным выводам...

A10. They both used to spend their weekends running (§1).

- 1) Они обе часто делали пробежки по выходным дням.
- 2) Они обе проводили выходные дни в бегах.
- 3) У них обеих есть привычка бегать по выходным дням.

A11. ... then we look forward to the birth of a new, more accurate astrology ... (§ 8)

- 1) ... тогда мы сможем заглянуть вперед, предвосхищая рождение новой, более точной астрологии ...
- 2) ... тогда мы можем ожидать рождения новой, более точной астрологии ...
- 3) ... тогда будем иметь право предсказывать будущее вплоть до появления новой, более точной астрологии ...

A12. The stars, on the other hand, are too far away (§ 7).

- 1) Звезды по другую сторону находятся далеко друг от друга.
- 2) Звезды, если посмотреть с другой стороны, находятся также на далеком расстоянии.
- 3) Звезды, с другой стороны, расположены слишком далеко.