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**ГОД КУЛЬТУРНОГО НАСЛЕДИЯ
НАРОДОВ РОССИИ**

I. READING

THE BLACK DEAL

MY grandfather could tell a story wonderfully well. I will now tell you one of his fantastic tales.



No one could have recognized the place where we live of ours a little over a hundred years ago; it was a village, the poorest kind of a village. Half a score of miserable farmhouses, unplastered and badly thatched, were scattered here and there about the fields. There was not a yard or a decent shed to shelter animals. That was the way the wealthy lived.

In this village a man, or rather a Devil in human form, often made his appearance. Why he came, and whence, no one knew. He prowled about, got drunk, and suddenly disappeared as if into the air, leaving no trace of his existence. He would collect together all the young men he met; then there were songs, laughter, and cash in plenty, and vodka flowed like water. . . . He would address the pretty girls, and give them ribbons, earrings, strings of beads—more than they knew what to do with.

In this village there was a Cossack named Terentiy Korzh, who had a labourer whom people called Peter the Orphan—perhaps because no one remembered either his father or mother. But the pity was, that the only thing poor Peter had was a grey shirt with more holes in it than there are gold pieces in a Jew's pocket. But that was not the worst of it. Terentiy had a six-year old son Ivas and a daughter, such a beauty as I think you can hardly have chanced to see. Well, you know what happens when young men and maidens live side by side. In the twilight the heels of red boots were always visible in the place where Fedora chatted with her Peter, who dreamed to get money to marry her.

So the next day, at the tavern, at an hour when good men go to morning mass, Peter suddenly heard a voice: "You have sorrowed enough, Cossack". He looked round—it was the Devil! "I know what you lack: here it is." As he spoke he jingled a leather purse and smiled diabolically. And I only ask one thing for a whole pile of such coins."

"Give me them! I'm ready for anything!" - exclaimed Peter.

They struck hands upon it, and the Devil said, "You are just in time, Peter: tomorrow is St. John the Baptist's day. Only on this one night in the year does the fern blossom. I will await you at midnight in the Bear's ravine."





TASK I. CONTINUE THE SENTENCES:

1. Poor Peter desperately needed _____ to marry Fedora.
2. The Devil had _____ in a big wallet.
3. The only property the groom had was _____ .
4. Terentiy Korzh was an old and _____ Cossack .
5. Fedora and Peter dated every _____ .

TASK II. TRANSLATE WHAT PETER THOUGHT ABOUT FEDORA USING COMPLEX OBJECT CONSTRUCTIONS:

1. Мне нравится, как она смеётся.
2. Я бы хотел, чтобы она вышла за меня замуж.
3. Я знаю, что она добрая девушка.
4. Я слышал, как она пела.
5. Я должен изменить мою жизнь.

TASK III. USE THE CORRECT FORM OF POSSESSIVE CASE:

1. Terentiy was (Ivas and Fedora) _____ father.
2. The Devil was (young Cossacks) _____ friend.
3. The Devil presented (women) _____ jewelry.



II. CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE



TASK I. FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS ABOUT ST. JOHN'S DAY:

1. The celebration of St. John's Day takes place on _____.
2. This is the _____ night of the year.
3. It's a _____ holiday.
4. This folk holiday is dedicated to the _____ _____.
5. This night, people swim in the river, make wreaths of flowers, fortune tell and jump over the _____.
6. If you find a _____ _____, you'll be rich.
7. Fern flower blooms in the deepest forest, under a _____ tree with 3 trunks from a single root.

TASK II. WRITE THE NAME OF THE FOLK CHARACTER FROM THE ENCHANTED FOREST AND GIVE ITS ENGLISH EQUIVALENT:



1. The spirit-master of the forest in the mythology of the Eastern Slavs is ____.
2. A dead person who has no rest in the afterlife that attacks people and scare them to death is ____.
3. A supernatural being who possesses magical items and is endowed with magical powers is ____.
4. The master of the deep pools.

III. LISTENING



TASK I. LISTEN TO WHAT HAPPENED IN THE WOOD AT MIDNIGHT. FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS:

He approached the three 1. _____. Where were the flowers? He saw none. The wild grass grew all around, and 2. _____ everything. But the lightning flashed; and before him was a whole bed of flowers, all wonderful, all strange: while among them there were also the simple leaves of 3. _____.

But behold! He saw it.

“Now is the time,” thought Peter, and extended his hand. He saw hundreds of hairy hands reach also for the flower from behind him, and there was a sound of scampering behind him. He half closed his eyes, and plucked sharply at the 4. _____, and the flower remained in his hand.

All became still.

Upon a stump sat the Devil, quite blue like a corpse. The grass whispered, and the flowers began to talk among themselves in delicate 5. _____.

TASK II. MAKE A LITERARY TRANSLATION OF THE FERN FLOWER DESCRIPTION:



Глядь, краснеет маленькая цветочная почка и, как будто живая, движется. В самом деле, чудно! Движется и становится всё больше, больше и краснеет, как горячий уголь. Вспыхнула звёздочка, что-то тихо затрещало, и цветок развернулся перед его очами, словно пламя, осветив и другие около себя.

TASK III. READ THE SENTENCES. WRITE TRUE OR FALSE:

Nº	The sentence	True/False
1.	The Devil didn't know where the gold was.	
2.	The Witch gave Peter a spade, said, "Dig here".	
3.	The Witch gave Peter a black dog to shed its blood.	
4.	Peter refused to kill.	
5.	Peter needed the fern flower to find gold.	

TASK IV. PUT THESE SENTENCES INTO INDIRECT SPEECH:

1. "Now is the time," thought Peter.
2. The Devil said to Peter: "You will find more gold than you or Terentiy Korzh ever dreamed of".
3. "What did you promise for the girl?" thundered the Devil.
4. "Throw it away," she said.

IV. GRAMMAR



TASK I. WRITE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS:

1. Fedora and Peter ___ married (to get).
2. ___ rich, the married couple lived like a gentleman and lady (to be).
3. There ___ plenty of everything and everything ___ fine (to be, to be).
4. But Peter ___ (to change).
5. Deeply ___ by what had happened, he sat in one spot, continually ___ and seemingly ___ to recall something (shock, to think, to try).
6. It was required that Fedora should ___ the witch to cure her husband (to bring).
7. When Peter ___ the witch, he ___ everything ___ her and ___ to ashes (to see, to remember, to kill, to turn).
8. If the witch ___, the beheaded body of Ivas ___ before Fedora (not to die, not to appear).
9. Fedora ___ a nun in Kiev monastery after she ___ her village (to become, to leave).
10. People say no good ___ come From the Devil (can).



V. WRITING



**TASK I. AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE STATEMENT.
WRITE AN ESSAY OF 6 SENTENCES:**

Being a human is the main wealth

Plan:

- Sentence 1. Introduction.
- Sentences 2-3 Arguments from the Internet.
- Sentences 4-5. Arguments from Reading section.
- Sentence 6. Conclusion

Use Infinitive, Gerund, and Complex Object constructions in your essay.

