

Class 3

I. Reading and speaking

Task 1. Answer the following questions to the text “A higher medical educational establishment in Russia”.

- 1) What types of higher educational establishments do you know?
- 2) What are the differences and similarities between them?
- 3) What application requirements are common for all medical universities?
- 4) How many years will your course of studies last?
- 5) Are there any part-time courses for medical biochemists in our university?
- 6) What are the most common forms of teaching process?
- 7) When do students take exams?
- 8) What opportunities do the graduates of our university have?

Task 2. Informative reading: Volgograd State Medical University

Look through the text to find the answers to the following questions:

- 1) When was the Stalingrad Medical Institute founded?
- 2) What departments does our university have now?
- 3) What levels of postgraduate training are there?
- 4) Is our university a well-known one?
- 5) Is the Department for Medical Biology one of the youngest?
- 6) What courses (divisions) of Medical Biology can applicants choose?
- 7) How can students get knowledge and experience?

Volgograd State Medical University

The Stalingrad Medical Institute was founded in 1935. There was only the department of General Medicine then. In 1993 the Institute was granted the status of Academy, in 2003 - the status of University. Nowadays the Volgograd state medical university has several departments: General Medicine, Pediatrics, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Biomedicine, Clinical Psychology and Social Work, Postgraduate Training.

The Medical University framework includes a number of research centres. There is a medical college training dental technicians, dental hygienists, pharmacists, nurses. Postgraduate training involves a clinical residency and a postgraduate course.

The Diploma granted by the VolSMU is recognized in over 80 countries and by the World Health Organization. Our University has got wide international links.

The Department for Medical Biology is one of the youngest in the University. There are several divisions at the department: medical biochemistry, biology and genetics. Students get training in all branches of biology. They attend lectures, seminars and practical classes in various subjects. They master their specialty and do research under the supervision of highly qualified teachers and researchers.

II. Grammar

Безличные предложения:

1) Местоимение it +be

Используется как формальное подлежащее в начале безличного предложения и не переводится:

1. Если русское предложение начинается с характеристики, оценки, выраженной наречием – Трудно учиться в университете - It's difficult to study at the university. Поздно плакать – It's late to cry. Нужно помочь ему с заданием - It is necessary to help him with the task.

2. Если русское предложение начинается с дополнения:

Студентам важно посещать все занятия -It is important for students to attend all the classes. Врачам необходимо знать симптомы болезней – It's necessary for doctors to know the symptoms of diseases.

3. Для указания времени, расстояния –
It's half past ten. -Половина одиннадцатого.
It's Thursday today. - Сегодня четверг.

It's only 170 km from London to Bristol. – От Лондона до Бристоля всего 170 км.

2) Конструкция there+be

1.Используется, если предложение в русском языке начинается с местонахождения предмета (субъекта): В кабинете 3 студента. -There are 3 students in the classroom

2. Используется, если предложение в русском языке начинается со сказуемого «существует, есть»: Есть 2 способа решить эту проблему – There are two ways to solve this problem. (There are two solutions of the problem)

Вопросительное предложение образуется путём перестановки формы глагола be и формального подлежащего there – Are there any students in the classroom? Отрицательное предложение образуется путём добавления частицы not к форме глагола be – There are not any familiar students in the lecture hall. Другим способом является добавление отрицательного местоимения «no» к существительному - There are no students in the lecture hall.

Task 3. Start the sentence with It or There.

1) ... were a lot of mistakes in your last test. 2) will be a lot of new species in future. 3) ... is necessary to learn new words. 4) are cells in all the organisms 5) ... are a lot of opportunities to study English. 6) ... will be many conferences in Biology and related sciences next year. 7) ... was difficult to get high grades in Chemistry at the Universal state exams. 8) ... are several hostels close to our University. 9) will be eight departments in the hospital in the nearest future. 10) ... was impolite to say that to her yesterday. She was so much upset! 11) were no mistakes in your test yesterday. 12) Was only one question in my exam card last year. 13) ... is winter now, so you should choose the warmer clothes. 14) is a medical college in Kim street.

Task 4. Start the sentence with It+be or There + be. Choose any corresponding tense-form.

1) important to gain deep knowledge. 2) ... no students in this classroom now. 3) ... four departments in our University ten years ago. 4) ... late to hand in the essay. You had to do it yesterday. 5) -- How far is it to the Sun? -- ... almost 150 million kilometers. 6) ... enough to do three exercises at home? 7) ... many new books in our library next year. 8) ... five o'clock, hurry up! 9) ... several mistakes in his test yesterday. 10) ... vacant seats in the lecture hall? 11) ... nice to see him last Sunday! 12) ... no Internet facilities at our university in the past. 13) ... the last credit test in the term? 14) ... a lot of opportunities to find a good job when we graduate. 15) --What is the distance between our city and Moscow? --1000km. 16) ... only one faculty when Stalingrad medical institute was founded.